



Lawn  
Primary  
School

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# **NEWSLETTER**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end this half term, I would like to say thank you to the parents and carers who have helped in school and those that have been very positive about what we are doing. It goes a long way when we receive positive feedback especially with helping staff morale stay positive in such a demanding job.

This half term has been particularly hard with lots of staff being off work with broken bones, pulled backs, bereavements, operations etc. We are hoping all staff will be back after half term but I will keep everyone updated.

The Senior Staff are still supervising the Tree House Club both during the morning and after school. We are hoping to have made an appointment soon after the half term break. Again, we will let you know once this has happened. Thank you to the understanding about having to cancel Tree House on the INSET day due to staffing shortages.

When we return from the half term break we will be getting busy with commemorating the end of World War 1. Classes will be creating their own poppies to display on the gates during that week. Our Year 6 choir are also looking forward to singing in the 'Lest We Forget' concert at the NEC in Birmingham on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. It will be a long day but such an amazing experience, I know Mrs Levesley and myself are really looking forward to it. Look out for the tweets on Twitter that day.

During half term we are hoping that all our new paths will be completed to help make the entrance to school a little easier and less congested for you as parents.

At this point in time we are still waiting for planning permission to be passed for the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area). Unfortunately, there have been a couple of objections including from Sports England. Hopefully we will be able to get the green light to go ahead very soon.

Just a reminder that Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November is an Inset Day, so school is closed to all pupils.

And finally, I hope that you all have a super half term and that if your children are out during Halloween that they stay safe and an adult accompanies them. Enjoy some great family time together.

See you all on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

Sarah Allison  
Headteacher

## **Help Needed**

We need to have our School Fund Accounts audited. If anyone knows someone who would be willing to help us with this, would you kindly contact Helen Dobson at [H.Dobson@lawn.derby.sch.uk](mailto:H.Dobson@lawn.derby.sch.uk).

## **Relief Staff**

We are looking for Relief Cleaners, Catering Assistants and Lunchtime Playworkers. If anyone is interested in any of these posts, please contact Helen Dobson at [H.Dobson@lawn.derby.sch.uk](mailto:H.Dobson@lawn.derby.sch.uk) or via the School Office.

## **E-Safety Top Tip**

The NSPCC's Net-Aware website is an excellent resource for finding out information and importantly the risks related to the games and apps your children are using. You may find the following useful:

Fortnite: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/fortnite-all-you-need-know/>

Minecraft: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/minecraft-pocket-edition/>

Live.Me:  
<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/expert-opinion/live-app-review/>

Roblox: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/roblox/>

## **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.

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.

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

## **Diary Dates**

5<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018 – **Inset Day**

6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018 – WWI History Week

6<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018 – WWI Workshops

6<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018 – School Health to visit  
Reception Classes

7<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018 – LSA Meeting

8<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018 – WEAR RED DAY  
Non-uniform day

9<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018 – Admissions Open Morning

12<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018 – School Photographer

13<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018 – Parents Evening

13<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018 – Flu Immunisations

14<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018 – Parents Evening

15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018 – YR5 Cycle Cross Event

16<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018 – Children In Need

16<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018 – Y5G Class Assembly

20<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018 - Y3C Global Leaders Link

21<sup>st</sup> Nov 2018 – YR1 Fundamentals  
Festival

23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2018 – Y4A Class Assembly

23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2018 – LSA Non-Uniform Day

27<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018 – Y6W to Pickford's House

28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018 – Y6 Pizza Making

30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018 – Lawn Xmas Fayre

4<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018 – Admissions Open Morning

4<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018 – Y6H to Pickford's House

6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018 – Y3CW to Pride Park

7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018 – YR2 to Hindu Temple

11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018 – FS2 Christmas  
Performance

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 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018 – Christmas Jumper Day  
 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018 – Rocksteady Band Performance  
 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018 – Christmas Lunch  
 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018 – School Musical  
 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018 – School Musical  
 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019 - YR6 Pizza Making  
 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019 – Y4M Class Assembly  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2019 – LSA Bags2school  
 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019 – Y5 visit to Mosque  
 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019 – LSA Discos  
 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019 – Y5VH Class Assembly  
 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019 – Parents Evening  
 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019 – Parents Evening  
 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – Y1A Class Assembly  
 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – YR2 visit Manchester Airport  
 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 – Y2VS Class Assembly  
 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – Y3 Matilda Performance  
 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – Y1HA Class Assembly  
 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – YR4 Residential  
 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – LSA Easter Bingo  
 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – Y2CS Class Assembly  
 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – KS2 SATs  
 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – YRG Class Assembly  
 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 – LSA Bags2school  
 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – YRL Class Assembly  
 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – YR6 Residential

### **Inset Days 2018- 2019**

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.**

Hello, my name is Jessica Clarke and I am a teacher in Year 3.

I suppose you could say that teaching is in my blood as I come from a whole family of teachers (although they did all say “Don’t do it!!”) But anyway, I did, and I love it.



I have worked at Lawn for 7 years but have been a teacher for 15 years. I have taught all the year groups from Nursery to Year 6 at one stage or another! My favourite thing about working with children is the funny things they say- I keep saying that I should write a book one day!

I have two daughters called Lucy and Annie. Lucy is 15 and Annie is 12 and they both go to Woodlands now but they both went to Lawn and loved it.

In my spare time I enjoy reading, shopping, going to the theatre and meeting up with friends and family. I also enjoy taking long walks with my family and our Springer Spaniel, Bonnie, who is absolutely gorgeous but extremely naughty!

### **Cross Country**

On Wednesday for the last three weeks, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 boys and girls went to Moorways Stadium for a three week cross country event.

The first week was an individual race: first went Y3/4 girls, then Y3/4 boys, then Y5/6 girls and then Y5/6 boys. We lined up at the start line and we ran. Y3/4 girls and boys ran 2 laps which was a total of 1.5 km, Y5/6 ran 2 bigger laps which was 2 km. Iris came 1<sup>st</sup> and won Gold for Lawn.

The second week was a team race: the same as last time but the scores were added together.

The third week was a relay race: we had teams of four. However we had 7 girls so 3 of us ran for fun and also some of the boys had to do the same in the relay race. Y3/4 boys won Silver.

If you would like to join Cross Country next year, all you have to do is fill out a form which will be given out by Miss Hendy or your class teacher. We would all recommend you do all the weeks because it is lots of fun and it keeps you active.

By Jess and Lilly – Year 6.

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Cross Country event.

### **Request for Donations**

A polite request for any donations of packs/boxes of tissues for the children's classroom as we are approaching the cold and flu season. "Catch it, bin it, kill it". We would like to try and keep the cold and flu bugs to a minimum this winter. Please send to the school office. Thank you

### **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.

### **Christmas Lunch**

Christmas Lunch will be on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December. The menu will be issued nearer the date.

### **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

We will be selling stick-on poppies from 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> November in school for a donation and also the following:

Pencils	50p
Pencil Sharpeners	50p
Reflector Poppies	50p
Rulers	£1

### **WW1**

The first week back after half term will be our World War 1 100 year commemoration week, with lots of activities taking place in school. The week is to commemorate the ending of the First World War and to remember all the people and animals who lost their lives.

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November we have a drama workshop coming into school to work with each year group. They will be performing a piece called "A Soldier's Tale".

Parents are more than welcome to come in and share their child's learning in the workshop. The workshop will be set up in the Smedley Hall.

The times of each year group's workshop are:

Year 2 - 9.05am - 9.45am  
Year 1 - 9.50am - 10.30am  
Year 5 - 10.45am - 11.25am  
Year 6 - 11.25am - 12.15pm  
Year 3 - 1.15pm - 2.05pm  
Year 4 - 2.10pm - 3.00pm

## **Sports Crew**

Hello, we are Lawn's Sports Organising Crew and we had our training with Derby City SSP on Monday, where we learnt what our roles would be and how we would make Lawn a more active school. We will work together to organise and co-ordinate sports events and activities at our school. We will also listen to your children's ideas about sports activities - if your child has something they would like us to discuss at our meetings, please tell them to get in touch and we will try to make it happen.

Thomas Watkinson and Emma Finnegan -  
Y5G Sports Crew

## **STEM Day- Year 5**

S = Science  
T = Technology  
E = Engineering  
M = Maths

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October we had a STEM day. We were put into 6 teams from both classes and there were six activities about astronaut science. The first activity was to make a compass with a needle, water, bottle lid and a magnet. The second activity was to make a moon with foil, money and charcoal. The third activity was time zones and the fourth was research on the iPad. The fifth activity was to sort out the times that things have happened in space. The final activity was our favourite which was the lunar crater activity. We had to drop bluetack into flour – we got very messy!



By Ben Winter, Pierre Tshuma and Ellie Jackson

## **LSA Bags2School**

A massive thank you to everyone who supported the recent bag2school collection, we raised **£160.40**. Thank you to the children in Mr Wilkins' class, and Mrs Sams, who moved the 127 bags to the van, you were fantastic! Another collection has been arranged for Wednesday 23rd January. Thank you very much from the LSA.

## **LSA Christmas Fayre**

Planning for the Christmas Fayre is fully underway! We have a large variety of stalls planned, including fun and games, crafts with Mrs Claus, mulled wine, boozy hot chocolate and a new feature... our LSABay (like ebay but all the profits go to the LSA and therefore your children!) Put the date and time in your diary - 30th November @ 4.30-6pm.

We are always after donations of raffle prizes, chocolate tombola prizes, bottles of wine, and if you work for a company or know someone who would be happy to donate a prize or voucher for the LSABay, that would be great! Do message us by email [lawnschoolassociation@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lawnschoolassociation@hotmail.co.uk) or find us on Facebook Lawn School Association (LSA) and message us through there.

If you could donate 30 minutes of your time on the night, to help out on a stall, or to set up/pack away, please do let us know. Events like this are reliant on volunteers, and I promise you'll have a great time too!

Members of the LSA will be around at the forthcoming parents' evenings, selling raffle tickets for our fabulous colour themed hampers, tickets for the Christmas musical, so do stop to say hello! We are also after ideas from parents and children for the next fundraising project, you can either let us know there or come along to our next LSA meeting which is Wednesday 7th November in the Staff Room at 6pm. We would love to see you.

