

Lydgate Junior School
NEWSLETTER
October 2019



Diary Dates

25 October	INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils
28 October – 1 November	School closed for the half term holiday
4-8 November	Campaign Week for School Council
4 November	School re-opens for the second half of the autumn term
6 November – 8 p.m.	FOLA Meeting @ The Sportsman Pub
7 & 8 November	Y4 Forest Schools – Further details to follow
8 November	School Council Elections
13 November (morning)	Macbeth performance for Y6 pupils
15 November	Children in Need activities
15 November	Whole School Art Displayed
16 November	Cross country race at Bradfield school
19 November (afternoon)	Pantomime performance for Y3 & Y4 pupils
20 November	MAST advice session for parents
26 November (afternoon)	Y6 Tapton Writing Workshop
30 November	Cross country race at Longley Park school
11 December	'Bags2school' collection
11 December, 7 p.m.	Carol Concert, with Nativity - St Johns Church, Ranmoor
18 December 4.30 – 6.00 p.m.	Y3 & Y4 Christmas Disco
18 December 6.30 - 8.00 p.m.	Y5 & Y6 Christmas Disco

Our first half term!

We have started the year with year group assemblies, some of which have been hosted by members of the Christian faith. We are still looking for people with experience of different faiths who would be willing to share their customs and beliefs with the children during assembly. We're happy to welcome authorised Hindus to talk about Diwali or Jews to talk Hanukkah, or a Humanist to talk about one of the ethical / moral themes. Could this be you, or someone you know? Please contact Mrs Farrell if you think you can.

This half term, our Y3's braved the elements and took part in the Crosspool Walk as part of their geography topic looking at the land use and services in the area. It was a muddy affair, walking through Clough Fields and the area overlooking the Rivelin Valley, but the children thoroughly enjoyed the day!

Y4's took part in a new history activity this half term, travelling to a city centre cinema to watch a private screening of the film "Horrible Histories – The Rotten Romans". This event ignited their imagination and will help the children further when learning about the effects of the invasion and settlement of the Romans in Britain, when they take part in a Roman Activity Day scheduled for later in the term.

The Y5's history theme, Ancient Egypt, is always popular with the children. Egyptian Day invites the children to arrive in school dressed up in typical costumes with a Pharaoh spending the day in school too! Such a fun learning activity that the children love!

The Y6 topic this term is 'Second World War through different eyes'. The first educational trip of the year, to the National Holocaust Centre in Newark, helped the children to gain an awareness of the choices individuals made during the War, and how those choices shaped the lives of the Jewish children during the War and in later life.

Children have also enjoyed cycle training, forest schools, baking, class treats, Star of the Week certificates, the first Class Assembly (4JP), indoor athletics and girls football competitions, choir, orchestra, new handbells to supplement the set, new hall curtains active travel week, wet breaks and outdoor play, Playmaker training and Film Night...

Year 6 transfer to Year 7

If your child was born between 1/9/2008 - 31/08/2009 they will transfer to secondary school in September 2020. The deadline for applications is 31st October. The council sent information about how to apply to your home address. Please contact the admissions team on 0114 2735766 if you have any queries.

Children in Need Day – 16th November

We will be fundraising for Children in Need this year by selling wrist bands and holding bun sales. Our theme will be sporty, with children invited to wear sport wear or alternatively anything with spots! We will send out more information when we return to school after the half term holiday.

FOLA -Welcome to Lydgate Junior School's lottery!

This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children - we aim to provide extra resources for the children, improve the school environment as well as run extra-curricular activities such as music, art and sport.

The lottery is a fun and effective way to raise money to improve our school. But we need your help to make the lottery the best it can be, so please support the lottery today - and who knows maybe you'll be the next £25,000 winner!

A ticket costs £1 per week and **all** funds raised go directly to **our** school. Each ticket will also enter you in **TWO** draws:

1. A jackpot prize draw for **£25,000.00**.
2. A local draw with a **guaranteed** prize for one of the supporters of our school. The size of the prize will depend on the number of tickets bought for the school that week.

To support this school and buy tickets see the [Lydgate Junior School Lottery](#) website.

Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish you good luck.

Music news

We are thrilled to announce that the school choir are also rehearsing for the school's Carol Concert on 19th December, to be held at St Johns Church, Ranmoor at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend; we do not issue tickets for this concert.

Bags2school collection

Our annual Bags2 school collection will take place on Wednesday 11 December. We would be grateful for donations of good quality items (i.e. which can be re-used). Bags will be sent home after the half term holiday. All the money raised is put towards paying for the Edale residential trip.

Items accepted are:

- Men's, ladies' and children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags, hats, bags, scarves & ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie, socks, belts
- Household linen, curtains, towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

Sorry, these items are not accepted:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with or without logo
- Corporate clothing and work wear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Charity collection

We have been contacted by Janet Stain a local charity organiser, who has been sourcing urgent equipment and supplies for nearly four years to send out to The Gambia. She lives locally, and supports a number of charities, including GLOVE, GOAL, VCO. She has contacted all local schools and has been successful in acquiring supplies which are shipped out regularly in 40ft containers. We're holding assemblies for all year groups with more information about the need for charity supplies and how school can help. If you are able to donate to this worthwhile cause please bring any donations listed below into school for Janet to collect.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

i.e. pens pencils, paper, crayons, chalk, poster paint ,wall art and posters ,exercise, text and story books, school uniforms, children's clothes, shoes, trainers wellingtons, underwear, school bags, rain macs umbrellas. Anything for art work, and technical drawing, footballs, bats, etc. Plastic cups plates, tables /desks and stacking or folding chairs.

ALSO NEEDED

Bedding and towels, baby clothes, bottle sterilizers, candles, fans, electric extensions, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes and paste any toiletries (even part used) tools, garden tools and vegetable seeds.



Community Flu Immunisations

Today some pupils had their nasal flu immunisation in school. If your child missed the immunisation and you would like your child to have one, pupils can attend a drop in session at [one of the listed clinics](#). Please contact IntraHealth on 0333 3583397 (option 7) to book an appointment.

Christmas card competition

St. Columba and Stephen Hill Churches are running a Christmas card competition this year. To enter all you need to do is [print](#) the A4 template, fill in your name, age, contact phone number, school and year group, and create a bright, colourful card and drop it into your school office by Monday 18th November. There will be a prize for the best three entries, with one overall winner who will get their card printed with information about Christmas services, which will then be given out to all the homes in the parish.

Text messages from school

A reminder that the school's text messaging service, Teachers2Parents, has an app which can be downloaded. The advantage of this is that every text message we send to you is accessible in one place. If you use the app, please ensure that 'allow notifications' is enabled in your phone's settings. If you prefer not to use the app, or your phone is not compatible, messages will continue to be received as texts.

Lost property

We have a huge amount of lost property handed in every week and we spend a significant amount of time sorting through it. **Any items which are found and are named will be returned to their rightful owner.** Unfortunately around 80% of items which are put into lost property are unnamed.

We will keep unnamed items for two weeks before recycling them: unnamed items of school uniform will be washed and sold by FOLA to raise funds for school. Mrs Rougvie (Y5 teacher) is looking for parent volunteers who might be able to help with this on a rota basis; please contact her via the school office if you can help. Unnamed items of non-school uniform are donated to charity shops.

School meals developments

New ovens are being fitted next week. They will mean meals spend less time in 'hot cupboards'. Catering services and the contractor, Taylor Shaw are working with school to implement a plan of further improvements over the year. Building work, menu development, service practice and new furniture will all bring changes to make school meals even better.

Commitments/Zero-tolerance on abuse towards staff

After a week that contained some overly emotionally-charged exchanges between parents and staff, I am going to re-examine a Customer Commitments charter. Too many staff felt verbally abused or assaulted and this cannot be right. I will be using the City Council's '[Customer Commitments](#)' as a starting point for discussion. I wrote more on this theme this week in my [school blog](#).

Congratulations

Well done to Jess Sheldrick in Y5, a well-earned winner of the 'Poetry Wonderland Competition' which all the Y4 pupils had the opportunity of entering in the spring term. There were over 21,000 entries, so this is big deal! Well done Jess, continue with your writing, you clearly have a talent for it.

Can you help?

Can you help Simeon Greig, Y5, reach his target of £100 by the end of 2019? He is raising money for CICRA (Crohn's in children research association). He has spent all year collecting discarded pennies from the ground (and selling a few toys) and has reached £93.05. If you have or find any unwanted pennies, there is a collection box at reception in school. Thank you

I hope all our families enjoy the half term break. I look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Monday 4 November 2019



Headteacher

Lydgate Junior School Calendar Academic Year 2019 / 2020 (next academic year)

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INSET days – school closed for pupils
 School holidays
 Bank holidays