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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy couple of weeks and we have been so proud of our Y6 and Y2 pupils for their determination and resilience last week as they took their SATs tests. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be having visits from the Local Authority to ensure that our teacher assessment results for Y2 and Y6 are accurate in the form of a moderation visit. It is great again that Mr Walters has been selected to work with the local authority to help them moderate other schools.

Thank you to the parents that have returned the parents' questionnaire. We will be collating the results over the next few weeks and then feed back to you. Thank you to the very positive comments we have received and some of the suggestions to make us even better. We have already actioned a couple of these including trying to dismiss the Y3 classes from different places to ease the congestion around the conservatory.

This week we had some super news. Mr Wilkins' and Miss Ayub's baby was born on Monday. Isla Sophia Wilkins is gorgeous and a great addition to their family. We can't wait to meet her; hopefully we will be able to share a photo soon.

In July we will be welcoming back to Lawn Mrs Hodgetts, teaching assistant, who will be returning from maternity leave. Normally Mrs Hodgetts would be working in one of the Reception classes but from July she will be working alongside Y4. We are looking forward to seeing her.

And now some sad news. Mr Cooper has been successful this week in gaining a teaching post in another primary school so will be leaving Lawn at the end of the summer term. Mr Cooper joined us in September 2012 as a newly qualified teacher and has grown and blossomed into the great teacher he is today. He now needs to spread his wings and have the experience of another school and I am sure that we will all be very sorry to see him leave but wish him all the success at his new school. Governors and I will be advertising the job as soon as possible and we will hopefully make an appointment in the next couple of weeks. I will keep you updated when we have more news.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be busy in school with many different things including Sports Week, new reception children visiting, Y6 residential to Kingswood, Y1 phonic screening tests, and many more. A letter will come home after half term of all the events happening next half term. Teachers will also be busy writing end of year reports which will be sent out in July. We have made some changes this year to the format of the report to make them easier to understand and to make them more valuable to parents regarding the progress of your child.

Please can I remind parents about not driving down Norbury Close in the morning. When talking to the School Council they are constantly telling us that this is one area where they do not feel safe and they are telling us people are speeding down the

street and not being aware of the children waiting for the gates to open. We have also received numerous calls from some of our neighbours about parents parking across drives and not moving to allow them onto their property. We are working with our local councillors to have a road and parking awareness week at the start of the new year and also looking at the enforcement cars being around Lawn at the start and end of the day. They have been very effective near other schools in Allestree. Please park sensibly and carefully.

As promised in previous newsletters I have included further in the newsletter a list of details which classes will be with which teacher and which classes will be mixed. If your child's class is to be mixed we will be writing to you to notify which class your child will be in.

Finally, I hope that you all have a super half term and that you get some great family time and that we have some great sunny weather.

For next year the classes will be as follows:

FS2 – Mrs Richards/Mrs Levesley and Miss Golding (letters will be sent to parents) Y1 – Mrs Richards/Mrs Levesley's class will go to Miss Alexander; Miss Golding's class will go to Mrs Adamson. Y2 – Mrs Adamson's class will go to Mrs Shepherd and Miss Alexander's class to the new teacher.

Y3 – Mr Cooper's class will go with Mrs Clarke/Mr Walters, Mrs Shepherd's class to Mrs Cousins. Y4 – The Year 3 classes are to be mixed this year. Further details soon but the teachers are Mr Archer and Mr Molineux.

Y5 – The Year 4 classes are to be mixed this year. Further details soon but the teachers are Mrs Harland and Mrs Harrison (the new teacher appointed last month)

Y6 – Miss Ayub's/Mrs Bentley's class to Miss Hendy, Mrs Harland's class to Mr Wilkins.

Kind regards

Sarah Allison

Headteacher

The School Council

Hello, we are the year 6 school council and we are going to tell you a few decisions we have made so far for this year.

We have decided on our charities which are Cancer Research, RSPCA and Bereavement. We are also thinking about what we are going to do to raise money for these charities. For Cancer Research we are doing a sponsored run.

We decided is that we are going to try and set up a tuck shop for break time to sell fruit.

Yours Sincerely Mrs Hallam and the Year 6 school council.

E-Safety Top Tip

Please be wary of the YouTubers your children are watching. Ask them about them and watch them yourself to ensure they are age appropriate. YouTubers such as NickDominates regularly use inappropriate sexual language. Don't allow your child to use headphones unless you know exactly what they are watching and listening to.

My Ravenstor Diary by Caleb Rhodes

Wednesday 2nd May

Excitedly, I went into the Davies Hall, carrying my massive, heavy suitcase, I met Lewis and Deaken and we talked about what sweets we had (tangfastics and minstrels YUM!) We got on the coach and waved goodbye (I sat next to Mabel and Lexi) however we started our sweets, she also had tangfastics(SUGARY!) Eventually, we got to Ravenstor I rushed out of the bus and took the football. Me, Alex and Lewis got onto the field and sorted the teams out. Two hours later, we had our packed lunch (Why did my mum give me an apple?)After lunch we got into our activity groups, a few moments later our group did Bushcraft (we made dens and hot chocolate) Bushcraft was awesome! Deaken was really good at lifting logs and rocks up he was also good at teamwork but I got wet. When we got back we went to get dinner (I had Jacket potato) then we did a photo trail. At night we did a midnight feast and then we went cherry knocking (Ohh it was fun)

Thursday 3rd May

I woke up at 6:30 and we were all chatting then we ate lots of sweets. At 7:30am, we had our breakfast downstairs (rice crispies) Afterwards, I went on my first activity

-weaseling- (I think that you have to climb through small gaps in rocks Exciting!) Ben was good at climbing through rocks I was also good at fitting through, we got very muddy. After lunch, we did orienteering and archery, the first bit of orienteering was pretty boring but it got way better then we did archery (that was cool).After that it was dinner time (sausage and mash) then it was Disco time! at the disco I was teaching Mr Archer how to do the floss, Pierre was leading the dances and I got Tango from the tuck shop. After the disco Kaiden, me and

Alex were planning to go cherry knocking again...Eventually we got to sleep

Friday 4th May

When I woke up, I went downstairs and had my cooked breakfast after that we had to tidy our room and pack our suitcases hoped there was nothing left behind. Then, we went on our first activity of the day (raft building) I got soaked and Callum fell off the raft! An hour later, it was lunch then we played more football. Sadly, we left Ravenstor and got back to school - NOOOO!-

Year 3 day with Akaal Primary School

On Thursday 3rd May 2018 Akaal Primary School came to our school. Next we all went into the Davies Hall and read an amazing book called "Only One You".

After that we got split into groups, group one went on a treasure hunt whilst the other group were making paper plate fish. On the treasure hunt we had to find some words of wisdom from the book "Only One You" with some clues. We were put into a group of three, two Lawn and one Akkal child. Meanwhile all of group one came inside and we went through the words of wisdom. After that we went on the playground to play with our lovely new friends.

We went into Mr Molineux's class to eat lunch with the Akaal children. A while later the groups swapped and did the other things.

Conor Pritchard 3W

Great North Run

Hi my Name is Mr Foulds and I am the site manager here at Lawn.

As an avid runner, I am very excited to be running the Great North Run, in Newcastle, on September 9th this year.

After some deliberation, I have decided that I would like to run this race for a charity. The charity I have chosen to raise money for is MIND, the mental health charity. After some personal experience of the importance of good mental health, this cause is close to my heart.

I would really appreciate any sponsors that anybody is kindly willing to give – Please visit

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AndyFoulds> and even if you can't donate please share and read my story.

Thank you - Mr Foulds.



Garden update

The garden area is really starting to take shape. The veg is starting to grow and we have our fingers crossed that the apple tree moved from the Early years area will take to it's move and starts to grow. Ellie & Caleb in year 5 are watering the garden every day to keep the plants fed on the warmer days.

A huge thank you to Mrs Bates and her Mother who have given their time to work with the children from 3C to transform our

garden area. A huge thank you to all the parents who have donated items for the garden, it is really appreciated.

The Eco Team

The Eco Team are looking to run a stall at the summer fayre. Jessica and Eve would like to run a teddy bear stall and desperately need donations of animal teddy bears. So if you are having a clear out then please donate your unwanted cuddly animal toys to Jess and Eve (Year 5). Please bring your donations to either Mrs Harland or Mrs Adamson or leave at reception for us.

Thank you

The Eco Team

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.

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. Please do not Dojo the class teachers.

DIARY DATES

4th June 2018 – Y6 Kingswood Residential
7th June 2018 – Y3/Y5 Meet the Author
12th June 2018 – Y3W to visit Akaal Primary School
19th June 2018 – Y6 E-Safety Day
20th June 2018 – Y6 E-Safety Day
20th June 2018 – Y4 Halle Concert

22nd June 2018 – RL Class Assembly
23rd June 2018 – LSA Summer Fayre
28th June 2018 – LSA Disco
28th June 2018 – Sports Day
2nd July 2018 – Y5 Jorvik Centre Trip
4th July 2018 – LSA Meeting
6th July 2018 – Y6 Leavers Night

INSET DAYS 2018- 2019

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

Staff in the spotlight.



After lots of persuasions and people saying that I have never been staff in the spotlight. Here goes!

I have been a teacher for nearly 24 years, starting my career as a teacher in a culturally diverse infant school in Leicester before moving to a very large village primary school in Leicestershire. I moved to Lawn nearly 13 years ago as Deputy Headteacher, having worked in an inner-city school in Nottingham that was in Special Measures, and needing lots of support. In July 2013 I took on the role as Acting Head here at Lawn and wasn't sure if headship was for me. Luckily, I stuck at it and I was successful and was appointed Headteacher in April 2014 and I now believe that I have the best job in the world. No two days are the same and I love seeing the children and staff flourish.

I was born in Stapleford and grew up in Long Eaton on the border of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, the youngest of 4 children, having two brothers and a sister. Sorry but my family are big Nottingham Forest Fans!

Whilst growing up and since the age of 3 my parents decided they would foster children. This added lots of dynamics to the family and at times there were up to 12 children in the house at one time; holidays were interesting. It was certainly a different childhood! I was the first child in my family to go on to university but being a summer birth child, I was a bit of a home bird and decided to stay in Nottingham to study.

Having been diagnosed with tongue cancer in 2009, I certainly take every day as being special and live for the moment. Fortunately, I was diagnosed early and had some of the best treatment on the NHS, my consultant was recently on the BBC series Hospital, which was about Nottingham University Hospitals. Life is never the same when you have been affected by cancer.

I live in North Nottinghamshire with my partner and enjoy many things but especially being outdoors, come rain or shine. I love long days walking in the Peak District or on the Cumbrian Fells, however

my favourite place at the moment is Scotland. I will be spending this half term travelling to some of the remote islands in the Highlands. I am hoping that one day I may retire there as it is so tranquil and hardly any traffic! I am definitely not a beach person, I love exploring new places and have been to some fantastic places, one of the highlights being a trip to St Petersburg in Russia. Trying new food in different places, with friends, is a highlight including eating at a fish fair in Northern Iceland.

In the little spare time that I have I love to read (crime thrillers are my favourite) and cook for friends and family.

Governors Corner

My name is Amanda Clarke and I am the governor with responsibility for safeguarding for Lawn School.

You may wonder what that involves so here is a brief summary.

I meet with Mrs Allison every half term and one of my main roles is to make sure the Single Central Record (SCR) is up to date and accurate. This is the central place for all information to be collated regarding checks of all staff and volunteers who are working with our children in and around school. So for those who have had to have a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check this is where your information is very securely retained. The DBS process helps to make sure schools make safe recruitment decisions and prevent unsuitable people from working with our children.

Part of my safeguarding monitoring is to help the school with any safeguarding issues which have been identified. I have worked in safeguarding and child protection in a variety of backgrounds; police, social care, the NSPCC and as an independent reviewer, so hopefully I can offer an objective view. In school I have advised on

general issues such as the mobile phone policy recently but have also helped with decisions regarding concerns which may have arisen about situations in school. Thankfully these are rare, but all school staff are trained to respond appropriately to safeguarding incidents with a number of senior staff trained to a specialist level.

At our last meeting in May 2018 we completed the Safeguarding Children Audit Tool for Schools and Colleges which is a requirement from the Local Safeguarding Children Board. This examines all the areas relating to safeguarding in schools and gives us the opportunity to self-assess where we are in terms of performance and areas for development. I am pleased to share that we believe Lawn is far exceeding all the requirements in terms of keeping our children safe, but we will keep this under regular review when Mrs Allison and I meet.

If any parent or carer, member of staff, or volunteer wishes to discuss safeguarding the contact details for me and the designated staff are shared on every newsletter and are also available in the school office.

Amanda Clarke

Governor.

Governor in the Spotlight

My name is Matt Stevens and I am a parent Governor at Lawn. I have been a governor for a couple of years now and enjoy getting involved. I have two daughters, one is in Year 2 and the other is starting Reception in September. I'm a keen football fan and have a season ticket at Derby County which I must say is more stressful than having two young children!

I have lived in and around Allestree all my life and am keen to be involved in the community and being a governor seemed a

good way to do that, I also wanted to get involved as both my children will be spending many years at Lawn so any help I can give I wanted to. I have never worked in Education before but am enjoying helping Mrs Allison and the other Governors improve and develop the school where we can, any suggestions from parents are always welcome and will be discussed. You may have seen me at the Summer Fayre last year on the Coconut Shy and I'm sure I'll be on another stall this year so feel free to come and say hello.

