

Lydgate Junior School
NEWSLETTER
May 2017



Dear Parents / Carers,

Diary dates

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| Monday 5 th June | INSET day, school closed to pupils |
| Tuesday 6 th June, 8.45 a.m. | School re-opens to pupils |
| Friday 9 th – Sunday 11 th June | Y6 residential to Edale |
| Saturday 10 th June – Sunday 18 th June | Broomhill Festival |
| Tuesday 13 th June, 9 a.m. – 10.30.a.m. | Y5 assembly, all parents welcome |
| Wednesday 14 th June | School- MAST link worker |
| Wednesday 21 st June | Music concert, St Mark's Church, Broomhill |
| Friday 23 rd June – Sunday 2 nd July | Crosspool Festival |
| Wednesday 28 th June, 3.30 p.m. | FOLA Fun Run |
| Thursday 29 th June, 6.45 p.m. | Crosspool Crawl |
| 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 |
| Thursday 13 th July a.m. | Sports Day for Y3 & Y4 *please note change of date* |
| Thursday 13 th July p.m. | Sports Day for Y5 & Y6 *please note change of date* |
| Wednesday 19 th July | Y6 leavers' assembly, all parents welcome |
| Thursday 20 th July, 5.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. | Y6 leavers' prom |
| Friday 21 st July | School closes for the Summer holidays |
| Tuesday 5 th September | School re-opens to pupils for the Autumn Term |

Y6 SATs

We are so proud of our Year 6 children. Their commitment, continued hard work, and resilience shone through during SATs week. The tests this year were tough in places, but fair, and every single person tried their best. What a fantastic attitude! They are a credit to you, themselves and Lydgate Junior School.

MAST Advice

The school-MAST link worker will be in school next on 14th June 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.

Behaviour Policy

After an extensive review and reformulation, a new Policy is being presented to Governors later this term. It is titled 'Positive Relationships Policy' deliberately so it covers what we are promoting ahead of behaviours we want to address.

Assuming governors agree the new Policy, I will be sharing it with parents (and pupils and staff) by email, website and at an open presentation evening.

Music News

♪ There will be a Lydgate Junior School Music “summer extravaganza” at St Mark’s Church, Broomhill on Wednesday 21st June. This concert will feature Orchestra, Windband, Choir and Handbells. It will start at 7 p.m. and will finish at approximately 8.30 p.m. Please note the venue - St Mark’s Church.

♪ Would your child like to learn a musical instrument at school? We have a long tradition of music making, which has enabled children to participate in Orchestra and Windband, and to be involved in concerts and events such as the one described above. We offer tuition from peripatetic music teachers in the violin, cello, flute, clarinet, oboe, tenor horn, cornet and euphonium. A letter will be sent home during the next half term, with a view to starting in September (subject to availability).

Sainsbury’s Vouchers

Thank you to everyone who has donated Sainsbury’s Active Kids vouchers; if you have any left at home could we ask that these be brought in to school as soon as possible.

FOLA News

Lydgate Infant and Junior Schools’ Fun Run

The annual running event for pupils (and parents!) is taking place on Wednesday, 28th June, at 3.45 p.m. on the Tapton School Field. Come along and join in, either for fun or to win! Only £1.00 to enter and certificates for all children who take part.

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 Thursday 29th June. Entry is open to anyone over 14 years old. The cost is £10 (£5 for under 22s) 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.

Piano Lessons



Beginners and improvers of all ages, Crosspool-based local parent. Enhanced DBS check & insured. After-school, evening and some flexible weekend slots. Also viola up to Grade 8. Contact: Rebecca Mitten BMus(Hons) 07587 155 046 / piano@mitten.me.uk

Engineering Imagination Event!

This is a free drop-in family event organised by the University of Sheffield for primary school children in the Winter Gardens on Sunday 18th June, between 11a.m. – 3 p.m. Choose from activities and exhibits such as how we make candyfloss, a giant tetrahedron activity, a pedal powered smoothie maker, a chocolate experiment, and much more.

STEM club

Holiday camps are being held during the half-term holiday and on the INSET day (5th June). More details and booking information is available at http://www.discoverystem.org.uk/1_50_holiday-camps.html

Lost Property

Once again, we find ourselves inundated with items of lost property. Parents and carers (and pupils!) are welcome to have a look through the baskets at any time. Please mark items with your child's name and class, as this will assist us in returning them to their rightful owners. Thank you.

Attendance

Governors recently received a report analysis of attendance and absence at our school over the last year. It highlights the reasons for absence. A copy is attached for your information.

Well done to....

- ❖ Letty (Y5) who is an area winner in the Royal Mail Christmas Stamp Competition!!!!!! This is a phenomenal achievement: there were over 205,000 entries and she is one out of only 24 winners! The next round is being judged soon – by Prince Charles. We expect the final results by the end of June and we wish her the very best of luck.
- ❖ Grace (Y5) played in the U11 National Championship in Badminton on 9th April at Nottingham. She won both the Singles and Doubles event. Amazing!
<https://www.badmintonengland.co.uk/news.asp?itemid=9423&itemTitle=Quartet+shine+with+double+titles+at+U15+and+U11+Nationals§ion=13§ionTitle=NEWS>
- ❖ Pupils in Y4S/R who raised £120 for the water aid charity by making and selling buns at school.
- ❖ Anish in Y3 who has achieved his yellow belt in karate!

Yours sincerely



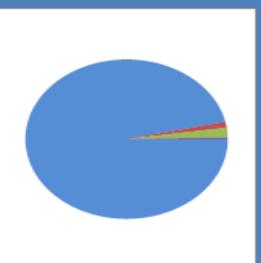
Mr S Jones
Headteacher

Lydgate Junior School Pupils not in School

Period between 1 September 2016 & 6 April 2017

480
Pupils on Roll
2016/17

97.7% of our pupils were attending school (including Authorised Educational Activities)



2% are Authorised Absence

0.3% are Unauthorised Absences

1.2% are Authorised Educational Activities

On an average day (03/04/17) **462** children were 'present',
18 were absent (**16** 'authorised' & **2** 'unauthorised')

The data below refers to the period 1 September to 6 April 2017

34 pupils have agreed Family Holiday (H)

Authorised Absence

10% of our 'authorised' absence is 'Agreed' Family Holiday

41 pupils have (not agreed) Family Holiday (G)

19 further pupils have unauthorised absence (O)

Unauthorised Absence

173 sessions are missed due to 'Not Agreed' Family Holiday

Authorised Educational Activity

91% are 'Class Trips with **9%** Educated offsite (e.g. Dyslexia training)