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# NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe that we are already at the end of the Spring term, this term has certainly flown by. Let's hope we start to see the signs of spring and the warmer weather. We have once again been really busy in school the last couple of weeks with lots of things including STEM day, ECO day, Rolls Royce in school working with Y3 and Y4, Easter Bingo, Visits to St Nicks Church and many more.

We are hopefully going to have our gas pipes re-laid over the Easter holiday after it was delayed last half term. The delay was due to the contractors and Derby City Council. A big 'Well Done' needs to go to Mr Aka and his team for continuing to provide full school dinners with no gas in his kitchen. Not quite sure how they have managed it but it certainly hasn't seemed like there was no gas. Thanks Mr Aka and his Angels.

Over the last couple of weeks we have welcomed some new members of staff to our team. Mrs Bev Hardy has joined us in the kitchen to replace Mrs Dove who left us at half term. We have also welcomed two new lunchtime playworkers; Mrs Debbie Oliver and Ms Clare Hame. They will all be a great asset to the team. As you might have seen we are currently advertising for a temporary teacher for September 2018. This will be an extra member of staff, which will then free up some of the teaching team to work on our priorities for the next year. Over the next half term I am hoping to write to you with information about which

teachers will be teaching in which year group.

Miss Ayub will be leaving us on the 4th May to have her baby; hopefully no sooner than that! Mrs Anna Bentley, who will be covering Miss Ayub's class, will be job sharing for the last week in April and first week in May to ensure a smooth handover for the class. Mr Wilkins' paternity leave will be covered by Mrs Hallam. We are really looking forward to seeing the new addition to their family.

Unfortunately, Mr Molineux is currently off school at the moment due to being admitted into hospital last week. He is recovering well and we hope to see him back after Easter. I am sure you will join with us all in sending him good wishes for a speedy recovery.

We are all looking forward to a great summer term and our Y6s will be preparing for their last term with us at Lawn. They have so much to look forward to during the next term; a new place for our Y6 residential in June – Kingswood, a new and refreshed leavers' event/party ran and paid for by the LSA, transitions to their new school and many more.

Since the start of the autumn term our numbers of pupils in school have swelled to a significant 433. This is the highest amount of children we have had on roll for many many years. We are now full in all years except Y3 (but nearly full) and have long waiting lists for the other year groups. We are looking forward to getting in touch with

our new FS2 parents after the National Offer Day on the 16th April.

One of our school improvement priorities for this year is to increase the attendance of the whole school. Our attendance is above national average; however, we feel it could be better. Lots of initiatives are in place and it has been such a pleasure to give out all our silver and bronze attendance award winners their badges and certificates this week. Our School Council came up with the idea of badges and certificates and they said the children love to wear their badges with pride; they even picked the badges.

At the end of the summer term we will be working with the School Council to see if we need to make any changes for next year. I have included later on in the newsletter more about our attendance figures for this year so far. On that note a quick reminder regarding taking holidays in term time. All requests need to be put on a leave of absence form that you can get from the school office. Only exceptional circumstances will be authorised and a penalty notice will be issued if the holiday has been taken, including if your child has been off and they say they have been on holiday. The penalty notice will be issued from Derby City Council. You will always receive communication from school whether leave of absence has been approved or not. If you need clarification on this please don't hesitate to speak to one of the admin team or myself.

Lastly, I hope that you all have a super Easter break and that you get chance to have some super family time together.

Sarah Allison

Headteacher

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## Ellie-May Asher Fund raising.

Hi, my name is Ellie-may Asher and I'm having 2 feet of my hair cut off for charity. The money is going to a charity called P.A.C.T and the hair is going to the Little Princess Trust.

P.A.C.T is the charity which supported my brother and family when he was diagnosed with Leukaemia when he was just 10 months old and had to have a bone marrow transplant before his second birthday. Now my brother is 13 years old and P.A.C.T is still a big part of our family, we are forever thankful.

My goal is to raise as much as possible! It would mean the world to me if you could donate, so please do it and help stop cancer. If you would like to donate go to search up Ellie-may Asher just giving or go on Karen Asher's Facebook page. Please help me raise as much as possible.

Ellie-May Asher.

## The School Office

As you may already be aware we are changing our school money system over half term. The new system will enable you to book your child/children's meals, pay for school trips and other events online. However 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.

## Year 2's Educational Visit to Manchester Airport's Runway Visitor Park

On Thursday 15th March, Year 2 visited Manchester Airport's Runway Visitor Park as part of their 'Explorers' topic and their learning in particular about the famous aviator from history, Amelia Earhart. It is located right by the runway at Manchester Airport so we were thrilled to see how close to us the aeroplanes were when taxiing to the runway. When they took off or landed, it felt as though the ground and the air around us was vibrating with the booming noise from the jet or propeller engines. Standing on the viewing platform gave us a terrific view all around.

As we boarded the cabin of a Monarch DC10 aircraft our passports, which we'd made at school, were stamped to show where we'd been. We then spent time learning about the many different job roles that help to ensure the airport runs smoothly 365 days a year, from the role of the airport fire crew to that of the bird scarers!

We all took turns on the flight deck in the role of pilots and also engineers, working the controls, levers, switches and dials to 'guide' the aeroplane to our dream destinations. We had a close look at another aircraft on the park, the Avro RJX, where we learnt about the testing that a plane has to endure before an airline company purchases it and we also saw what the inside of planes look like without any of the fancy trims, seating and livery.

We looked through the vast windows of the hangar at the mighty impressive Concorde and many of us would now like to go back with our adults in order to be able to actually go onto it. We did press our noses against the window though, which the attendees of a grand-looking corporate event in the Concorde hangar found quite bemusing!



## **Request for Help!**

If anyone has any experience of landscape gardening, specifically building a pond, and could spare some time to get involved with our pond project, please could you get in touch with Mr Archer.  
l.archer@lawn.derby.sch.uk

Many Thanks

Mr Archer

## **Playworkers need your help**

Playworkers are looking for donations of board games / cars / dolls / barbies / action men / party CD's and games/ paper or old rolls of wallpaper for drawing to use during lunchtime activities. If you have any of the above to donate, please bring it to the school office.

Thank you

Mrs Woods - Play Leader.

## **DIARY DATES**

16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – Y5 Move & Learn  
17<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – FS2 Fundamentals  
19<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – Y1 Twycross Zoo Trip  
20<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – Roving Book Fair  
24<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – Y4A William Rhodes Primary School  
27<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – Y2C Class Assembly  
2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 – Y4 Ravenstor Residential  
11<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Y1A Class Assembly  
17<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Y3 Cresswell Crags Trip  
21<sup>st</sup> May 2018 – Class Photographs  
23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 – Bag2School Collection  
25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – School Race for Life  
25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – YRG Class Assembly  
4<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Y6 Kingswood Residential  
12<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Y3W Akaal Primary School  
20<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Y4 Halle Concert

## **INSET DAYS 2018- 2019**

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

## **Staff in the spotlight.**



Hi my name is Jo Davey, I am a playworker here at Lawn. I have worked here since October 2017. I like working at Lawn as all the staff and children are friendly and fun. Each day is different which makes my role interesting.

Out of work I enjoy many things some of which include, reading, going on long family walks. I really enjoy going to the cinema, meeting up with friends and going out for meals.

As a family we go to Butlins every year, it's enjoyable and brilliant as the targeted age range is perfect for my two children, Katie and Evie, who are in reception and year two. We all look forward to our Butlins holiday each year.

## **Governors Piece**

The school year is punctuated with events in the calendar that we all plan around. Melting snow isn't usually associated with the imminent arrival of Easter holidays though. I've paid passing attention to explanations of the meteorological factors in weather forecasts and I'm not planning to comment on the complexities of a lunisolar calendar to establish the date for Easter. I think everybody looks forward to the holiday for lots of different reasons, whatever the date.

I called in to Lawn recently to see some of the STEM Day activities. The Year 6 project to develop a water collection and dispenser product presented the pupils with a number of challenges including team working and concept design development. The added challenge was uncovering the characteristics of the material options. The sealing limitations of sellotape and the water repellence of cardboard were fully experienced. The pupils who discovered the enhanced capability of Pringle tubes to hold water deserve particular mention. The outcome of practical tests helped the pupils discover numerous problems but they all agreed that if they undertook the task again they had ideas on how to improve their designs. The exercise provided opportunities to experience challenges that will arise throughout their academic studies and beyond. I can relate to these challenges from my professional experience

During a visit a few weeks earlier, pupils were reading about mill factories that came into existence following the industrial revolution and the particular problems faced by workers. History provides an important foundation for scientific and technological endeavour. I hope that we will be able to build on this year's STEM activities and Lawn is particularly well placed to deliver a STEAM curriculum - the Arts are equally as

important and I think the subjects are interdependent and inseparable.

David Phillips Co-Chair of Governors.