



Lawn
Primary
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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we end this half term we have to say our goodbyes to Mr Archer, Assistant Head and Y4 teacher. It doesn't seem like thirteen and a half years ago that we both joined Lawn. Things were certainly very different then! Mr Archer has been a real asset to the school and has taught many children over these years. We wish him all the luck in his new school as Deputy Head.

After half term Mrs Hallam will be taking over his class until Easter when Miss Ayub will be returning from maternity leave, they will then share the class until the summer.

It certainly has been another busy half term. Last week the buzz words around school were mental health week; internet safety day and a new headteacher! The last being Lexi Finnegan spending the day being me!

The children across school have been looking at ways to keep themselves healthy inside and out; including sleeping well, eating healthy and doing plenty of exercise. It certainly was a great week for really good conversations to challenge the stigma of mental health.

At the last Governors meeting on Monday, Governors and I have voted unanimously to start the formal consultation period to become an academy and to join a Multi

Academy Trust. More details will be shared with you in a letter after half term about the process and the reasons why we have decided this. Decisions about the future of Lawn are always hard but we now feel that we have to be a little more proactive in this. We are aware that this may cause worry in some of you so we are preparing a time when you can come into school to talk to senior leaders and Governors about these. This will be included in the letter after half term.

Finally, I hope that you all have a great half term and enjoy great family time together. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 25th February.

Kind regards
Sarah Allison
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Sign Up Now

We have signed up to use a new online system for Free School Meals which is much easier for parents to use as you only need to apply once. Once you are registered it automatically checks on a weekly basis to see if you are eligible so if your circumstances change you don't need to do anything as it is all done for you.

By applying on line or speaking directly to us it enables all applications to remain anonymous therefore allowing children to

receive free school meals without everyone knowing.

If you apply and receive Free School Meals you could save up to £418.00 per year and if your application is successful, we also receive additional funding to allow us to provide:

1 -1 and small group tuition to accelerate progress

Help towards the cost of school uniform

School Trips

School Residential Trips

There are 2 ways in which you can sign up to the system:

Apply online at <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/link2ict>

Or complete the attached form and return to me c/o school office and I will enter all details. Can you please ensure that if you return the form that all information is completed and the form has been signed otherwise I will be unable to process.

If you have any questions or would like to speak to me please do not hesitate to contact me c/o the School Office or H.Dobson@lawn.derby.sch.uk

Year 4 Violin Concert

Last week, we played a violin concert and really enjoyed it. All of the parents came to watch and we did all sorts of things such as singing, plucking, and using our bows to play D, G and A. Some of the music included, Chocolate Treats, Jelly On A Plate and Boogie On The Open D. We really enjoy learning the violin because many of us have never played a musical instrument before.

By Moez Jawad

Foundation Stage Share a Story Session

It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents turn up for the 'Share a Story' session in Mrs Levesley's class on Thursday 7th February. The session was designed to instil a love of storytelling in both children and adults and remind everyone of the joy of sharing a bedtime story! Everyone listened to a story read by Mrs Levesley and then took part in a variety of storytelling activities such as making up stories using puppets, choosing objects from the story telling bag and making up stories with their friends, or simply choosing a special story from the story basket, snuggling up and reading the book together. It was a very enjoyable afternoon spent doing one of the most important activities in a child's (and adult's) life! We look forward to sharing more of these sessions with you in the future.

Headteacher for the Day

My mum won the highest bid at the LSA Christmas Fayre for me to be "Headteacher for the Day".

The first thing I got to do was to go to the KS1 gate and greet people in the morning. Next I went to the Office and got an iPad to record everything that was going on in school. After that, Mrs Allison and I went to an assembly that was based on E-Safety. Then I went and watched the Reception classes do PE, observed the classrooms and helped out in Year 1. When it was lunchtime I helped out with the Reception children, then I played with my friends. Later on I made sure the teachers were doing DEAR reading with their classes. The last thing I did was to go to Year 1 to take photos of the class practicing their engineering skills. Finally I went back to my

class. Thank you Mrs Allison, I had a great day.

By Lexi Finegan

School football League

Throughout the year we have participated in a school football league, which contains 9 teams. Overall we played 16 games in the first week we beat Aston-On-Trent (Who finished 2nd in the league). Our success did not stop there, the next week once again we won 3 out of 3 games. This winning form continues for the rest of the season, in the end our stats were like this:

- 16 Games
- 86 Goals
- 17 conceded
- 69 Goal differences

On the 12th June we will be taking part in another tournament representing Derby, playing against other teams who won their league in other places around Derbyshire.

We also participated in a football tournament on the 17th January, where we entered 2 teams and both team reached the knockout stages. In the quarter finals both teams played against each other, but one team made it through to the semi-finals. Unfortunately we lost to Aston-On-Trent, and missed out on a chance to play at Moore Farm (Derby County Training Ground).

By Lawn Football Team.

Requests

Our Reception classes have asked for any unwanted buttons for the classrooms.

Could we please ask if you have any unwanted spare boys pants to donate them to our Reception and Year 1 classes.

If your child has been to First Aid and borrowed clothing, would you please wash and return it to school.

Greenhouse Update

We are still collecting 2 litre plastic bottles for the greenhouse. So far we have about 65 so still a long way to go. We would be very grateful if you would send your empty bottles to reception. Don't forget to wash them out and cut the bottom off.

Thank you very much.
The Eco Team.

Diary Dates

7th March – World Book Day
7th March – YR3 Rolls-Royce Stem Project
8th March – YR4 Rolls-Royce Stem Project
11th March – Olympian Cyclist Leigh Timms
visiting Lawn
15th March – Red Nose Day
15th March – Roving Books Fayre
15th March - Y1A Class Assembly
19th March - YR2 visit Manchester Airport
21st March – Whole School RE Day - Holi
22nd March - Y2VS Class Assembly
26th March - Y3 Matilda Performance 6pm
27th March - YR2 visit Manchester Airport
28th March – LSA Thank you Tea party
29th March - Y1HA Class Assembly
5th April – Y4M Class Assembly
9th April – LSA Easter Bingo
10th April – YR5 visit Cromford Mill
10th April – Reception Fundamentals Event
10th-12th April - YR4 Residential
11th April – Whole School RE Day – Easter
12th April - Y2CS Class Assembly
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

Friday 15th February 2019
Monday 3rd June 2019

Staff in the Spotlight

Hi. I'm Anna Bentley. I've been working at Lawn for a couple of years now, although it feels like much longer as I came to Lawn as a child and my mum was also a teacher here too! I work throughout the school as a supply teacher and love being able to work with different year groups.

I live in Allestree with my husband, two girls, Megan (12) and Chloe (6) and our rescue cat called Beatrice.

If I'm not at school you will probably find me in a swimming pool. I started my own swim school nearly 21 years ago and now have a busy, successful swim school at Woodlands pool and also over in Sandiacre. I have seen many children learn to swim over the years and have trained and qualified many teachers too. Swimming is such an important life skill and I was pleased to be able to deliver a water safety assembly to the children at Lawn last summer.

I love seeing the children out and about around Allestree so please do



say hello or give me a wave if you see me!

Reminders

May we remind parents/carers that we are a healthy eating school. Would you please send your child/children into school with healthy snacks for breaktimes. Please be aware we are a **Nut Free** school.

Due to health and safety reasons we would like to remind all parents/carers to refrain from driving down Norbury Close while dropping and collecting children from school. We politely ask you to consider the nearby residents when finding parking spaces. Please do not park on the streets around Park Farm, especially on the double-yellow lines on Park Farm Drive.

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.

If your child is in KS2 then at break times they can bring a healthy snack in with them if they wish. This could be a piece of fruit or a vegetable. We would encourage all children to try and bring a snack in at break time as it can feel like a long morning without one and it keeps those brains ticking over until lunchtime

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.

LSA

The Bag2school collection raised a massive £276, thank you to everyone who brought something in. The final collection of the school year is May 22nd, it would be great to top this amount. Every pound raised goes back into equipment for the school.

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to the LSA KS1 and KS2 Discos on Thursday 7th February! The children all had a great time and there were some very funky moves coming from the dancefloor! The total raised from both discos was over £370! If you have any feedback or suggestions for the future regarding this event, please do contact us by email lawnschoolassociation@hotmail.co.uk

We have also just banked £100 from the Nearly New Rail - donations are always welcome, and feel free to pop along to have a browse, there are some really good quality clothes available for a few pounds each. All of the money raised really does add up!

We are looking forward to the next few months with the Easter Bingo planned for Tuesday 9th April. This family-friendly event is great fun every year, a great opportunity to get together and have a good time and win chocolate eggs, of course! After half term we will be asking for Chocolate Egg donations for this event, so please keep an eye out for that!

We are also planning an Afternoon Tea event towards the end of March - date and times to be confirmed - but this will be a ticketed event where the children can bring a special someone, serve them tea, coffee and cake, and will then be taken off by members of the LSA and their helpers to

create a little keepsake for their special someone - Mum, Dad, Gran, Grandad or Carer, anyone is welcome (1 adult per ticket). Space will be limited, but we will try to add extra days on to cope with demand.

So, I think that is all from me! Have a wonderful half term everyone, we will look forward to seeing you and your families soon! And if you were interested in joining us, please do find us on Facebook - Lawn School Association (LSA) Page - we are planning several informal planning, social events and new people are always welcome!

Claire - LSA Chair