

*Lydgate Junior School*  
**NEWSLETTER**  
*June 2018*



Dear Parents / Carers,

**Diary Dates**

26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Greek day (in school)
27 <sup>th</sup> June, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.	Information evening for parents of Year 2 pupils joining Lydgate Junior School in September
28 <sup>th</sup> June, 7:30 p.m.	FOLA AGM (in school) – all parents/carers very welcome
29 <sup>th</sup> June, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Y5 performance in the school hall, all Y5 parents & carers welcome
29 <sup>th</sup> June – 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Y6 residential trip to Edale
4 <sup>th</sup> July, 6:45 p.m.	FOLA 'Crosspool Crawl'
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Induction day for Year 6 pupils going to King Edward VII school in September
5 <sup>th</sup> July, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.	Welcome evening for Year 6 pupils going to Tapton school in September
5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Induction days for Year 6 pupils going to Tapton school in September
11 <sup>th</sup> July (a.m.)	Sports day for pupils in Year 3 & Year 4
11 <sup>th</sup> July (p.m.)	Sports day for pupils in Year 5 & Year 6
12 <sup>th</sup> July, 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.	FOLA disco for pupils in Years 3, 4 & 5
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 river walk trip
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4AW & Y4S/D visit to Longshaw
18 <sup>th</sup> July, 9.15 a.m.	Year 6 Leavers' assembly, Y6 parents welcome
19 <sup>th</sup> July, 5.30 p.m.	Year 6 Leavers' Prom

**Staff Change**

Mrs Grimsley, one of our Higher Level Teaching Assistants, has left to start her maternity leave. We send her our best wishes and congratulations.

Her duties will be covered by Miss Woffinden until the end of this term.

**Year 6 News**

Our Year 6 children showed remarkable resilience, determination and stamina throughout their 'SAT's week in May. Well done to each and every one of them - we could not be more proud.

Results are not available to school until 10<sup>th</sup> July; we will send them out to parents as soon as we can.

**Road Safety / Pelican Crossing**

One of our pupils was involved in a collision with a car on the Manchester Road crossing this week. The immediate care given by parents, staff and emergency services personnel was terrific! The child was not badly hurt. We will be reinforcing the messages about how to use the crossing safely – pedestrians need to really look to ensure that cars, bikes and so on have actually stopped before they cross the road.

I am sure you will also want to remind your child about road safety issues such as this.

Both recent incidents happened as a result of a child rushing out onto a road. Both could, therefore, have been avoided.

## **Art Project – Scarecrows**

This term we are supporting the Crosspool Festival Scarecrow Competition. Children and staff are using 'Inspirational Women' as their theme.

Look out for the displayed figures and information boards around the school. Could you make one at home?

## **End of Year Transition**

We have already started the process of discussions, meetings and visits 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 teachers will also visit the Infant School to meet the Year 2 pupils and teachers.
- Year 3 and Year 4 pupils are aware that we have made the decision to re-organise the classes in their year groups. 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.
- Year 5 classes will remain unchanged moving into Year 6.
- Pupils in Y3, Y4 and Y5 will visit their new classrooms and teachers for the whole day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July.
- Year 6 pupils will be spending a transition day at their various secondary schools, as well as attending welcome evenings. Staff from all the destination secondary schools will visit us to meet the Y6 pupils who will be joining them in September.

## **Introducing Charges for (some) Activities**

From September school will be levying a charge on the providers of some extra-curricular activities. This is to cover our administration and premises costs. We hope that all activities remain viable for the providers and parents, of course, but pressures on the school budget require us to make this change. It is possible that some activities will cost more per session, from September.

## **Uniform Policy and Jewellery**

Sorry to grouch, but I need to remind you, and a growing number of pupils, that they should not be wearing jewellery to school (other than a watch and stud earrings). We will be asking children directly not to wear necklaces, bracelets and rings.

Over 100 people responded to the 'temperature-taking' survey on my weekly blog about uniform: 90% of respondents want no change. Thank you for that support. The policy will continue to say that our uniform is supported by parents.

## **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. Trophies were presented to Bob, Ben M and Dishita (all in Y6) for their commitment and dedication to learning and playing music at school.
- Letters have been sent home inviting children to sign up to learn a musical instrument in school. The deadline for responses is 27<sup>th</sup> June.
- Sheffield Music Hub – holiday course for musicians from Y3 – Y13. The course will run from 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> July from 9.15 a.m. – 4 p.m. and will cost £60. Extended hours care is available at additional cost. Email [musicservice@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:musicservice@sheffield.gov.uk) for more details.

### **'Park and Stride' Project**

Recently we welcomed George from Modeshift STARS (Sustainable Travel Accreditation and Recognition Scheme) to the school. She worked with our School Council and RRS reps to create a 'Park and Stride' zone for our school. This is a simple idea to enable families who live some distance from school to enjoy the benefits of walking to school.

The children worked out points (both 5 and 10 minutes' walk away from school) where families can safely park and then have a brief walk into school. The added benefit of the scheme is a reduction in parking and congestion around the immediate vicinity of school. We will let you know where these points are soon.

The children are, largely, already active travellers; walking, scooting or cycling to school in such great numbers that we have run out of stickers for the charts displayed in the classrooms!

### **School Meals Feedback**

Some of our school Governors recently spent lunchtime on school and took a school meal. The meals' contractor, Taylor Shaw, has been invited to discuss their service with Governors at a regular meeting next term.

The recent 'Feedback' process did raise a few points about lunch provision. In response I invited parents to join a 'Round Table' discussion after taking a lunch themselves. No parents took up this opportunity.

Taylor Shaw will, like at this time last year, be represented at the Y2/3 parents' information evening. This is so parents of our September intake of pupils can sample and discuss the provision with the provider.

The reason we do not invite all parents to school to try a school meal is simply one of logistics – we could not accommodate the potential numbers.

### **FOLA News**

- Crosspool Crawl: this is a 4.5 mile long race, and is open to anyone over the age of 14. The cost to enter is £10 (£5 for under 22s). More information and application forms available from the school office or via email [crosspoolcrawl@gmail.com](mailto:crosspoolcrawl@gmail.com)
- The FOLA summer disco for Y3, Y4 & Y5 pupils will be held in the school hall from 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. on 12<sup>th</sup> July. A letter has been sent home with more information.

### **Sports News**

- Several pupils recently took part in the Youdan Trophy Football Tournament: we reached the knock out stage of the first round. Khaled (Y6) was presented with an award for his football skills by the referees.
- A team of 16 pupils took part in the Sheffield Schools' Swimming Gala: they all swam very well and finished in 5th place in Division A.
- A group of Y5 children represented the school in the Kwik Cricket city finals. They played brilliantly and demonstrated great sportsmanship; we are very proud of them all.

### **Well Done to...**

Tilen (Y4) who received a medal for his 3rd place in the Edale Country Fayre junior fell race – a distance of 7.6 km.



Headteacher