

Lydgate Junior School

NEWSLETTER

May 2021



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](#)

This year, please note that school closes for the Summer holiday on Tuesday 20th July. The calendar for next year, 2021-21, can be found [here](#) and at the end of this newsletter.

27 th May	Y5 River Walk (AM)
31 st May – 4 th June	School closed for the half term holidays
14 th June	Class Photographs (a.m.)
21 st June	Two Y6 classes to Crucial Crew
24 th June	Y2 Pupils visiting (afternoon)
	Y6 Pupils attending Tapton School (afternoon)
	Whole school transition day
25 th June	Two Y6 classes to Crucial Crew
29 th June	Transition Sessions for Y6 pupils moving to King Edward VII School
30 th June – 2 nd July	Y6 Edale Residential Trip
20 th July	Last day of the Summer Term

Staff news

Congratulations to Mrs Phillips (Y6) and Miss Cunningham (Y5) currently both on maternity leave who have both now had their babies. Mrs Phillips had a little boy, and Miss Cunningham a little girl!

Decorated Egg Competition

Well done to all our pupils who took part in the first online decorated egg competition. We received some fantastic entries. Photographs of the winning eggs can be seen on our year group blogs.

[Y3 Egg Entries](#)

[Y4 Egg Entries](#)

[Y5 Egg Entries](#)

[Y6 Egg Winners](#)

FOLA Fun Run

FOLA are hoping to run the annual Fun Run, which is aimed at all ages and abilities. The Fun Run will be dependent on the governments COVID19 guidelines and as such, the date is provisional at the moment, however the hoped date is Tuesday 29 June.

Rights Respecting School Silver Award

In June, we will be having a virtual visit by a professional RRSA advisor to assess if our school has met the requirements to gain the Silver RRS Award-Rights Aware. This is the second stage in the Rights Respecting Schools Award. It is granted by UNICEF UK to schools that show good progress towards embedding children's rights in the school's policy, practise and ethos. Please have a look at our [school website](#) to find out more about RRS. We also welcome ideas from parents and carers to help develop our RRS work in school.



Rights Respecting School campaign for 2021

As part of our Rights Respecting School work, each year we launch a campaign to raise awareness and take action on one particular issue. This year, we are continuing with our campaign 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', which is an award that recognises this work.

Each year group has had a different focus for the campaign.

Year 3 have been learning about the effects of single-use plastic on the environment. They have researched facts about the problems caused and how to reduce, reuse or recycle plastic.

Year 4 have completed an audit of the school's use of plastic and have presented it in a booklet to year 5.

Year 5 have been researching solutions on how to reduce, reuse and recycle plastics in school. They will be putting their proposals forward to senior leaders, governors and the RRS council.

Year 6 have been looking at plastic waste in our wider community. One class made banners and a chant. They protested outside school to raise awareness in the community.



Please ask your child what they have been learning about and how they have been campaigning? Many thanks to parents and carers in supporting the children as they try to reduce the use of single-use plastic

Beat the Street

This summer, the whole city of Sheffield will be transformed into a giant game, with the aim to see all people enjoy the benefits of physical activity in their local area. As a school we have enrolled in this

government initiative to encourage everyone to be more active. We are sure this is going to be a very exciting event.

Lydgate Junior School will compete in a local league table along with other local schools. Each area will have a leader board recording each school's total points and the average points. The winning school in each competition will receive £125 of Waterstones or Decathlon vouchers with £100 and £75 of vouchers given to 2nd and 3rd place respectively. This gives every school a good chance of winning a prize. There will also be individual 'Lucky Box' prizes given out at random to participants during the game.

Every pupil will receive a free fob, a map, a card for a parent/ guardian and a parent pack shortly after half term. To play the game, you hover your fob/card over the beat boxes (located throughout Sheffield) until it beeps and flashes to score 10 points.

The game will begin on Wednesday 16th June and will continue for 6 weeks until Wednesday 28th July, with the theme changing each week

Parents and staff can also join the children and play free, by collecting a card from the local distribution centre. Parents will have to register for one team only, so ideally they can join our school team, or community team.

Further information will follow shortly, however you can see further details of this exciting initiative [here](#).

Sponsored Walk

Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, our Y6 pupils are unable to arrange the usual 'Apprentice Sale' to raise funds for Edale. In place of this event, we are pleased to announce that we will be holding a sponsored walk to raise funds to pay for the coach transport for the Y6 residential trip to Edale.

Over several weeks, the children will aim to walk the distance of walking to Edale (approximately 15 miles) by completing laps of the school grounds. To raise funds for Edale, they will be asking for sponsorship from their family, friends and the school community.

On Sunday 6 June, staff will also be completing a sponsored walk in competition with a sponsored run - by Mr Jones - to Edale. They will be setting off from Lydgate Junior School and walking or running all the way to Edale. Donations can be made through our GoFundMe page: <https://gofund.me/c2b295d5>

Sports Day

Our annual Whole School Sports Day will provisionally take place again nearer the end of term.

Although it will look very slightly different to comply with COVID-19 guidelines, it still promises to be a fun day for everyone. The provisional date is Monday 19 July, although this again is dependent on the Government & Local Authority COVID-19 guidelines. Fingers crossed for some sun!

Whole school art

Twice a year we choose a theme for the whole school to create artwork to be displayed throughout school. We are very proud of our new 'whole school' art displays, which showcase the talents of our pupils, with every child in school displaying a piece of art. Our new theme is Famous Art, which focusses on iconic paintings and artworks. Each year group focussed on different subjects, Y3 Animals, Y4 Landscapes, Y5

People & Y6 Still Life. Some of the artwork have been posted on our website, year group blogs for you to view.



Lockdown Creativity

We are delighted to finally be able to share with you the piano cover of patchwork squares created by many Lydgate children during the first lockdown this time last year. It is absolutely stunning and will surely become a treasured piece of Lydgate history. Thank you again to all the children and staff who made a fabulous fabric square and sent them in. Mrs Smith thoroughly enjoyed sewing them all together!



Pupil Attendance

Following the return to full opening in March, we would once again like to thank the whole school community for making the return to school run so smoothly. Our whole school pupil attendance this term to date is nearing 99% at 98.87%, which is quite incredible! The practice of 'hands, face, space & fresh air' both at school and home, is clearly helping, with no COVID19 cases reported within the school community during this period.

Pupil Mobility

Lydgate Junior School is a popular stable education environment. Each year group is full to capacity with 120 pupils in each year. Waiting lists are held by Sheffield City Council Admissions Department for those pupils unable to be placed currently, but eager to join our school. Pupils rarely leave, unless parental work opportunities change, meaning that this academic year we have only seen a movement of 7 new starters. This is an eighth of the average pupil movement across the city.

Whole School Transition

We are liaising with both Tapton School and King Edward VII School to produce a full transition programme for our Y6 pupils moving on in September. We are hoping to hold a full programme, to include pupil visits for lessons, events and sport. We remain guided by the guidance and risk assessments in place from the Department for Education (DfE) and Sheffield City Council (SCC) but feel confident that the plans we have in place will receive the green light to go ahead and our pupils will feel reassured and happy of the series of opportunities that will be in place.

As well as considering the transition of our Y6 pupils, we are also working in school to support pupils in moving up into the next year group and also pupils currently in Y2 moving to join us in September.

Lower Playground

We are fortunate in school to have two playgrounds for the pupils to use for outdoor P.E. lessons and for break and lunch playtimes. In line with COVID 19 guidelines, pupils are currently only allowed to mix in their bubble, which also includes play and lunchtime. The upper and lower playgrounds are split into separate areas to accommodate this. Over the past few years the 'carpeted' lower playground, used for ball games, such as netball, handball, basketball, football and bouncy things & gym has received much wear and is now in need of refurbishment. Over the half term holiday, the playground will be rejuvenated with treatment for moss, mud and debris removal, power cleaning, brushing and re-sanding. Overall, the children should see and experience a much better playing surface.

'Food for Life' Bronze Certificate Award

We are proud to announce that The Soil Association have awarded **Lydgate Junior School** the '**Food for Life' Bronze Certificate Award**. 'Soil' is the UK's leading membership charity campaigning for healthy, humane and sustainable food, farming and land use.



To achieve the award we must meet the following criteria.

- Be committed to improve our school food culture by developing a school food policy. Meet the award standard to show school food is healthy and uses seasonal ingredients that are at least 75% freshly prepared.
- Involve pupils and parents in planning improvements to school menus and the lunchtime experience, boosting school meal take-up
- Give every pupil the opportunity to visit a local farm, and take part in cooking and food growing activity.

Due to current COVID constraints, schools will find it difficult to achieve the Silver Certificate Award. Criteria including holding a cooking club where pupils get to cook with and eat the produce grown in the school growing area along with using 'proper' crockery instead of flight trays, will hinder the award progression.

Community

Rattle and Roll Performance will be hold May Half Term Holiday Clubs.

The Clubs are open to all children between Tuesday 1 June – Fri 4 June 2021 at Sheffield Girls' Infant School. Clubs include dodgeball, dance, drama, yoga, multi skills, ball games, art and crafts, team and confidence building activities and much more. Clubs run between 8.30 a.m. – 4 p.m. at a cost of £30 per day. For further information contact <http://www.rattleandrollperformance.com> or call 07722014301.

City of Sheffield Diving

Have recently received a grant to recommence their Free Try Diving Scheme across Sheffield again. The scheme offers a free diving lesson to children and young people across the City who would like to try the sport. The free lesson is open to any child aged 6 and above that is able to swim unaided in deep water without goggles. For further information contact <http://www.cityofsheffielddiving.co.uk/contactus> or telephone 07557991824 or email leartodive@cityofsheffielddiving.co.uk

One of our previous pupils [Ross Haslam](#) spotted during a diving initiative in school is making a name for himself within British Swimming and on the international stage following his World Championships debut in 2017.

Basketball Coaching

Sheffield Hatters are delivering weekly basketball coaching sessions for children aged 6-11 years taking place at All Saints Sports Centre on Thursday evenings 5pm-6pm. Sessions cost £5 each although the first sessions is free. Boys and Girls are welcome.

For further information, please contact Loraine Gayle at loraine@sheffieldhatters.com

Well done to...

- Jessica B (3RH) who achieved a Distinction in her Grade 2 ABRSM piano exam.
- Eddie F (4JD) who passed his grade 1 Tenor Horn with distinction.

Yours sincerely



S R Jones
Headteacher



People Services

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2021/22 ACADEMIC YEAR

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			

December (13 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	31		

March (23 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
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June (19 Days)

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October (16 Days)

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
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January (20 days)

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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April (10 Days)

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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July (16 Days)

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November (22 Days)

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February (15 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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May (19 Days)

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30	31					

August

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29	30	31				



Denotes Bank Holidays



Denotes School Holidays



Denotes Training Days for Staff