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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has certainly been a very busy half term and I know that the children (and staff) are looking forward to a well-earned break. This half term has seen children across the school taking part in a variety of experiences that include sporting activities at Derby University and the Tennis Centre, visiting Cromford Mill, going to Manchester Airport and also our Year 4 are currently on residential at Ravenstor. A big thank you to the staff and parent volunteers for making these happen.

It has been wonderful to hear about the amazing things our children at Lawn have been doing out of school too, we have had children taking part in sporting activities to raise money for charities, children achieving awards for music and other children bringing in badges and medals from clubs they are members of. Please encourage them to continue to do this as all our staff love hearing about what they enjoy out of school.

We are still having a few issues with parking on Norbury Close and Carsington Crescent, at the beginning of the half term a child coming out of school at the end of the day narrowly missed a serious accident. At Governors on Monday, this issue was raised again when discussing children's safety, you are able to park in Park Farm car park for a maximum of 2 hours for free.

Please find safer places to park your cars if you are unable to walk your child to school.

Next half term is a relatively short half term but that won't stop us filling it with visitors, class assemblies, trips and many more experiences for our children.

Firstly, we welcome back Miss Ayub into Y4AH on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Harrison will hopefully be back with us into Year 5, we have missed them both and can't wait to have them back in the Lawn team.

Also, within the first half of the summer term our Y6 children will be taking their SATs, these start the week beginning the 13th May. Our Y2's will also be taking their end of KS1 'quizzes' throughout May. Booklets have been given to our Y6 parents and carers, and Y2 parents and carers have had a meeting this week to discuss their 'quizzes' and what they entail. If you would like to ask anything else before this time, please contact the Y6 or Y2 teachers.

You will be receiving your child's end of term report today, if you wish to discuss anything further please contact the class teacher to arrange a time to meet them after Easter. Year 4 will come home with their reports the first Monday back due to their residential.

Finally, I would like to wish all the children and staff a well-earned two weeks break so we are ready and raring to go with our Summer Term. The Lawn team look forward to seeing you all back to school on Monday 29th April.

Kind Regards
Mrs Hallam
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Throughout this year, Year 5 and 6 have been participating in the 88 Pianist STEM project, which is being ran by Cambridge University in collaboration with the University of Nottingham. The project aims to break the world record for playing the most keys on a piano simultaneously, by having all 88 keys being played at the same time (the current record stands at 19). The project is being ran to mark the 500th anniversary of Leonardo Da Vinci's death.

At the start of December, four engineers and two musicians from the University of Nottingham came to school to introduce the project to the children and set them the challenge of designing a mechanism to allow all of the keys on the piano to be played at the same time. The engineers reported that they were amazed by the imagination and effort put into all of the designers.

On March 28th, the engineers and musicians returned to Lawn to announce that three of the children's designs from years 5 and 6 had been chosen to be made into prototypes. They were: Grace Turner-Smith and Chloe Wagstaff (Year 6) and Emily Woodward (Year 5). During their visit, the engineering team also showed the children a few other prototypes that had been selected and that they had already started to make, these included a giant Perspex hand.

The chosen designs from Lawn will now be made and tested at the University of Nottingham, and hopefully will then go on to be a part of the world record attempt in August. Any updates on this will be provided in future newsletters.



By Mr Wilkins

Netball

Over the past two weeks the Lawn netball team competed in four matches - two at Bishop Lonsdale and two at Portway.

In the first match against Bishop Lonsdale we lost 9-1 and then beat Cotton Farm 15-0. The next week we played Portway who we beat 6-0, then Redwood who lost 4-2. Hopefully we can progress further.

By Teddy Milne & Jessica Shaw

We are two of the members from the Lawn School netball team run by Katie and Sophie Millington. They have helped to improve our skills with the ball (Catching and passing). They make up fun and active games for us to play and warm up. Their main focus was to get us to work as a team and play with different people. We would recommend netball to anyone who enjoys different sports.

By Katie Daly and Madison Evans

Football Match

At the end of March a few children got selected to play for Lawn in a football match against St Mary's. Sadly we lost, but Josh and Grayden scored a goal. We had lots of fun.

By Ben W

Greenhouse Update

We are still busy collecting 2 Litre bottles for our Greenhouse. So far we have about 300 so still a long way to go, but you are all doing great so keep collecting! Cherry Tree school in Derby have just had their Greenhouse built as they collected their bottles in record time! Check out their website to see what we are aiming for. We still need to collect about 1000 more so keep going!

Thank you very much.
The Eco Team.

Diary Dates

8th May – YR1 visit Yorkshire Wildlife Park
13th – 17th May - KS2 SATs
17th May - YRG Class Assembly
22nd May - LSA Bags2school
5th June – Whole School RE Day - Eid
14th June - YRL Class Assembly
24th-28th June – Sports Week
8th – 12th July -YR6 PGL Residential
11th July – YR3 visit Cresswell Crags
25th July – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR

Inset Days 2019

Monday 3rd June 2019

Staff in the Spotlight



Hi, I'm Tracy Morley. I have been a supply teacher at Lawn for about 15 years now and during that time have probably taught many of your children and their siblings, as well as at least one parent that I know of.

I live in Allestree with my husband and two daughters who both went to Lawn. Gina is now 20 and studying at university whilst Jess is nearly 18 and about to take her 'A' levels.

With living locally, some of you will probably recognise or know me and maybe my husband as well as we enjoy walking and often see pupils past and present and their parents. It's always lovely to see them, wave at them or to hear, "Hello Mrs Morley" being shouted from a passing car or whilst shopping at Park Farm.

As well as walking, I've recently started playing netball which I really enjoy and I think there are some Year 6 boys who actually saw me playing in a recent match.

As a family, we do love our holidays and have a wall full of photos from our holidays over the years, which provide lots of special memories.

This photo was from our holiday to Tenerife last summer and, as this summer draws nearer, we are all starting to look forward to our next holiday, to Rhodes. Roll on summer!

My days are varied as I don't always know if I'm going to be working or not and I sometimes get a call asking me to come in when I'm still in my dressing gown having my breakfast, but I'm used to that now. I'm so lucky to be able to teach all the lovely children in the different year groups, to see them mature and to see the progress they make during their time at Lawn.

Reminders

May we respectfully remind you that if you wish to remove your child from school for a holiday during term to complete a Holiday Request Form which can be obtained from the school office.

If your child has an appointment during school hours, please could you send a letter to the School Office confirming the date, time and reason for their absence.

If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact the Office and leave a message on the answerphone or speak to a member of the Office staff. When your child returns to school, please send a note explaining why they were absent from school.

Children should not be bringing mobile phones to school. If there is an absolute need for this then an adult needs to sign the phone into reception at the start AND end of the day.

Payments to the School Office

Please could we request that dinner money is paid at the beginning of each week/term

either using the Tucasi system or by cash/cheque payable to Derby City Council.

Also please ensure that the **correct** money is put into a sealed envelope as we do not keep money on the premises and are not able to give change.

Your child's name, class and activity details also need to be on the envelope to ensure it is allocated correctly. A written receipt will be given for any monies handed in directly to the School Office.

Tree House

We have had a very busy term at Tree house from making mother's Day cards and crafts to getting ready for our Easter party which takes place this Friday.

Now the weather is on our side we have been making the most of getting outside in the mornings and evenings hopefully tiring your little ones.

Thank you for all your support this term, we hope you all have a lovely Easter and don't eat too much chocolate!

Thank you
Mrs Dumelow

