Lane End Primary School Newsletter

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Important dates for your diary

Thursday 7th March— Dress up as a book character for **World Book Day**

Friday 15th March - **Comic Relief Day** (non uniform for £1 charity donation)

Monday 11th March - **Science Week** in school

Wednesday 13th March—**School Disco**, letters have been sent out already

Tuesday 19th March—**Parent Science workshop** (info to follow nearer the time)

Wednesday 20th March— **Class Photos**

Thursday 28th March—**Easter/Spring Family baking competition**

Friday 29th March—**last day** in school before the 2 week holiday

Monday 15th April -**school reopens**

Tuesday 16th April—**Decorated Egg competition entries**

Friday 19th April (Good Friday) -**school closed**

Monday 22nd April (Easter Monday) - **school closed**

Tuesday 23rd April—**school reopens**



Sports Day Events

EYFS Wed 1st May (pm)

KS1 Sports Day Thurs 2nd May (pm)

KS2 Sports Day Fri 3rd May (am)

Monday 6th May—Year 2 **KS1 SATs** start (all month)

Monday 10th—14th June **Y1 and Y2 Phonics Screening Check**

Friday 24th May—**last day of school** before the half term break

Monday 3rd June—**School re opens**

Wednesday 10th July—**School Disco**

Friday 19th July— **Last day of school** before the summer holiday break

Homework and Learning at Home

At Lane End we are changing the focus and organisation of homework as a whole school.

Reading will be the main expectation of work to be completed at home. Being a good reader is the key to making great progress in all areas of the learning. It has been proved that those children that read a lot, share and hear stories at home are far more successful throughout school.

Expectations

Please read your child's reading book with them at least 3 times a week. (Please sign in the yellow Reading diary book. If possible write a comment if you can.)

Also share the library books that your child chooses and brings home.

All and any extra shared reading is valuable—such as reading newspapers or information on an i-pad/electronic device, cookery books etc. The possibilities are endless.

Watch out for new reading challenges too!

"**Mathletics**" is also coming to Lane End This is an online maths programme where children can practice maths skills.

All pupils will be given a login which can be used to access Mathletics from home.

Pupils can then practice their mental maths and fluency challenges (Getting faster at working out maths facts).

The 'Mathletics' program allows pupils to complete challenges on their own or compete against class mates.

Log-ins and information will be sent home for Mathletics soon—after a launch assembly with all children, explaining what it is all about.

If you wish to support your child in other ways, you will have information about the other areas of learning your child will be doing from the information on the class pages of the website.

For example with your child you could find out more about the history, geography or science topics that they are learning about.

Also your child's teacher will on occasion set extra challenges, for you to try at home which might ask you to send pictures to the parents email.

Please be mindful that class teachers cannot provide extra activities for individual children or families.

After School Club Provision

I am pleased to tell you that in the Summer term, we are trialling a daily after school club, that will run every day, Monday – Friday, from 3:15 until 5:00 pm. This will start on Monday 15th April and will only run when school is open (not in school holidays or training days).

We have a small number of places for this club and these places will be allocated in such a way that will ensure we have a safe staffing to child supervision ratio. The cost for each session is £4 per day.

If you wish to request a place at the after school club, please complete a form and return to school by Friday 8th March.

Easter Family Fun

It is that time of year again—our annual family Easter Competitions!

We have decided to split up the 2 competitions, to ease the pressure on any families that want to take part in both.
So…



The Easter/Spring theme baking competition

Please could entries be brought to the school hall on Thursday 28th March at the start of the day. (By 9am) This includes any afternoon Nursery children's entries as they need to be in school for judging at 9:15 am.

These will be judged on this day and prize winners announced in the assembly the following day. The entries will then be sliced up and sold on the end of that school day and the following day. All money from these sales will go towards our fund raising project this year which is to buy extra staging blocks for the school productions such as the Christmas concerts.



Decorate an Egg Competition

Entries need to be in school on Tuesday 16th April—once again, please bring them to the school hall on that morning (by 9am) . Afternoon Nursery children can bring those in with them at 12:30 that day. Prizes and certificates will be awarded in an assembly on Thursday 18th April.

Healthy Capital Grant

We are very pleased to share with you that we have been successful in a bid application we submitted for a Healthy Capital Grant.
The school Governors and myself wrote an application asking for up to £20,000 to help us buy a range of extra equipment that will help all the children in school stay fit and healthy. Some children in Year 4 helped me by writing and performing a poem that we sent as a video as part of the application—explaining how the extra playground equipment would help them to keep active, fit and healthy. The panel who decided on the applications must have been so impressed with the children's performance that we were awarded the full, maximum amount of £20,000 we asked for!
Look out for water drinking fountains in the playground, and an amazing new Trim Trail for all the children to enjoy.
Well done everyone.

