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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It doesn't seem like five minutes since I was writing in the last newsletter, and yet once again we've had lots to be proud of at Lawn.

I would like to start by saying a huge well done to our Year 6 and Year 2 children who have completed several 'quizzes' over this last week. Every single child (and teacher) has approached these with all the values we work on every day, their approach and growth mind set has been truly admirable.

As part of our on-going monitoring and development of Governor knowledge, I invited some of the Governors in to see the full process of SATs throughout the week, they were extremely complimentary of all staff and children. Alongside this we also had an extremely positive monitoring visit from a Derby City SSIO, this is normal procedure and 10% of schools are chosen randomly each year. The feedback from the SSIO, was that everything was exemplary, and she was particularly impressed with Year 6 breakfast we put on.

The weather has suddenly changed today however this does highlight the importance of the children having a coat in school even when it may seem unlikely to rain. In the event that the sunny weather will (hopefully) return please can you ensure your child has a cap or hat, sun cream – which they will

need to apply themselves and a water bottle. There are shaded areas outside and staff will do their best to ensure children are in the shade however to help with this we do kindly ask that preventative measures are put in place by parents in the first instance please. Summer dresses are allowed to be worn after the half term holidays.

As we only have one week left and are coming to the close of a very short half term, we sadly say goodbye a very valued member of staff, Mrs Woods, our Playleader. Mrs Woods has devoted many years to Lawn and she will be greatly missed. We wish her all the best in her new adventures, I'm sure she will pop in from time to time.

Also, at the end of the academic year, we will be saying goodbye to the lovely Miss Seddon, she has successfully secured a teaching post in London and we wish her well for the new chapter in her career.

There are also congratulations, as some of you may know, to Mrs Harrison who is expecting her second child at the end of September. We are looking to appoint a teacher for maternity leave and for Miss Seddon's post as soon as possible.

Please remember the first day back after the half term is an inset day so we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 4th June for what

will be a busy but fun and memorable end of the year.

Kind Regards
Mrs Hallam
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Yorkshire Wildlife Park

On Wednesday 8th May Year 1 visited the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. Despite a late departure and heavy rain, the children had a wonderful time learning about animals. Both classes participated in a session called 'Furs, feathers or scales?' which taught the children how to sort animals into different groups such as mammals and reptiles. The children were allowed to touch real-life camel fur, lizard scales, ostrich feathers and egg. There was also a reproduction of a polar bear skull. It was massive! We also had the opportunity to touch live and moving animals: a corn snake and a hissing cockroach! We were very impressed with the children's engagement and enthusiasm throughout the day.

Due to the poor weather conditions, many of the animals were hiding indoors, proving that Year 1 children are the most resilient mammals because we did not let the rain stop us from venturing out!

Cromford Mill Trip

Before Easter we had a visit to Cromford Mill because we were studying the industrial revolution. We found out about some of the jobs people had to do like cording, weaving, spinning and messaging. The first mill was made at Cromford because it had flowing water to power machinery. It was built away from the town as some people didn't want the mills to be built. We had the opportunity to dress in some of the clothes children wore, they seemed very strange to us. We enjoyed trying out some of the jobs although

we realised children from the past had a hard life.



Big thanks to all the helpers and teacher who organised this for us.

By Callum & Jack

Greenhouse Update

WOW!!

We have now collected nearly 650 plastic bottles for the greenhouse. A great achievement!!! Thank you all very much. We still have a way to go to reach our target of 1300 so keep collecting. We desperately want it constructed before the current year 6's leave us.

Lawn Sensory Garden

You may not have noticed but over the last term the Eco team along with Mr Foulds have been busy getting the new garden area ready. Planters have been set in the ground between the daily mile track. Mr Foulds has built us some new wooden planters ready for painting. Now all we need is some plants!!

If you would like to donate some plants or seeds for our new garden then they would be really appreciated. We are hoping to turn it into a lovely sensory garden for the children to use.

Thank you so much for the donations of tomatoes and plastic plant pots already received, they are really appreciated.

Calling all sport lovers!

Do we have any parents, carers or family members in our Lawn community who would like to come in and run some sports sessions for our children? We are looking for some volunteers to come and spend some time with each class to run a sports/active session during our sports week (week commencing 24th June.)

If you are interested, please contact Miss Ayub (y.ayub@lawn.derby.sch.uk) or Miss Hendy (c.hendy@lawn.derby.sch.uk).

A DBS check would be preferable, however if you would like to volunteer and don't have a current DBS check, please still get in touch and we will see what we can do.

Thank you.
Miss Ayub and Miss Hendy

Tree House

Tree House Club have requested if anyone has any spare extra-large cardboard boxes would you kindly donate them to Mrs Dumelow. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Newark Girl Cup

Hi we are four of the Y6 girls who competed in the Newark Girls' Cup Final on Sunday as part of our football team, 'Woodlands Girls FC.' We played a team called Priory Celtic (who are mainly older than us). 15 minutes in, we were losing 2-0 and by half time we were 2-2! We fought hard to claw back a win and ended up winning the match 4-2! We are so proud and can't wait for next season.

By Iris, Ellie, Katie and Amy

Diary Dates

22nd May - LSA Bags2school
5th June – Whole School RE Day – Eid
6th June – Class Photographs
7th June – Y5 & Y5 Escape rooms
14th June - YRL Class Assembly
14th June – Y3CW Visit to Akaal Primary
18th June – Reception School Trip
27th June – Sports Day
24th-28th June – Sports Week
4th July – Y4 Violin Concert
6th July – LSA Summer Fayre
8th – 12th July -YR6 PGL Residential
11th July – YR3 visit Cresswell Crags
16th July – Reserve date for sports day
25th July – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR

Inset Days 2019

Monday 3rd June 2019

Staff in the Spotlight



For those of you that don't know me I am Mrs Parker. I work in the school office. I have been at Lawn Primary School for around 4 years now. Working at lawn is always interesting and never the same day in day out.

I have a little boy called Harrison, he will be turning 3 in July. He likes to keep me busy by going for walks, trips to the park and swimming. I also have two dogs called Oliver and Stanley, they are both very energetic and love the walks we take them on especially if they can jump into muddy water!

We have recently returned from holiday which we were looking forward to, however we ended up with flash flooding and torrential rain, while the UK had lovely sunshine. Hopefully our next holiday in

August will be full of sunshine days with lots of ice-cream.

Reminder

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.

Governors Corner

We wrote to you before Easter about the school's aspirations to become an academy and join Transform Trust. This then began the formal consultation process. This included us meeting with staff, talking with parents and carers who attended a meeting in March, and receiving feedback in the forms of emails and informal conversations. A range of different queries were raised through this process, and it was great to see everyone taking this consultation seriously.

Thank you to everyone who took part. While we could answer many of these questions ourselves, where appropriate we have raised these questions with Transform in order to get further information. Through this process, and following the further clarifications we received, we are pleased to say that no serious concerns or objections were raised as part of this process. This means that we have now taken the next steps in joining Transform. Governors unanimously agreed to become part of an academy and following a meeting of their trustees, Lawn has been accepted by Transform to become part of their trust.

This now starts the next steps of the process. This involves working with the Local Authority and the Department of Education in order to put in place the appropriate legal frameworks. This may take a number of months as there are a variety of steps that we need to go through. As soon as we know a date for conversion, we will let you know.

I want to reassure you that during this process the staff and governors have placed the needs of the children at the heart of all of our discussions; we have been very much driven by the question: what is best for the pupils of Lawn school? This will continue to

be our central concern as we go through these next stages too.

As always, if you want to get in touch with the governors about this or any other issues please do so by leaving a message at the school reception or contacting us via the email below.

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