

Lydgate Junior School

NEWSLETTER

September 2018



Dear Parents / Carers,

Diary Dates

21 st September, 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.	FOLA BBQ
26 th September	Photographer in school for individual pupil photographs
3 rd October, all day	Y6 trip to the National Holocaust Centre
15 th – 19 th October	Y6 Bikeability cycle training
19 th October, from 3.15 p.m.	FOLA film night (in school) – information to follow
22 nd – 26 th October	Y6 Bikeability cycle training
23 rd & 25 th October	Parent Consultation Meetings
24 th October	Flu vaccinations (nasal spray) for pupils in Y3 & Y4
29 th October – 2 nd November	School closed for the half term holiday
5 th November	School closed to pupils – INSET day
6 th November	School re-opens for the second half of the Autumn term

A very warm welcome back to school to everyone as we begin the Autumn term.

The return to school has been very successful. Pupils have settled to lessons, and the rest of school life, immediately. I am sure parents have noticed children's confidence over new arrangements and classes. Our new Year 3 pupils have been really impressive in the way they have quickly adapted to our routines. Lessons are well underway. Clubs have restarted. Friendships have been re-established, Playtimes have been enhanced. Improvements to some arrangements, e.g. handovers to after school clubs and registration software and recording of late children in the mornings, have been implemented successfully. Informal parent drop-ins have been well received and attended. The new FOLA team have met to plan events. All in all it's been quite a high speed start.

Parent consultation meetings

Parent-teacher meetings will take place this term on 23rd & 25th October from 3.30 p.m. – 6.20 p.m. Appointments will be available to book online in the next few weeks – we will send an email with instructions on how to do this shortly.

Before and after school clubs and activities

As always, the demand for both before and after school clubs and activities has been phenomenal. The indoor space we have free for such activities is limited and this unfortunately dictates both the number of clubs we can offer and the number of places available for participants.

Text messages

Our text message provider, Teachers2Parents, has launched an app which parents can download on Android and iOS. All text messages and upcoming event information will be in one place, so you will no longer need to scroll through your messages to find texts which we might have sent some time ago.

The notification alert facility is now also up and running; the provider has advised that if you have already downloaded the app but are not receiving notifications you will need to uninstall and re-install it to switch this facility on. You will not lose any previous notifications. If you do not have an Apple or Android phone and are unable to download the app, you will still receive school text messages as normal.

As well as the text message facility there is a noticeboard/calendar where we will publish events for the forthcoming week every Friday. We hope you find this useful.

School calendar

We do try to put events which are due to take place on the website: <http://www.lydgatejunior.co.uk/events-calendar>.

I have also included the term dates for this year at the end of this newsletter. Sheffield City Council have recently set the dates for next year – 2019/2020: I have also agreed the dates for the INSET days with Lydgate Infant School. To avoid confusion we will publish these in the next newsletter, however they are also available on the website.

Year 6 transfer to Year 7

If your child was born between 1/9/2007 - 31/08/2008 they will transfer to secondary school in September 2019. You must apply for a place by 31st October 2018. The council will have sent information about how to do this to your home address. Please contact the admissions team on 0114 2735766 if you have any queries.

Sports news

The cross country season is once again upon us. We are looking forward to repeating and building upon our successes of last year. New members are very welcome – you do not have to commit to every race.

Below are the venues for the races this year. Please be aware that *these may change, sometimes at very short notice*. For an up-to-date picture, see the Sheffield Federation for Sports website:

<https://www.sfss.co.uk/index.php/men/featured-shops/cross-country>

Year 3 children are allowed to take part in the Year 4 races once they are eight years old. All Year 3 pupils, regardless of their age, may run after Christmas.

Please look out for letters the week before each race confirming individual race details. Generally, we ask parents & children to meet at the venue at 9.30 a.m.

If any parents are able to help on the day of the races, it would be much appreciated – please leave a message at the school office for Mrs Wymer. Thank you.

29 th September	Parkwood Springs
13 th October	Norfolk Park
17 th November	Bradfield School
1st December	Longley Park
26 th January	Brunswick Primary School
9 th February	Concord Park
2 nd March	City Championships at Graves Park
9 th March	Y3/4 Relays at Shirebrook Valley
23 rd March	Y5/6 Relays at Limpsfield Junior School

Beginning and end of the day staffing and security

Parents and other adults at the top gate at the end of the day will have noticed how many staff come out at the end of the day, every day. We accompany some individual pupils, meet parents, pass and receive information, but most importantly support children at this key hand-over moment. There will always be a member of staff available at the gate in case a child is not collected as expected. By 3:30 p.m. we will bring any children still uncollected back into the main building where a member of the admin team will contact parents.

The start of the school day is 8:35 a.m. when we unlock the classroom doors. Children are not supervised before this time, and really should not be on-site unless they are attending one of our clubs. Registration is at 8:45 a.m.

Quite a number of pupils are biking and scooting to school; just to let parents know that, as well as the racks near the Manchester Road gate, there is also storage in racks adjacent to Tapton school field.

Assemblies - could you help?

We are looking for people from different faiths and traditions who would be willing share their customs and beliefs with the children during assembly. Could this be you, or do you know someone from a religious or community group who would do this? If you think you could help, please contact Mrs Farrell, Deputy Headteacher, to discuss further.

FOLA news

Thank you to everyone who supported FOLA fundraising activities last year. The money raised will go towards providing more reading books in classrooms and also towards making improvements to the library area.

We look forward to welcoming parents and friends of the school to our first event of the school year, the 'end of Summer BBQ'. This will take place on Friday 21st September from 5.30pm. There will be food and drink stalls and lots of fun activities for the whole family to get involved with. Everyone is welcome.

Parents' 'round table' discussion

Our first round table discussion this year will consider 'school trips, and why they cost so much'. You are invited to join me, and other relevant staff, to talk around the subject, raising questions and giving opinions. The aim is both to inform and, perhaps, shape what we do. Click [here](#) to reserve a place. The date is Thursday 11th October at 2.30 p.m. Thank you.



Headteacher

Lydgate Junior School Calendar

Academic Year 2018 / 2019

September (22 days)						
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

October (16 days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

November (22 days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30		

December (12 days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

January 2019 (21 days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

February (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			

March (23 days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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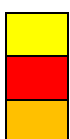
April (10 days)						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

May (19 days)						
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27	28	29	30	31		

June (20 days)						
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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

August (0 days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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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	



Training days (5 days)



Bank Holidays (8 days)



School holiday (57 days)



School days (190 days)



Sat / Sun (105 days)