



Lydgate Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all have a wonderful Easter break.

Staffing Update

Mrs Kaur will be leaving Lydgate Junior School to start a new job as a full time HLTA after Easter. We would like to thank Mrs Kaur for all she has done to support Lydgate.

We are delighted to say that Mrs Hopkins is pregnant and will be starting her Maternity leave in September 2026.

Comic Relief

Thank you for everyone's support we have raised £730!

Children's Hospital Pride of Yorkshire Campaign

We are delighted with the support we have received for our campaign this term. We are really proud to share that we have raised £6,422 for the Children's Hospital.

Winner of 'Design our Lion Cub' Competition

We had an amazing number of entries for the Lion Cub design competition. We are delighted with the winning design and how our Lion Cub now looks, they are ready to go out into the wild! We will let you know where our Lion Cub is going to be located in Sheffield once we're informed. The Pride of Yorkshire Trail will be a wonderful activity in the Summer for our families.



Term-Time Leave

As you will know, we are required to follow Sheffield City Council's attendance guidance and are unable to authorise holidays or travel during term time in all but exceptional cases. Regardless of the type or length of absence, we require a "Term-Time Leave" form to be completed at least 20 school days in advance in line with our Attendance Policy (available on the school website). We appreciate arrangements can be made last minute, in these circumstances please inform us as soon as possible.



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Parking

From Monday 13th April, we will be working closely with Sheffield City Council Parking Services Team. For the Summer Term we will be taking part in the Parking Services Safer Schools project. Sadly, unsafe parking continues to be an issue around school and impacts negatively on our community. Please park safely, respectfully and legally. We remind you that both the school & nearby driveways should never be used or blocked unless pre-arranged with us. Drivers will be challenged if parking unsafely on Shore Lane.

Emails

Effective communication between parents and school staff is a partnership built on mutual trust and respect. While email is convenient, mindful communication helps ensure that your child's needs are met while respecting the busy schedules and professional boundaries of school staff.

Before sending, ask if the tone is **Polite, Positive, and Empathetic**. Consider if your words approach the issue as a collaboration rather than a confrontation. We are always happy to meet face to face at a mutually convenient time to talk issues through.

Curriculum overview and Website

We have updated our website with new photos and information so please do have a look. Just a reminder that there is a lot of useful information shared on the website and each half term we share the curriculum overviews on the year group page on there.

Bible Donations

The three local churches St Columba Church of England, Stephen Hill Methodist Church and Tapton Hill Congregational Church have all kindly supported us by donating money so we can buy a new class set of Bibles.

Thank you for all your support this term

Kind regards

Mrs Rachel Hurding
Headteacher

