



Lydgate Junior School
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all have a lovely half term and we will see you back at school on Monday 3rd November.

INSET Day - Friday 24th October (tomorrow)

What a wonderful half term we have had at school. All the children have been working really hard and we are so proud of their achievements. Thank you for everyone's support.

We are looking forward to seeing you at Parents Evening after the holidays to share more information with you and for you to be able to see the new art displays in school.

Music Mark

We are delighted to share that we have been awarded **The Music Mark** from The Sheffield Music Hub (SCC).

At Sheffield Music Hub (Service) we know that a quality music education in school has a profound impact on your learning environment. It brings joy and expression to classrooms; it unlocks creativity and challenges young people to develop new skills.

Congratulations! Sheffield Music Hub (Service) would like to celebrate the value that you place on music in your school by presenting you with the Music Mark of Recognition for Ambition & Quality.

We are so proud of this achievement. A huge thank you to Mrs Jones our Music Lead, who constantly strives to improve our music provision in school.

We are blessed to have so many talented musicians and support staff who volunteer their time outside of school hours. Our music team includes Mrs Stonewood and Mrs Hopkins who run the Choir, Christmas/Spring concerts and the Summer production. Our singing assemblies are led by Mrs Ridsdale, Mrs L Smith and Ms Reasbeck. They are all committed to sharing their experience and talents with the children. We will also be welcoming back Mrs Coles from Maternity leave who leads music alongside Mrs Jones. What an amazing team we have at Lydgate.

Safety at Drop Off & Pick Up

As the mornings and evenings become darker it is important we remind everyone to be as safe as possible at drop off and collection times. Parking and everyone's safety continues to be an issue. Please allow plenty of time for your journeys to and from school, ideally park a 5 minute walk away as this is healthier and eases the congestion around school. Please **do not drop off children on the road** as this is causing road congestion and is not safe. We will continue to work with the parking patrol and the police to support the safety of our children. The community can help by parking safely and being aware of the traffic and pedestrians around. It is not safe to cross the road without using the pelican crossing, so please ensure you walk up or down the road to cross at this point. The junction with Shore Lane, Manchester Road, Tapton Hill Road and Tapton Crescent Road is extremely busy and crossing here should be avoided.

NO Sweets - even in lunch boxes

Just a reminder that we do not encourage sweets to be brought into school unless it is an organised special occasion. Please do not give children sweets for snacks or put them in their lunchboxes.

Second-hand Uniform

We have plenty of second-hand uniform if you are ever in need of items. We ask for a recommended small donation of £1 per item which raises funds for FOLA (Friends Of Lydgate Association). Donations can be made via ParentPay.

Emails/Messages

At Junior School we operate the system of using enquiries@lydgate-jun.sheffield.sch.uk for communication between parents/carers and teachers. The School Office works hard to



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respond to all emails and direct them to the appropriate staff members who need to be aware. Teaching staff are busy teaching and the office staff will ensure the key messages get through. This is a safe, private and confidential system and it also protects staff well-being. If there is anything you would prefer to speak to the teacher about directly, please contact the School Office who will help to arrange a convenient time.

End of Day Arrangements

Please continue to let us know if your child's end of the day plans change e.g., going home with a friend or not going to an after school club. We understand things change last minute which may be unavoidable, but please do let us know via phone or email so we can inform your child's teacher.

Thanks for everyone's support

Mrs Rachel Hurding
Headteacher