

Lydgate Junior School

NEWSLETTER

April 2017



Dear Parents / Carers,

Diary dates

Monday 10 th April – Friday 21 st April	School closed for the Easter holidays
Monday 24 th April	Pupils return to school for the Summer Term
Wednesday 26 th April	Class photographs being taken
Monday 1 st May	Bank holiday – school closed
Wednesday 3 rd May, 1.30pm – 4.30pm	MAST link worker in school – appointments available
Thursday 4 th May, 4pm – 5.30pm	Uniform evening for Y6 families going to Tapton School
Monday 8 th – Thursday 11 th May	Y6 SATs week
Wednesday 17 th May, 7pm	FOLA AGM (in school), all welcome
Wednesday 24 th May, 9.15am	Y3 performance, all parents welcome
Friday 9 th – Sunday 11 th June	Y6 residential to Edale
Wednesday 28 th June, 3.30pm	Fun Run – details to follow
Thursday 29 th June, 6.45pm	Crosspool Crawl – details to follow
Tuesday 4 th July	Transition day for Y6 pupils going to King Edward VII School
Thursday 6 th July	Transition day for Y6 pupils going to Tapton School
Wednesday 12 th July	Sports Day

Spring term highlights

Once again, this term has been full of exciting activities. We hope that parents of pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 have enjoyed watching their class assemblies. Year 3 enjoyed their trip to Poole's Cavern in Buxton, and Y4VS and Y4HN completed their swimming lessons at King Edward's pool. Year 5 had a wonderful day at the Space Centre in Leicester. Year 6 raised a grand total of £947 with their apprentice sale; the money will go towards paying for the coaches to Edale. Y6 pupils also welcomed "Mr Frostbite" who talked about his inspirational life experiences.

Once again, we were very proud of our choir who sang beautifully at a concert in aid of the charity, Home-Start. Thank you to all the parents who came along in support.

Next term, we will be introducing a road safety campaign. This follows a study by Y6 looking at parking on Manchester Road and how carefully pupils use the pedestrian crossing. Sophia (Y4) has contacted Nick Clegg MP, asking for his help in reducing the speed limit outside school. He has written back to her saying that he will contact the Council on her behalf. We will keep you updated!

Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who joined in with our Red Nose Day activities. What a wonderful day we had!! We did a very brisk trade in red noses, selling a grand total of 900!!!! Zack from Y5 'braved the shave' and raised an amazing £1034 in doing so. Thank you to all the families who donated cakes and buns for our sale and to all the pupils who donated £1 and wore non-uniform.

Arrival time – when school takes responsibility for your child

We have too many pupils arriving onsite far too early. We only take responsibility for supervision and safety of pupils from ten minutes before school starts. As school starts at 8.45am, there is no need for pupils to be on-site before 8.35am. The only exceptions should be attendance at organised before school activities, such as gymnastics, fencing or Lexia intervention.

Mobile phones brought to school

We adopt a pragmatic approach to pupils bringing mobile phones to school. I know that any attempt to ban them would be futile, and would cause direct conflict with some parents. So instead we allow children to bring a phone (at their own risk) but we insist that they are switched off and handed in at the start of the day. This way we avoid misuse, misinterpretation and 'misplacing' of mobiles.

Pupil numbers for 2017 entry:

Due to pressure on the local authority to find Primary and Secondary school places in the area for 2017 entry we were asked to take extra pupils for September entry. To protect the quality of provision for your child school's Governors have said 'No'. The admission limit per year group is 120 pupils and we will be trying to keep to that.

No change – staff stability and continuity

Parents can become anxious about change in personnel or provision unsettling their child. It strikes me that we, in fact, have very little staff change here. We have neither bade farewell to any colleagues, nor welcomed any new colleagues this half term. This low staff turn-over is, I believe, an indicator of the positive and pleasant atmosphere in our school. It is a great place to come to work each day, whether you are an adult or a child.

MAST advice

The school-MAST link worker will be in school next on 3rd May between 1.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. Do you have concerns about any of the following in your family: sleep, emotional well-being, stress management, housing problems, finances, family relationships, family breakdown, school attendance? If you would like to see her, please telephone the office to make an appointment.

Student teachers

Five of our classes recently enjoyed the experience of having trainee teachers with them for extended placements. We are very happy to continue to work with Sheffield Hallam University to offer placements. Our pupils get a great deal from this period where there is an additional professional in the classroom. The students are closely monitored, supervised and mentored by our staff and their university tutors. All the final year students had strong pass grades at their final reviews.

Well done to....

- ❖ Rayanah, Amina, Millie, Bhavi, Emily, Eve, Bilqees, Ranya & Liza from Y5 who raised £30 for the PDSA charity.
- ❖ Grace (Y5), who competed in the Yorkshire Badminton Association Under 12 Championships recently. She took the title in each category – singles, girls' doubles and mixed doubles.
- ❖ The following pupils who have achieved their next belt in karate: Bethany (Y5) - Orange Belt; Wilf (Y4), Benedict (Y4) & Liza (Y5) – Green Belt; Ben (Y4) & James (Y4) – Yellow Belt
- ❖ The Lydgate Junior School cheerleading squad who took part in the South Yorkshire Schools' Games. Standards were extremely high and they achieved a very strong 4th place against ten other primary schools. The girls train with the Performix cheerleading after school club. They performed brilliantly and we are very proud of them.
- ❖ Rita (Y5), who gained a distinction in her piano exam.
- ❖ Roneth (Y3), who has progressed to the second round of the BBC's "500 words" competition; only 500 entries out of a total of 132,000 were put through so he has already done very well. Fingers crossed for him in the next round, where the 500 are reduced to 50.

- ❖ Megan (Y3), who gained 3rd place in the Bradford Solo Ice Dance Competition; due to this success she will now go on to compete in a competition in Edinburgh. Megan dedicates 6 hours per week to training.
- ❖ Theo (Y5), who came second in the British Schools Gymnastics Association's national trampoline final. We are very proud that Theo represented Lydgate Junior School in this event!
- ❖ Evie (Y5), who has achieved Grade 3 in her gymnastics exam.

Beat Club

This club is run by Toni Cannelli and takes place after school on Mondays. There are a few vacancies for new starters; contact him on 0114 2684678 for more information.

I wish all our families a safe and happy Easter holiday and look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Monday 24th April.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Jones
Headteacher

Lydgate Junior School, Terms and Holiday Dates, 2017 - 2018

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 Denotes School Holidays

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 Denotes Staff Training (school closed to pupils)