

*Lydgate Junior School*  
**NEWSLETTER**  
*May 2019*



Dear Parents and Carers

The summer term is always a very busy time. Dates for your diary are listed below, and also on the school website: <http://www.lydgatejunior.co.uk/events-calendar>

This year, please note that school closes for the summer holiday on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. The calendar for next year, 2019/2020, can be found at the end of this newsletter.

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| 9 <sup>th</sup> May, 4 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.      | Tapton school uniform evening   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> May, 5.30 p.m. – 8 p.m.     | FOLA BBQ, all welcome   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May      | Y6 SATs week  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> May, 9.15 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. | Y3 performance, school hall. All Y3 parents/carers are welcome but please limit the number of people to a maximum of two per family. Refreshments will be served from 8.45 a.m. |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> May, 7 p.m.                 | Summer concert, St Mark's Church, Broomhill   |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May      | School closed for the half term holidays  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> May, 7 p.m.                 | Swimming gala at Pond's Forge   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> May, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.       | Y5 visit to St Mark's Church, Broomhill. Please send your child with a packed lunch   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> June, 6.30 p.m.             | Y6 information evening for pupils moving to King Edward VII School  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> June, 6 p.m.                | Y6 information evening for pupils moving to Tapton School   |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> June     | Transition days for Y6 pupils moving to Tapton School   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> July                         | Y4 to visit the Yorkshire Wildlife Park   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> July, 3.30 p.m.              | Fun run, more information to follow   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> July                         | Transition day for Y6 pupils moving to King Edward VII School   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> July       | Edale residential trip for Y6 pupils  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> July, 9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.    | Y5 performance, school hall. All parents/carers are welcome. Refreshments will be served from 8.45 a.m.   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> July, 6.45 p.m.             | FOLA Crosspool Crawl  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> July                        | Y5 river walk trip, parents welcome   |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> July, 9.15 a.m.             | Y6 Leavers' assembly, all parents/carers are welcome  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> July                        | Y6 Leavers' Prom  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> July                        | Sports Day. Y3 & Y4 in the morning; Y5 & Y6 in the afternoon. Parents welcome to join us on Tapton School field.  |

### **Staff news**

Welcome to Mr Bradshaw who is teaching pupils in Y6CP, covering Mrs Phillips' period of maternity leave. We are in the fortunate position of having a very low level of staff turnover (no permanent members of staff have left during the past twelve months), which provides a high degree of stability and continuity for our pupils and their learning.

### **sQuid online payment system**

Since its implementation in February 2018, we have encountered numerous 'behind the scenes' administration problems with the online payment system. After persevering with it for more than a year, we have reluctantly taken the decision to terminate our contract with them and to move back to ParentPay, our previous provider, from September 2019.

We will do all we can to minimise any inconvenience to parents, please be assured that this is not a decision which has been taken lightly or without due consideration.

For the time being, please continue to use sQuid as normal; we will send home all the necessary information about the change-over procedure to ParentPay before the end of the summer term. Thank you.

### **Summer music concert**

Everyone is warmly invited to our latest music concert, which will be held at St Mark's Church, Broomhill on 22<sup>nd</sup> May. We are looking forward to hearing performances from the choir, wind band, orchestra and handbells. It will start at 7 p.m.

### **Parent survey**

The School Governors are interested to your views as parents/carers; there is a short survey which can be completed [here](#). Thank you.

### **FOLA news**

We are looking forward to the BBQ, which will take place next Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, at 5.30 p.m. Any offers of help would be very gratefully received: could you help to set up in the afternoon, clear away after, or run a stall? Maybe you could donate your unwanted books, or give prizes for the tombola, or bake? You can sign up [here](#). You can drop off books or tombola donations in the office, at any time. Please bring cakes, buns or perishable items to the office on the day. If you are baking, we kindly ask that you include a list of ingredients, please.

This year, instead of selling entry tickets, we are asking for donations which we will collect on the gate. Raffle tickets will be sent home on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

Entries are now open for the ever popular Crosspool Crawl, which will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> July: it is a 4.5 mile long race, over a fairly flat course, and is open to anyone over the age of 14. Everyone is very welcome to join in. The race will start and finish at the Three Merry Lads pub on Redmires Road, where there is also a children's play area.

The cost to enter is £10 (£5 for under 22s). More information and details of how to enter is available via email at [crosspoolcrawl@gmail.com](mailto:crosspoolcrawl@gmail.com)

The FOLA draw is being replaced by a new Lydgate Junior School lottery. More information can be found at [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play)

Tickets cost £1, with 40 pence of this being donated directly to the school. Draws are conducted every Saturday and the results are posted online; winners are notified by email and any winnings paid into an account of your choosing.

The last FOLA draw will take place in July, please cancel your standing orders after this time. Thank you.

Thank you to the FOLA volunteers and to all the parents who support FOLA events. The science week activities we held in school recently were partially subsidised by funds from FOLA, and many of our classrooms have benefited from new books which were bought with money from FOLA.

## **Rights Respecting School campaign for 2019**

As part of our Rights Respecting School work, each year we launch a campaign to raise awareness about one particular issue. In 2017 we campaigned to make the crossing on Manchester Road safer and in 2018 we took part in the 'Make Schools Safe' campaign.

This year, our campaign aims to reduce the use of single use plastic in our school, in our homes, in our local community and in our city. Our aim is to become a 'Plastic Clever School'.

Pupils will be learning about this issue in their RRS lessons; during the afternoon of Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, pupils and staff will walk from school, up to the Crosspool shops, and back again. This is an awareness raising march - not a protest aimed at the shopkeepers.

The children will also be writing letters to a wide variety of people asking for their support and urging them to consider their own use of plastics. To maximise the impact, we aim to involve as many people as we can.....and we hope that this can include you!

We would like you to collect the plastic you use as a family over the course of ONE WEEK and take a photograph of it. Then either send in a paper copy of the photo or send the image to: [enquires@lydgate-jun.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquires@lydgate-jun.sheffield.sch.uk). Could we please have these by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May?

We will collate all the photos into a giant collage and display it in school. Please then recycle your plastics where possible!

You can learn more about becoming a Plastic Clever School here: <http://www.kidsagainstplastic.co.uk/>

## **Art displays in school**

We are very proud of our 'whole school' art displays, which showcase the talents of all our pupils. Our new theme is 'Space' which ties in nicely with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first manned mission to land on the Moon, and also with some of our science week work.

Parents are very welcome to drop in to have a look at all the wonderful art work on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May, either after drop-off at 8.45 a.m. or before pick-up at 3 p.m.

Sixteen pieces of work from our previous display, 'The Lost Words', has been submitted to the Millennium Gallery to be considered for exhibition; we will let you know if they have been selected as soon as we are informed ourselves.

## **Y3 – record breakers?**

Staff from the University of Sheffield Engineering department have been coming into school to work with Y3EC and Y3W/W to devise of a way in which a record breaking number of people could play a single piano, simultaneously. The children worked together to design mechanical fingers and also came up with some exciting artwork to decorate the designs. Well done to Delores, George and Lily whose designs were chosen to be made into three of the mechanical fingers which will be used at the at the world record attempt in August.

## **School Council news**

The school councillors have been busy working on a local air pollution project and how to encourage safe, sustainable travel to school. They have set up an investigation to measure the levels of air pollution in and around the school and they will publish the results of this soon.

Following the RRS road safety campaign last year, the school council have been looking at enabling and encouraging people to make a safe and sustainable journey to school. They have created a 'Park and Stride' map for Lydgate Junior School, having gone out into the local area to find suitable locations for people to be able to park a short distance from school and walk in. This will reduce congestion around school, and will help to reduce the levels of air pollution around school and make the roads around our site safer. More information can be found [here](#) and a map of park and stride locations [here](#).

**Well done to...**

- Scarlett (Y5), who was a winner in the Young Writers 'Superhero Adventures' competition. She was one of only five winners out of more than 13,000 entries from schools across the UK, winning reading books and stationery. Huge congratulations, Scarlett, keep writing!!
- Everyone who took part in the swimming gala trials recently. Several children were selected to represent the school in the finals on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, at Ponds Forge. We are looking forward to an exciting evening for all involved.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jones', with a small horizontal line at the end.

Headteacher

# Lydgate Junior School Calendar Academic Year 2019 / 2020

| September (21 Days) |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| M                   | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |
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| 2                   | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  |
| 9                   | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16                  | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23                  | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30                  |    |    |    |    |    |    |

| October (19 Days) |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 14                | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21                | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28                | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |

| November (20 Days) |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| M                  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |
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| 11                 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18                 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25                 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |

| December (15 Days) |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 2                  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  |
| 9                  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16                 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23                 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30                 | 31 |    |    |    |    |    |

| January (20 days) |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| M                 | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |
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| 13                | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20                | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27                | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |

| February (15 days) |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 10                 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17                 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24                 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |    |

| March (20 Days) |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 16              | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23              | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30              | 31 |    |    |    |    |    |

| April (13 Days) |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 6               | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13              | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20              | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27              | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |

| May (15 Days) |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| M             | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |
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| 4             | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 |
| 11            | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18            | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25            | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

| June (22 Days) |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| M              | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |
| 1              | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  |
| 8              | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15             | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22             | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29             | 30 |    |    |    |    |    |

| July (15 Days) |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| M              | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |
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| 6              | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13             | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20             | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27             | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |

| August |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 24     | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
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|  | INSET days (school closed for pupils) |
|  | School holidays                       |
|  | Bank holidays                         |