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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been very quiet in school this week as we waved our Year 4 children off to their three-day residential at YHA Ravenstor in Buxton.

They were so excited on Wednesday morning, cases laden, sweets galore, waterproofs on, and that was just the staff! They have had such a fantastic time and a big thankyou to our staff that accompanied them. Going on a residential with the children is a 24-hour job and they must be commended on this. If it wasn't for the dedication and staff giving up their time voluntarily then we couldn't run such great things for our children.

On Friday last week we said an emotional goodbye and good luck to Miss Ayub as she started her maternity leave. We are excited to see the new addition to Mr Wilkins' and Miss Ayub's family over the coming weeks. Good luck to them both.

We will also be saying goodbye next week to Mrs Smith, Additional Needs Teaching Assistant. We wish her well in her new journey and thank her for all that she has done for Lawn.

This week our School Council reps from Year 5 have been busy helping myself and Governors with our interviews to appoint a teacher. Once again, the children were fantastic and some of the questions that they put to the candidates were very thought provoking.

Governors and I did make an appointment and we are pleased to welcome to the Lawn team Victoria Harrison. Victoria is an experienced outstanding teacher moving to the area from London, with her husband and young child, after having their fill of 'London Life'. She will be a great asset to the team and she will hopefully be spending quite a few days at Lawn over the next half term.

As you may have seen, the team from Rolls Royce spent a very busy day in school last Monday working on some of our outside areas. They were busy clearing and painting the FS2 outside classroom ready for some new additions to the area in the next couple of months. They have made a great start on our new sensory/mindfulness area too. Unfortunately, time and resources ran out but we are hoping that with a bit of help, Mr Foulds and Mr Barber will finish off.

I want to say a big thank you to Mrs Rhodes who orchestrated the work – it certainly was a great day.

School is starting to get very excited about the next school year and we are looking forward to meeting all our new FS2 children after the half term. This year has seen a great increase in the number of 1st choice places wanted so unfortunately there are some parents who are disappointed that they haven't managed to secure a place at Lawn. We have also been busy filling up our spaces across the school and our pupil numbers now stand at 437 which means we are full to the brim. This number of pupils has never been achieved for a very long

time at Lawn, which is fantastic. We also have very large waiting lists for all our year groups, again another sign that parents are choosing Lawn as their preferred school. The admin team are constantly having prospective parents enquiring for places on a daily basis again showing that parents want to send their children to Lawn.

Thank you to those parents who have completed the annual parents' questionnaire. These really help staff and Governors to think about our priorities for the future. They also help with the staff moral. As a society we are very quick to complain and sometimes forget that praise and positivity are just as important. There have been 1 or 2 questionnaires that have been returned to school saying that parents are unhappy with the school and other negatives; whilst we understand that parents have the option to air their views we really hope that if this is the case then you come and talk to us so we can try and help.

As promised in the last newsletter I said that I would say where each teacher will be teaching in September. We are again very fortunate that apart from Miss Ayub's maternity leave we have had no staff wanting to leave Lawn. Mrs Cousins will be moving to teaching her own class full time from September. At this moment in time I am unable to disclose whether certain year groups will be mixed up for September or not. I will hopefully share this information with you soon. As an attachment aware school, we do value children having more time to adjust to new situations and help in transition that is why we like to work with parents to aid this process and give as much notice as possible.

The structure for September will be: -

FS2 – Miss Golding and Mrs Levesley/Mrs Richards (job share)

Y1 – Mrs Adamson and Miss Alexander

Y2 – Mr Cooper and Mrs Shepherd

Y3 – Mrs Cousins and Mrs Clarke/Mr Walters (job share)

Y4 – Mr Archer and Mr Molineux

Y5 – Mrs Harland and Mrs Harrison (new teacher)

Y6 – Miss Hendy and Mr Wilkins

Mrs Hallam will continue to work with myself on school priorities and working with small groups across the school.

Cover for teachers' PPA (planning, preparation and assessment) time will again be covered in house. This is where teachers receive their statutory afternoon per week to complete these activities. Mrs Brown and Mrs Cordwell will continue to do most of this cover.

Finally, let's hope that the bank holiday weekend is warm and sunny and that you get some great family time together making those lasting memories.

Sarah Allison

Headteacher

Norbury Close

A polite reminder to all parents/Carers that parking/driving down Norbury Close is prohibited when dropping and collecting children from school. This ensures the safety of our pupils parents/carers and siblings.

FS2 Fundamentals Trip:

On Tuesday 17th April, half of the FS2 children put on their PE kits and boarded a coach to the Fundamentals Festival at Derby Tennis Centre. What a great morning we had! The hall was split into four different sections with four different sports activities. The first was a group of fun games that are designed to improve our core stability. The second was a dance and balance session with Jess Hall. The third was tennis skills and the fourth was basketball skills. The children loved taking part in each of the activities and were even heard to say such things as "This is great!", "Can we do this back at school?" and "When can we go and do this again?". Not only was it a fun, challenging and exciting morning but also all the children behaved impeccably and were a credit to our school.

Rights Respecting Schools Award

We are pleased to announce that Lawn has just achieved the first stage of the RRSA. We are now 'Bronze: Rights Committed'. This means that we have proven that we have a plan in place for ensuring that children understanding and respecting rights becomes an integral part of Lawn's ethos. As a school, we already support many rights of the child but how we do this will become more explicit and involve greater engagement from the children of Lawn. Over the next few months and years the children will become familiar with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child; understanding how it impacts their lives and the lives of others. They will learn about the importance of respecting rights and become active, empowered citizens of a global world. Importantly, the children will learn that they can become 'change-makers' who can positively influence the communities around them.

Roving Book Fair

Roving Books returned to Lawn on Friday 20th April. We just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported, not only your children and the school by purchasing books. In total we spent £1966 and this meant that we earned £393 in commission we used to buy books. Some of these books were requested by teachers to use in Literacy and whole class reading sessions, some were for our learning mentor and the rest will be appearing in the school libraries very soon. We actually doubled the amount of commission from last year so it meant we could buy even more books for our children to enjoy. Thank you so much for supporting our book fair this year.

Mrs Cousins and Mrs Clarke

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.

Snapchat is a photo sharing app for mobile phones and tablets. The app allows users to share images for a limited number of seconds, chat with users before messages disappear, and share images with their friends list through a 'story'.



What parents need to know about **SNAPCHAT**

SNAP MAP

In 2017, Snapchat introduced a new feature called 'Snap Map', which allows users to see the EXACT location of the people on their friends list in real-time and watch stories from around the world. Users can view a map called a 'Snap Map'. This feature completely exposes your child's location and users can potentially follow your child from their home to their school.

'SNAP STREAKS'

'Streaks' tell users how many days in a row they have spoken or sent 'snaps' to one another. What's dangerous about this? It forces young people into putting a false sense of importance on a superficial number to the extent that it becomes something that can make or break a friendship. For example, if a person forgets to message or send a picture to their friend, breaking their 200-day streak, this could cause a confrontation between the friends. This can put an incredible amount of pressure on children to keep streaks.

SCREENSHOTS

While Snapchat's gimmick is that all photos, videos and text disappear after a maximum of 10 seconds, users can still screenshot or save them. Users may sometimes forget that screenshotting is a possibility in the app and send an image to someone they trust.

SEXTING

Due to 'Snaps' disappearing soon after they're received, (users can even send a one second photo or video), Snapchat has become the chosen platform for sending sexually explicit images or 'selfies' to someone. The short amount of time gives children the confidence to send the pictures.

Once a photo/video has been screenshotted, this can lead to further dangers, such as blackmail and cyberbullying. It is illegal to make, possess, download, store and share sexual images, photos and videos of a person under the age of 18. This also includes any sexual images, photos and videos that a child may have taken of themselves.

However, if a young person is found creating or sharing images, the police can choose to record that a crime has been committed, but that taking formal action isn't in the public interest.



Top Tips for Parents



THINK BEFORE YOU SNAP

Ensure that your child knows that 'Snaps' can be screenshotted and teach them that if they post anything potentially embarrassing or harmful (either of themselves or someone else) it can have severe consequences, as if the message lasted forever.

TURN OFF 'QUICK ADD'

'Quick add' helps friends find each other on the app. This is based on mutual friends or if their number is in their phone book. Explain to your child that this feature can open up their profile to strangers. We highly recommend that your child turns off the 'Quick Add' feature.

REPORTING INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

If your child is receiving inappropriate content, it's important that you report it. First block the sender to prevent any further messages. You can then report this by sending an email to safety@snapchat.com. If the problem persists, contact CEOP at ceop.gov/report.

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HOW TO DEACTIVATE SNAPCHAT

If your child wanted to delete their Snapchat account, simply deleting the app from their phone is not enough. To deactivate the account, users will have to log in to their account on desktop or on their mobile device (not through the app). Here, you:

- 1) Go to support.snapchat.com/delete-account
- 2) Here, click on 'Delete my account'
- 3) You will then be asked to enter your username and password again

DISAPPEARING ILLEGAL CONTENT

Snapchat 'deletes by default' which means every opened snap image or video is automatically deleted. If your child has seen criminal activity on Snapchat, you should report it immediately - See 'Reporting Inappropriate Content' above.

Sources: <http://home.bt.com/tech-gadgets/internet/social-media/what-is-snapchat-a-safe-guide-for-parents-1134622742237> <http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/gadgets-and-tech/news/snapchat-stop-map-snap-14692991.html> <https://www.nationalonlinesafety.com/child-safety/child-safety/grooming-messaging/what-is-snapchat-07222521.html> <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/parent-reviews/> <https://support.snapchat.com/en-US/>

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This is not a definitive guide. Please always check with the app's support information to see if your security and privacy concerns are addressed.

www.nationalonlinesafety.com

DIARY DATES

- 11th May 2018 – Y1A Class Assembly
- 17th May 2018 – Y3 Cresswell Craggs Trip
- 21st May 2018 – Class Photographs
- 23rd May 2018 – Bag2School Collection
- 23rd May 2018 – Y6 Derbyshire Fire service
- 24th May 2018 – LSA Quiz Night
- 25th May 2018 – School Race for Life
- 25th May 2018 – YRG Class Assembly
- 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

INSET DAYS 2018- 2019

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| 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.



Hello, my name is Mrs Hathaway and I have been a Teaching Assistant at Lawn School since 2004. My two boys, Ross and Owen, both attended Lawn and they think it's great that I now work here.

During my time at the school I have supported classes in most of the year groups. It's been great to see many groups of children progress right through the school and on to secondary school and beyond.

Outside of work, many of the children know that my husband and I have horses and they take up most of our weekends. The horses are called Autumn and Rupert. We enjoy riding them and occasionally entering competitions. One of the best things we have done is gallop along Holcombe beach in Norfolk, which was amazing.

In what little spare time is left I enjoy crafts and at the moment making jewellery is my thing. I share this hobby with a friend of mine and we go to local craft fairs. You might even have seen us at one of the Lawn School fairs.