

*Lydgate Junior School*  
**NEWSLETTER**  
*June 2017*



Dear Parents / Carers,

**Diary dates**

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition day for Y6 pupils going to King Edward VII School
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 river walk
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4HN & Y4S/R to visit the Longshaw Estate
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition day for Y6 pupils going to Taptan School
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4H/S & Y4VS to visit the Longshaw Estate
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July a.m.	Sports Day for Y3 & Y4
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July p.m.	Sports Day for Y5 & Y6
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July, 5.30 p.m. – 7 p.m.	FOLA disco for Y3, 4 & 5
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July, 9.15 a.m.	Y6 leavers' assembly, all Y6 parents welcome
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July, 5.30 p.m. – 8 p.m.	Y6 leavers' Prom
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July, 3.15 p.m.	School closes for the Summer holidays
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September, 8.45 a.m.	School re-opens to pupils for the Autumn Term

**Staff News**

We are preparing to say goodbye to Mrs Hardy (Y4 teacher) will retire at the end of this term, following an amazing 37 years' of service at this Lydgate Junior School! I am sure those of you with children who have been fortunate enough to have been taught by her will join all the staff here in sending her our warmest wishes and heartfelt thanks.

We will welcome Miss Wall to the school in September: some of you will know her from the time she spent in school during the Spring term. Miss Wall will teach in Year 4.

**End of year transition**

We have already started the process of planning and discussion to ensure as smooth a transition as possible for pupils when they move to their next year group in September.

Year 2 pupils will visit several times between now and the end of the Summer Term.

Year 3 classes will progress to Year 4 as follows:

Y3JD →	Y4S/D (Mrs Shaw and Mrs Drury)
Y3W/W →	Y4S/S (Mrs A Smith and Mrs L Smith)
Y3R/D →	Y4AW (Miss Wall)
Y3EC →	Y4HN (Miss Norris)

Year 4 and Year 5 pupils are aware that we have made the decision to re-organise the classes in this year group. This is something we do from time to time, to re-establish the gender balance and the number of pupils with additional needs in each class. All children will visit their new classrooms and teachers on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

Year 6 pupils will be spending a transition day at their various Secondary Schools, as well as attending welcome evenings.

## **Attendance**

I am delighted to say that 81 of our pupils have attended school every single day since September, to date. The overall attendance figure for the school stands at 97.6% for the year so far – slightly above our target of 97.4%.

If your child is ill, please phone the office before 9.15 a.m. on the first day of absence, and then again every other day to keep us updated.

Pupils arriving at school after 8.45 a.m. will be marked on the register as being 'late' - please note that pupils may go into their classroom from 8.35 a.m. to settle and organise themselves for the start of the day.

Unfortunately we also have nine pupils with attendance of below 90% - this is considered to be 'persistent absence' and is referred to the Local Authority's Attendance Officer.

## **Music News**

Thank you to all the parents/carers who have supported their children's musical interests this year – be it learning an instrument or encouraging choir practice. I hope you all enjoyed the music "extravaganza" evening at St Mark's Church in Broomhill; I am very proud of all the children who took part, as, I'm sure, you are too.

Letters have just been sent home inviting children to sign up to learn a musical instrument in school. The deadline for responses is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July.

## **Year 6 News**

Our Year 6 children showed remarkable resilience and stamina throughout their SATs week in May. They displayed resilience, determination and self-belief. Well done to each and every one of them - we couldn't be more proud. Maybe it was the thought of our Edale residential which kept them going!! A fabulous time was had by children and adults alike....

"I loved going to Edale and everything was great! The rooms were really cool and the food was amazing. The instructors were really nice and all of the activities were great fun. You will get to learn lots of new things, make new friends, and go through some new experiences. You will love Edale" (Alicia).

"Edale is one of the best experiences I have ever had. It was a fun-filled weekend, with great activities. You will learn so many new things. You will have lots of fun and you will have the time of your life!" (Amelia).

Thank you to all the members of staff who gave up their weekend to go on the trip and who went out of their way to ensure the children were well looked after. To date, around seven hundred Year 6 children have enjoyed this taste of the "great outdoors"; letters for next year's trip have just been sent to pupils in Year 5 for them to sign up. The deadline for this is Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

## **Sports news**

- ❖ We won the Schools Swimming Gala (Division A)!!! We took fifteen children to Ponds Forge from Y3 to Y6: Luke (Y6), Erik (Y6), Ruby (Y5), Emily (Y5), Nina (Y4), Edward (Y4), James (Y4), Ben (Y4), Elsie (Y4), Martha (Y5), Eve (Y4), Max R (Y5), Miles (Y5), Callum (Y6), Megan (Y3). Well done to everyone involved.
- ❖ We narrowly missed out on going through to the South Yorkshire finals in our recent High Five netball tournament. We were beaten only by a golden goal. Well done to all the Year 6s who took part and played brilliantly.

- ❖ Karate: Amina (Y5) and Hassan (Y3) achieved their Red Belts; Zach (Y3) and Tilen (Y3) achieved their Yellow Belts; Noah (Y4), Josh (Y4) and Millie (Y5) achieved their Green Belts; and Harrison (Y5) achieved his Orange Belt.
- ❖ Fifteen children have made it through to the City Finals in athletics: Jenna (Y5), Leo (Y5), Dannii (Y6), Katie (Y5), Finley (Y5), Kristian (Y5), Joe (Y6), Esme (Y6), Thea (Y6), Lauren (Y6), Ruby (Y5), Tom (Y6), Max (Y5), Harmonie (Y5) and Scott (Y6).
- ❖ Finley and Jake (both Y5) have made it through to the second round of trials for the U11 Sheffield Schools' Football team.
- ❖ Thea (Y6) has made it through trials for the Sheffield United Academy and will start training with them next season.
- ❖ Evie and Ruby (both Y5) have both moved up to the next level in gymnastics.

### **Sainsbury's vouchers**

If you have any vouchers at home, could they be sent to school as soon as possible please? We will be sending them off in the next week.

### **Parking News**

You're on your way to work, and drop off children as you pass school. Or you are on the way between dropping off at two schools. Or maybe you live a distance from school and other transport is not possible so you drive your children to school.

I understand that the car will be the regular mode of transport for some families. However, the majority walk, scoot, cycle or bus to school. Please park carefully and with consideration for pedestrians, schools, neighbours and other road users.

As Manchester Road has been resurfaced and the road markings have been replaced. The zig-zags marking the school entrances indicate no parking, or stopping to unload/load between the indicated times.

Yours sincerely



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