Lane End Primary School Newsletter

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Summer Term Sunshine



The Summer term is upon is already upon us and the sun is shining!

Can we first of all say a big thank you to all the families that joined in with the Spring and Easter events. We had some wonderful cakes, buns and biscuits in school, and then some 'egg-citing' decorated egg entries. You are a talented bunch. We hope you enjoyed making them as we did looking at them. It was lovely to see so many of you at the Early Year Easter Bonnet parade too.

It is a busy term in school—we are having Sports Days this week (if that sunshine stays for us) and then there are lots of other events to follow through to 19th July. These are listed on this newsletter, and some that need further details will come out in letters nearer the dates. We don't always send text reminders too, so please make a note of them on your family calendars.

Thank you for your continuing support and lets have another fabulous term.

The Lane End Team

After School Provision

We have had a successful start to our new after school provision club—which runs every day until 5pm. The children that attend this enjoy all sorts of activities, crafts and games and also have a small snack meal and deal before being collected by parents/carers.

We do still have some places available in this provision so if you would like any places, for any days you may need this service, please ask the main office for a request form. The charge is £4 per day.

LATE COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

Although we understand that sometimes things happen that is out of your control and that you are late in collecting your children, it does mean that school needs to ensure there are staff available to supervise your child and make sure they are safe until you can get here. From next week (6th May onwards) if you are going to be late picking up your child, they will be put into the after school provision and you will be charged £4 for this place. This will cover the staffing and supervision costs.



Important dates coming up….

Monday 6th May: School is closed for the bank Holiday, opening again on Tuesday 7th May

Throughout the full month of May: Year 2 children will be showing off their learning skills in KS1 SAT 'Secret Agent Challenges'!

Friday 24th May: school closes at 3:15 pm for the half term break and re-opens again on Monday 3rd June 2019 8:50am

Monday 10th June until Friday 14th June: Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Friday 21st June: Wear it Yellow for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust Day—funding raising day for this charity. You can wear something yellow, put on yellow socks or hair accessories to show your support. Buns and biscuits will be on sale too.

Starting on Monday 1st July until the end of term: Your child's end of year report will be shared with you in a parent consultation meeting. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate all they have achieved through the year, and to talk about your child's next steps for learning as they get ready to move up to the next year group and class.

Wednesday 10th July: Lane End Summer Disco—times and information to follow closer to the time

Monday 15th July 2pm, Tuesday 16th July 9:30am: Lower Key Stage 2 End of year production

Friday 19th July: School closes at 3:15pm for the summer break. School reopening dates will follow soon. We will confirm the September/Autumn term start date as soon as the training day providers have confirmed this with us.



Walk to School Week 20th—24th May 2019

School has been asked to support this year's 'Walk to School' Week initiative, run and organised by Leeds City Council, which is happening between 20th and 24th May. The council is working hard to think of ways we can all improve the air we breathe in Leeds and this is one way they hope we can have an impact—by aiming to reducing air pollution around schools. Ideas the council have suggested we share with parents include: park and stride—parking a little further away from school and walking the last part of the journey to school or maybe organising car sharing that week with families that live near by you and travel by car also.

Going for Gold!



At Lane End Primary we love to celebrate the achievements of our children – both in and out of school.

This month we celebrated a very special achievement of one of our Year 2 children.

Olivia Clark attends a local Rainbow group and has worked hard and has now earned the Rainbow Gold Award! This is a new award which was introduced in September 2018 and is the highest award a Rainbow can earn. Not all Rainbows will earn the award and up to date only a handful of girls in the country have been awarded it. We think that Olivia is the only girl in her division to earn the award so far too. In order to gain the award Olivia had to earn badges, carrying out lots of different tasks and learning lots of new skills, from both the old and new Rainbow programme. She had to earn 3 Roundabout badges from the old programme (these were Seasons, Festivals and Global Adventure where she had to do several activities from each of the 4 sections of each badge) and 3 interest badges from the new programme which were - Family Tree, Agility and Drawing. She also had to complete her Gold Challenge which involved her making a collage, scrapbook or poster about her time in Rainbows to show to the rest of the group and also to visit Brownies to find out more about what they do.

Well done Olivia! We are very proud of you. She is now ready for her next adventure and will be joining the Brownie group as she is now 7 years old,

If you are inspired by Olivia's achievements and would like to find out more about joining a local Rainbow group, The name of the group is: 51st Leeds (Hunslet St.Mary's) Rainbows and they meet on Tuesday evenings in term time. If anyone is interested in joining they can register online at www.girlguiding.org.uk and it is for girls aged between 5 and 7.

Clean Air Plants for Classrooms



We were very excited to be approached by Ed Carlisle, and the South Leeds Alliance for Clean Air, and asked to be part of their 'Plants For the People' campaign. The group is looking at ways to improve the air quality in the south of Leeds. The idea is to distribute plants which are really effective in taking in carbon dioxide and pollutants from the air, and giving out oxygen. They aim to get air cleansing plants into every classroom, in every school, across south Leeds—and have started at Lane End! Katrine Bay Masden and Ed delivered the plants last week, and had a
meeting with our School Councillors, to explain the campaign and how we can help. Ed said " it was great to be in Lane End today—the youngsters were so engaged with this and similar issues". (See the full article in this months South Leeds Life newspaper).

Liz Miles, our school Science Lead teacher said that "the children and staff are thrilled to be part of the project bringing clean air plants in to the classroom. We are committed to developing responsible eco-citizens of the future, educating children in ways to look after our planet. This project is a fantastic way to promote this message in our classrooms."