

Lydgate Junior School

NEWSLETTER

July 2018



Dear Parents / Carers,

Diary Dates

20 th July, 3.15 p.m.	School closes to pupils for the summer holidays
5 th September	School re-opens for the autumn term
21 st September, 5 p.m.	FOLA BBQ
26 th September	Photographer in school for individual pupil photographs

Half-term highlights

As part of their history topic, Year 3 pupils enjoyed their 'Greek Day' with a busy day of activities including craft, writing, maths, history and dance, and a food tasting session.

Pupils in Year 4 visited the Moorland Discovery centre at the Longshaw Estate, as part of their science topic.

Year 5 visited the Madina Mosque, as well as enjoying a walk along the River Porter. Year 5 parents and carers were invited to watch the children perform their end of year play, which was greatly enjoyed by everyone involved.

Around 100 pupils from Year 6 spent a wonderful weekend at Edale for their residential trip; this is what some of them said:

"To all the teachers who organised Edale...THANK YOU!! It was one of the best experiences of my life."

"Thank you so much for this amazing experience. All of the activities were brilliant."

"One of the good things about Edale is we had lots of independence."

"The activities were amazing and so were the instructors."

Staff news

We send our best wishes to Mrs Kent who has been a midday supervisor at the school for five years. She has completed her teaching assistant training, and is leaving to pursue this role.

Text messages

Our text message provider, teachers2parents, has launched a free app which parents can download on Android and iOS. All text messages and upcoming event information will be in one place, so you will no longer need to scroll through your messages to find texts which we might have sent some time ago.

Please be aware that the notification alert facility is not yet fully working; the provider is aware of this problem and they are working to resolve it. The message will still be delivered to your app, you just won't get a notification at the moment. This means that you will also receive the message in text format for the time being. If you do not have an Apple or Android phone and are unable to download the app, you will still receive school text messages as normal.

As well as the text message facility there is a noticeboard/calendar where we will publish events for the forthcoming week every Friday. We hope you will find this useful.

Sports news

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who joined us on sports day; we had a great day and there were some great moments of sportsmanship and co-operation. The winning team was Jamaica!!

The school cross country season begins in the autumn term. We have a proud tradition of competing and we have some very talented and enthusiastic runners. If there are any parents who would be willing to join us on Saturday mornings from time to time to assist with organising the children, please could you contact Mrs Wymer (Year 6 teacher) at school? Year 3 children are allowed to take part in the Year 4 races once they are eight years old. All Y3s, regardless of their age, may run after Christmas.

FOLA news

A big thank you to everyone who has been involved in making FOLA events happen this year. We've had another fantastic year of successful discos, film nights and the Crosspool Crawl. Such things involve a great deal of coordination behind the scenes and simply would not happen without the commitment of parents and staff who support them.

We look forward to inviting everyone to attend our first event of the next school year, the End of Summer BBQ. This annual event will take place on Friday 21st September from 5.30pm. We are looking forward to welcoming our new Year 3 families. There will be food and drink stalls and lots of fun activities for the whole family to get involved with. All families are welcome.

The FOLA team are also looking for your help to run the BBQ and a letter will go out the first week back in September. We would be very grateful for any donations of second hand books and prizes for the tombola so please keep hold of these over the summer and drop them into the office when we come back to school. Raffle tickets will also be sent home during the first week of term. If you are able to donate a prize for the raffle please email fola.lydgate@gmail.com in advance.

Many thanks for your continued support. We are looking forward to another successful year of raising money for our school.

Well done to.....

- ❖ Harry (Y3), Diana (Y3) and Hodan (Y4) – graded to karate red belt
- ❖ Ranveer (Y3), Kate (Y3) and Tom (Y4) – graded to karate yellow belt
- ❖ Erika (Y6), Edward (Y5), Ben (Y6), Lucy (Y3) and Harry (Y4) – graded to karate orange belt
- ❖ Jasper (Y4) and Tommy (Y6) – graded to karate green belt
- ❖ Wilf (Y5), Liza (Y6) and Benedict (Y5) – graded to karate purple belt
- ❖ Nell (Y5) who was awarded the red belt in taekwondo
- ❖ Zach (Y4), Ranveer (Y3), Hassan (Y4) and Benedict (Y5) competed in the annual Kata karate competition. They all did really well, with Zach and Ranveer coming second in their categories
- ❖ Will (Y3) who competed in a football tournament with his team, Hillsborough Pumas U9, and won the trophy!

We wish everyone a happy and healthy summer break; we say goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 pupils, who are moving onto secondary schools in Sheffield and beyond; we send our very best wishes to you, and to your families.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday 5th September, for the beginning of the autumn term. Pupils in Y4, Y5 and Y6 should gather on the top yard ready to be met by their teachers.

Our new Y3 children should go to the hall where they will be greeted by their teachers.



Headteacher