

Lydgate Junior School

NEWSLETTER

April 2016



Dear Parents / Carers,

Diary Dates

Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th May	Year 6 - SATs week
Friday 13 th – Sunday 15 th May	Year 6 residential trip to Edale
Friday 20 th May	FOLA film night, details to follow
Thursday 26 th & Friday 27 th May	INSET days – school closed to pupils
Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June	Half-term holiday, school closed
Monday 6 th June	School re-opens for the second half of the Summer term
Tuesday 14 th June, 6.30pm	Information evening for Y6 families going to King Edward VII School in September (at KES Lower School)
Thursday 16 th June, 7pm	Music Concert, St John's Ranmoor
Friday 24 th June – Sunday 3 rd July	Crosspool Festival - more information at https://crosspool.info/events/crosspool-festival-2016
Monday 27 th June	Induction day for Y6 pupils going to Tapton School in September
Tuesday 28 th June, 6pm	Information evening for Y6 families going to Tapton School in September (at Tapton School)
Wednesday 29 th June, from 3.45pm	Fun Run – Tapton Field
Thursday 30 th June, 6.15pm	FOLA 'Crosspool Crawl', details below
Tuesday 5 th July	Induction day for Y6 pupils going to King Edward VII School in September
Wednesday 6 th July	Sports day – details to follow
Tuesday 19 th July	Last day of term. School closes at 3.15pm
Monday 5 th September	School re-opens - Autumn term

Staff News

You might hear the names of some new members of staff from your children. Ms Grimsley and Miss Lee are new Higher Level Teaching Assistants working across the school delivering release for teachers. Miss Furness is School Business Manager, leading the administration and finance functions. Mrs Green and Mrs Sutton are new midday supervisors, who have joined our team. All are enjoying their new jobs and working with these fabulous children.

Nick Clegg Visit

Nick Clegg MP visited a couple of weeks ago so we could highlight premises issues. He has taken up our issues with the local authority. We hope to see our building needs given a higher priority.

Crosspool Crawl

Whether you are an experienced runner or first time racer, come along and have a go! The race (4.5 miles long, over a mix of trail and road) will start and finish at the Sportsman Pub, on Redmires Road, Lodge Moor (S10 4LJ) on the evening of 30th June. Entry is open to anyone over 14 years old. The cost is £10 and all proceeds go to FOLA. Application forms are available at the school office or via our website www.lydgatejunior.co.uk; race packs will be given out before the event.

Finance Update - Governors' agreed budget 2016/17

The table overleaf gives an outline of the budget set by School's Governors. There is a huge background to, and massive implications of, this financial plan. Much has already been explained to parents, especially in staffing expenditure changes.

Some points to note:

1. Overall income is down by 1%, despite school having more pupils than a year ago.
2. Teaching staff costs are down (-7.5%) due to reducing teacher numbers.
3. Allocation for supply teacher expenditure is up (by 102%) because we have chosen not to insure against staff absence. The increase is the saved premium.
4. Support staff costs are up due to the appointment of two new HLTA posts.
5. Despite pressing needs we are reducing premises maintenance expenditure further (-21.5%) by contracting for servicing on an individual contract basis.
6. Learning resources expenditure is reduced by £11,000 (from £77,000) due to contract savings.
7. Catering costs are down due to a fall in the level of free school meal entitlement. We'd be happy for this cost to increase because the subsequent Pupil Premium income would also increase.
8. The forecast total balance at 31st March 2017 is already unlikely to be achieved. With additional costs from staff change related to maternity leave and admin assistant replacement, and the start of year balance including funding ring-fenced for sport and for mental health work, the balance forecast is expected to be £20,000 or just 1.2% of income.

Budget Comparison Lydgate Junior School	December 2015 position	2016/17 budget	% change
Income			
Funds Delegated by the LEA	£1,556,324	£1,587,337	1.99%
SEN Funding	£24,500	£2,500	-89.8%
Funding for Minority Ethnic Pupils	£9,088	£7,740	-14.83%
Pupil Premium	£72,048	£66,000	-8.39%
Income from Facilities and Services	£1,005	£721	-28.26%
Receipts from Supply Teachers Insurance Claims	£7,791	£0	-100%
Receipts from Other Insurance Claims	£7,792	£0	-100%
Income from Contributions	£40,657	£40,657	0%
Additional Grant For Schools	£10,430	£4,346	-58.33%
Total Income	£1,729,635	£1,709,301	-1.18%
Expenditure			
Teaching Staff (including supply)	£1,005,134	£929,572	-7.52%
Supply Teaching Staff	£18,750	£37,888	102.07%
Education Support Staff	£187,647	£229,029	22%
Premises Staff	£65,576	£68,491	4.45%
Administrative Staff	£74,760	£77,128	3.17%
Cost of Other Staff	£35,637	£37,226	4.46%
Indirect employee expenses	£7,613	£764	-89.96%
Staff Development and Training	£2,750	£2,750	0%
Supply Teacher Insurance	£19,142	£0	-100%
Staff Related Insurance	£5,348	£0	-100%
Buildings Maintenance and Improvement	£24,396	£19,145	-21.52%
Grounds Maintenance and Improvement	£4,580	£4,207	-8.14%
Cleaning and Caretaking	£3,150	£3,108	-1.33%
Water and Sewerage	£4,704	£4,500	-4.34%
Energy	£15,500	£19,460	25.55%
Rates	£17,132	£17,271	0.81%
Other Occupation costs	£5,400	£6,417	18.83%
Learning Resources	£54,872	£48,762	-11.14%
ICT Learning Resources	£32,206	£27,482	-14.67%
Administrative Supplies (inc. communications and graphics)	£38,170	£39,029	2.25%
Other Insurance Premiums	£16,153	£16,313	0.99%
Catering Supplies	£35,261	£30,922	-12.31%
Bought in Professional Services - Curriculum	£41,600	£38,163	-8.26%
Bought in Services - Other	£22,533	£20,917	-7.17%
Total Revenue Expenditure	£1,738,014	£1,678,544	-3.42%
Revenue Balance at the Start of Year	£15,526	£7,012	-54.8%
In Year Revenue Balance	-£8,739	£30,757	
Revenue Balance at the End of Year	£7,147	£37,770	428.47%

Street Food

Taylor Shaw is now offering a new item on the school menu 'Street Food' which is proving very popular. In fact it is so popular some of the children are changing their menu choice to this at the point of service. This option is currently only available on Tuesdays. Children have now seen all three options on the rotating weekly menu and should now be familiar with the option available. If your child would like to try it, have a look at the Tuesday menu and remind the children to tell the teacher during registration. This week we served 155 street foods, against 70 jacket potatoes and only 34 standard meals. We really don't want the children to be disappointed if their choice of meal is not available so, along with the teachers asking the children during registration, we would be grateful if parents could discuss the options too before leaving home.

School terms and holiday dates

Please find details of school term and holiday dates for **2016/17** at the end of this newsletter. Please also note that school closes for the summer holiday this term on **Tuesday 19th July 2016**.

Music news

One hundred children from our school joined two thousand other children from primary schools all over Sheffield for a concert at the City Hall. It was an amazing concert featuring a huge orchestra – the Hallé from Manchester, who played exciting music ranging from John William's Superman Theme to Bach's Toccata and Fugue. The children also participated in a mass sing-along!

There will be a Lydgate Junior School Music extravaganza at Ranmoor Church on Thursday June 16th. This concert will feature orchestra, windband, choir, boys' choir and Y3 singers from Mrs Tierney's and Mrs Wymer's classes. The concert will start at 7pm and should finish around 8.30pm.

LISA/FOLA - Lydgate School Ball

Thank you to all those who supported the ball on Saturday 16th April. A fun night was had by all we raised £822 to be split between the two schools. Thanks to all the local businesses who contributed to the raffle prizes. (Nest, Spar, Peppermint, Vittles, Sainsburys, Cocker and Carr, Flower Design, Bamforths, Inspiration, Crosspool Fish Bar, Tavern Garage, MediSpa, Aspects of Beauty, Philip James Butchers, The Sportsman, The York, Layers Carpets, Boudoir).

Sainsbury's Vouchers

We would be very grateful for any vouchers from parents / carers – in previous years we have used them to buy cooking and PE equipment. This year the vouchers will look slightly different – you will still get a voucher for every £10 spent, but they will all be printed on one piece of paper.

Well done to....

Eve Reilly in 3CT who raised £170.00 for St Wilfrid's Centre, which supports homeless and vulnerable people in Sheffield. She would like to pass on a big thank you to all her friends (and staff!) who supported her with sponsorship when she participated in the Sheffield Half Marathon Mini Fun Run.

Regards



Mr S Jones
Headteacher

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SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS
ACADEMIC YEAR 2016 – 2017

Term Dates

Autumn Term	Thursday 1 September to Friday 16 December 2016
Spring Term	Tuesday 3 January to Friday 7 April 2017
Summer Term	Monday 24 April to Tuesday 21 July 2017

Holiday Periods

Autumn Half Term	Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October 2016
Christmas	Monday 19 December to Monday 2 January 2017
Spring Half Term	Monday 20 February to Friday 24 February 2017
Easter	Monday 10 April to Friday 21 April 2017
May Day	Monday 1 May 2017
Spring Bank	Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2017
Summer	School closes at 3.15 p.m. on Friday 21 July 2017

The school is **also closed to pupils** on five staff curriculum training days. These days are the same as Lydgate Infant School

Thursday	1 September 2016
Friday	2 September 2016
Tuesday	3 January 2017
Wednesday	4 January 2017
Monday	5 June 2017