



Lydgate Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thanks for your feedback and support over the first few weeks of my time at LJS.

Dates

- **Monday 3rd October** is the new date for individual school photos, please ensure all children are wearing full school uniform. Any siblings in school will also have their photo taken together on this day.
- **Monday 3rd October** we would like to invite you into school to have a look around and see your children's classrooms and meet their teachers. School will be open 3.30pm-4.30pm. We understand these times do not suit all working parents. We will be having parents evenings before Christmas so there will be another opportunity to come and see school and the art work too. As this event is straight after school please be patient with us. We will need you to collect your children as normal and then you will be able to come back into school to see the classrooms and the amazing art work around school with your child.
- **Monday 10th October** is World Mental Health Day - we are going to take part in HELLO YELLOW day, where we would love it if everyone can wear something yellow, wear as much or as little yellow as you want, maybe make a yellow badge to wear if you do not have anything yellow. We will not be doing the fundraising, but the assemblies that week will focus on mental health and all classes will have a focused mental health activity on the 10th October. We will be raising mental health awareness.

Updates

- Thank you, to everyone for replying to the pupil photo and name permissions form email. We are wanting to post more learning and rewards on social media to celebrate our children's achievements. So if it is ok to post photos of your child please let us know by completing the form that was previously emailed. We are nearly there so please keep letting us know.
- We have started a school Facebook account and we plan to set up class Twitter pages, hopefully after half term. You can follow our Facebook page by clicking on this link <https://www.facebook.com/lydgatejuniors/>
- Mrs Hurding is delighted to be giving Headteacher Awards for significant learning and good attitudes to learning alongside being kind and caring. If we have the permission to post photos we will post these on our social media pages, if not we will email the photo of your child to you.



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- We are continuing with stars of the week, these children will now be joining Mrs H for a VIP tea on a Friday afternoon. This has already been a great success and a great ending to a busy week of learning at LJS.
- We also have TEAM POINTS at LJS and every child in school is in a different team. There are four teams - Meersbrook, Endcliffe, Norfolk and Weston. Children collect points for making good choices of behaviour and learning. All staff can give out team points. Each week we will announce the winners in assemblies. There is a cup for the winning TEAM that we share at the end of each half term.
- THRIVE APPROACH - Staff and Governors started their Thrive Approach training last night. We are wanting to become a Thrive school. The Thrive approach's vision is: 'Our mission is to help children and young people become more emotionally resilient and better placed to engage with life and learning.'
- Mrs Hurding is also training to become the school's Senior Mental Health lead.

Leaders

- We are delighted that Jayne Purdom has agreed to be our School Curriculum Lead this will continue to help us to improve our Curriculum offer at LJS.
- Alice Webb is going to be taking on the Forest School Lead. We are so lucky to have a Forest School at LJS and we are looking forward to developing using this wonderful resource even more.
- Angela Flynn is going to be taking on the Phonics Lead in school. Angela Flynn works across all year groups supporting children to read. We have bought into the 'Little Wandle' Phonics scheme which is the same scheme that the Infant school is also using. We have some fabulous new reading books that we are looking forward to sharing with you in Y3.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Hurding
Headteacher