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Primary
School

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a great Easter holiday and that you are looking forward to seeing the sunshine more often.

The summer term has certainly started well with lots of things happening in school; Roving Book Fair, Rock Steady Assembly, Y5 Wildlife Trust Assembly, Y1 visit to Twycross Zoo and many more.

Thank you for all the positive responses that we have received this week regarding the changes to our homework. We would also like your feedback to the fortnightly newsletter that will be coming out instead. We are aware that some of you would still like to receive homework and teachers would be more than happy to discuss and point you in the direction of some valuable resources, so please just ask.

As the weather is warming up please can you ensure that all children have a sun hat, sunglasses and suncream on each day, also that they have a filled water bottle. The children will be outside at lunchtimes and playtimes so these things are vital to keep them safe in the sun.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be finalising our plans for September and which teachers are teaching in which year group. As like the past few years, school staff will decide whether the classes in a year group will need to be mixed or not. If we decide to mix year groups up there will be reasons for

this such as friendship issues, behaviour, personal, social reasons and academic reasons. If we decide to mix year groups we will of course tell you that in advance so you can help prepare your child. We always ensure that they will be with at least one of their friends. We feel more notice for children is beneficial to aid transition to the next class.

Next week we will be sending out our parents' annual questionnaire. Unfortunately, this will once again be paper based as we have had some issues with an electronic version. We really welcome all feedback from you as parents so please take time to fill it in and return it to school so Governors and I can collate the results and work on priorities for next year.

Just a quick reminder that Key Stage 2 children should only be eating fruit or veg for their morning snack at breaktime. Also sweets etc should not be bought into school to celebrate children's birthdays.

Finally, I just want to say thank you to those parents who are always positive about things we do in school. It makes such a difference to our staff wellbeing when we get such positive feedback. Thank you.

Sarah Allison

Headteacher

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Year 1 Trip to Twycross Zoo

On Thursday 19th April Year 1 went to Twycross Zoo. The day proved to be a scorcher with clear blue skies all day. The children represented the school superbly despite being extremely hot and sticky.

The day started with some very noisy gibbons doing acrobatics. We saw zebras, giraffes, giant tortoises, meerkats, prairie dogs, leopards, orangutans, gorillas, penguins, flamingos and lots of other animals. They all came out to bask in the sun (and then go and hide back in the shade!) And of course we enjoyed the favourite part of the day: lunchtime! It was a super day.

The School Office

Our new school cash office system is now fully operational. All parents/carers have been sent a letter with your child/children's individual first time log in code. We ask you that if you have not already done so to register online, this will enable you to book school meals, trips and Tree House club online. If you require assistance with the new system please come into the office and see our admin team, who will be happy to assist you. If you do need to bring money into school for any reason please send all monies **direct** to the office and a receipt will be given. A reminder all monies that come into school need to be in a sealed envelope with the correct amount of money, your child's name, class and what the money is for.

Could we politely remind all parents/carers, if your child is absent from school please leave a message on our absence line alternatively contact the school office.

DIARY DATES

24th April 2018 – Y4A William Rhodes Primary School
27th April 2018 – Y2C Class Assembly
2nd May 2018 – Y4 Ravenstor Residential
11th May 2018 – Y1A Class Assembly
17th May 2018 – Y3 Cresswell Crags Trip
21st May 2018 – Class Photographs
23rd May 2018 – Bag2School Collection
25th May 2018 – School Race for Life
25th May 2018 – YRG Class Assembly
4th June 2018 – Y6 Kingswood Residential
12th June 2018 – Y3W Akaal Primary School
20th June 2018 – Y4 Halle Concert

INSET DAYS 2018- 2019

Friday	16 th February 2018
Thursday	6 th September 2018
Friday	7 th September 2018
Monday	5 th November 2018
Friday	15 th February 2019
Monday	3 rd June 2019

E-Safety

For a wealth of information on how to keep your child safe when using online games, apps, social media and other online services, check out:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

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Staff in the spotlight.



Hello, my name is Lizzie Lunn and I started working at Lawn after the Easter break this year as a Teaching Assistant in Year 1, specialising in British Sign Language support.

I originate from the West Midlands, now residing in South Derbyshire with my family where we enjoy pursuing various activities together. If I'm not attending British Sign Language events, I'm usually visiting places of interest such as museums, heritage sites and historic buildings. Calke Abbey is a personal favourite which I visit frequently.

I enjoy keeping fit and staying healthy so swimming, walking and yoga are high on my list of things to do. The occasional 5k Parkrun is thrown in just to prove to myself that I can still do it and to keep up with my energetic 6 year old son and husband!

Other interests include ballroom dancing; live music and reading, particularly crime fiction with an historical aspect.

Lawn has extended a warm welcome to me and I am looking forward to meeting you all.

Governors Corner

The governing body at Lawn is made up a range of people. This includes co-opted governors, who are individuals from the community who have the skills and experience which the governing board require, staff governors and parent governors. There is a forthcoming vacancy for a parent governor, who will start in September. There will be more information circulated soon about the nomination and election process, including details of specific skills requirements. In the meantime, do think about whether you would like to stand for election.

Governors Piece

My name is Susan Bejar-Arrabal and I am vice chair of the governing board of Lawn Primary School. I have been a member of the board since June 2014 and my current areas of responsibility are monitoring the schools financial position month on month and reviewing the pupil premium programme. I am a retired school business manager so you can see why I have the responsibility for monitoring the financial matters within school.

One of the roles of the school governor is to undertake monitoring visits. This helps us to see what the school is doing to ensure that pupils are well supported and that the provision is appropriate and enhancing. On a recent visit into school I met with some of the pupils taking advantage of the extra tuition that Mrs Hallam has arranged for some pupils in school. There were pupils revising for their SATs exams in one room and in another three pupils were a working on targeted tasks. The atmosphere was relaxed and the young people were enjoying their special time.

I also regularly visit the Tree House Club: this is such a fun environment with youngsters of all ages across the school

interacting and playing. I know that every day has a specific topic or theme and along with some outside play, weather permitting, and a break for food the children have a happy, safe and interesting place to be before and after school. I am so pleased Lawn has been able to set up this facility and I hope further opportunities to enhance facilities at Lawn will continue.

If you want to contact me or any of the other school Governors please do so via the school office or by email on governors@lawn.derby.sch.uk