



Lydgate Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support in helping your children to settle into a new school year. The children are taking great pride in their learning and are really working hard to improve presentation and their writing skills.

As we are due OFSTED, we have had a couple of school reviews over the last few weeks that have been useful for knowing our next steps. We have had one focused on reading and one on safeguarding. As ever the children have been a real credit to us all how they have shared about the learning and safe culture in school. This makes us all very proud of the wonderful learning community we have at Lydgate Junior School.

Hello Yellow - Tuesday 10th October

Tomorrow we are going to be acknowledging World Mental Health day by all wearing something yellow, wear as little or as much as you like.

Stand out and show up for young people's mental health on World Mental Health Day this 10 October 2023. Join thousands of people wearing yellow across the country to stand out and show up for young people's mental health this #HelloYellow.

If you would like to donate to **Young Minds** who support mental health issues, here is the link.
<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/donate/>

Harvest - collecting Wednesday 11th October

For Harvest this year we are helping Stephen Hill Methodist Church to collect tea, coffee and hot chocolate for the homeless charity 'Ben's place'. If anyone would like to donate please bring it to school by Wednesday 11th October. Thank you.

Half-term

We have an Inset day in school on Friday 20th October so the children's last day is the Thursday 19th October. They return to school on the Monday 30th October.

Parents' Evenings - Thursday 2nd November and Monday 13th November

We are putting up our new whole school art work on the 19th October so you will be able to see the art work during your parents' evening appointments. We will let you know how to sign up electronically for an appointment soon.

Children in Need – Friday 17th November

Further details to follow.

School Website

We have updated the Curriculum information on the website so please take a look.

Frustratingly since Twitter has been taken over by X the Twitter feed is no longer visible on the website if you do not have a Twitter account. We are therefore going to rethink how we share the



wonderful learning that is happening in school. We are still currently using Twitter and every class has their own Twitter account which shows the variety of learning we have in school.

Parking and safety at school

We know that the start and end of the day are busy times and school is on a main road. Please help the situation by giving yourself enough time to arrive at school and park safely and look out for other cars and pedestrians. Please do not park on Manchester Road or Shore Lane where double yellow lines are marked. We want everyone in school to be on time, safely.

Clubs

Choir on a Tuesday for Y3/4 will always be collected from the Manchester road exit as there are so many other clubs going on that night.

We know that our clubs may finish at different times which can be frustrating, but please arrive to collect your child on time at the end of the club. Staff that run the clubs do need to leave shortly after the clubs finish and we need to know that all children are safely with adults.

If your child is not attending a club please can you notify the school office as soon as possible in the day. We routinely contact parents if their child has not arrived at the club. This can be time consuming and again we want to ensure that all the pupils are safe.

Thank you for everyone's support

Mrs Rachel Hurding
Headteacher