

Lydgate Junior School **NEWSLETTER**



February 2022

Diary Dates

26 February	Cross Country Championships & Presentations – Graves Park
28 February	Y6 - Mr Frostbite (am)
3 March	World Book Day
8 March	Parents' Consultations (3.30 – 6.20 p.m.)
10 March	Parents' Consultations (3.30 – 6.20 p.m.) 4CW & 4JD 4.30 p.m. – 7.20 p.m.
10 March	Y4CW & Y4JD Tropical World Visit
11 March	YJP & Y4S/S Tropical World Visit
12 March	Cross Country – Y3 & Y4 Relays @ Hillsborough
18 March	Comic Relief – Red Nose Day
19 March	Cross Country – Y5 & Y6 Relays @ Castle Dyke
31 March	Y4 Performance to parents of the Emerald Crown
31 March	Last day for pupils before the Easter holiday
1 April	School closed for staff training
4 – 18 April (Inclusive)	Easter holiday

Headteacher Recruitment

I am, as many of you will know, retiring at the end of the summer term. Governors have cracked on and appointed the next person to be delighted to call themselves Headteacher of Lydgate Junior School.

Many parents will be familiar with both the name and person selected - Mrs Rachel Hurding, formerly Deputy Headteacher at Lydgate Infants. Mrs Hurding is, not surprisingly, really pleased to be joining the school; Governors are really pleased with the appointment. Mrs Hurding has sent this short 'hello':

Hi I'm Rachel Hurding and I'm so looking forward to being your new Headteacher in September.

I have lived nearly all my adult life in Walkey and Crookes and was the Deputy Headteacher of Lydgate Infant school from 2007 - 2015, it feels a real privilege to be coming back home to Lydgate.

I started life in Bristol and went to Manchester University to study History of Art, before training to be a teacher at Sheffield Hallam University and have been teaching since 1995. My first teaching job was at Totley all Saints Primary then at Longley Primary (now known as Pathways) before moving to Lydgate Infant school and Acres Hill Primary. For the last six years I have been the Headteacher at The Ellis C of E Primary school,



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Hemingfield, Barnsley. I am so proud of the school, it has become a rich, vibrant, inclusive learning environment with the children at the heart of everything we do.

I am looking forward to getting to know all the Lydgate families and taking Lydgate Junior through its next stage of development.

Year 6 Residential Trip to Edale

The remaining balance for this trip is £143, which should be paid by 30th March please. Payments may be made in instalments, via [Parentpay](#). A parents' information meeting will be held via Zoom shortly (details to follow) when further information about the timings, activities etc. will be discussed.

Parents' Evening Appointments

Appointments are now available to book online for Parents' Consultations on Tuesday 8 March and Thursday 10 March between 3.30 – 6.20 p.m. 4JD & 4CW appointments will be slightly later from 4.30 – 7.20 p.m. due to the classes trip to Tropical World. Parents have been sent an email with the booking link, username and password. These meetings will be virtual once more on Zoom.

Global Goals - Eco Club

As a Rights Respecting School, we promote the Global Goals for Sustainable Development and have recently become a Plastic Clever School. This half term we are running an Eco Club to develop our environmental work further. The Eco Club is made up of children who have an interest in saving the environment and who want to lead others on environmental issues and help steer environmental activities and projects within school. We would welcome support from any parents who work on environmental issues or have an active interest in our environmental work within school. If you are able to help please contact Mrs Holden via the School Office.

Coronavirus Update

With the removal of national restrictions and laws, we will be reviewing our risk assessment as soon as new guidance is received.

We hope that we will be able to maintain the best features of our practice over the last two years, while maintaining well-being and the quality of education.

Joseph & the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat



This year, Lydgate Junior School will be performing Andrew Lloyd Webber's Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. The story is a tale that follows the journey of a dreamer, Joseph, the son of Jacob and one of twelve brothers.

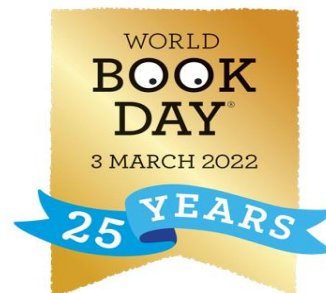
Pupils involved auditioned for a principal role or the opportunity to sing and dance in the chorus. Participating gives them the chance to boost their self-belief, self-motivation and help increase their ability to communicate as part of a team as well as have an

amazing time performing with their friends. We are sorry that we couldn't accommodate more pupils as unfortunately places were limited.

We really enjoyed watching the children having fun with their auditions and seeing them sing and act. Well done to them all. We will, of course, send out information on how to book tickets at a later date.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating 25 years of World Book Day in school on Thursday 3 March, with fun lessons, dressing up, competitions, free book vouchers and a pop-up bookshop for families to visit after school. Further details to follow.



Comic Relief - Red Nose Day



We will once again be fundraising for Comic Relief on Friday 18th March, with the theme of 'Funny is Power'!

There will be a non-uniform day for those children (and adults) who would like to take part with a suggested donation of £1. Children can wear something funny or anything that makes them happy (i.e. bright colours or fancy dress). We will be linking our fundraising activities to our Rights Respecting School ethos, with activities to include a class joke competition and a bake sale. We will also be selling Red Noses in class from Monday 14th March. Further details to follow.

Please park considerately

With over 1500 pupils attending the three local schools on Manchester Road it is understandable that residents and parents may complain to school about inconsiderate parking. Some roads around school are marked with double yellow lines, no parking zig zags, along with "No idling engines" and "Polite – think before you park" signs. The information board on Manchester Road says "No Loading Monday to Friday during 7.30 – 9.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. – 6.30 p.m." We've



received worrying reports of dangerous parking across the pavements. Please consider how parents with pushchairs need access to these pavements, along with our children. Thank you for your support.

Sporting News

We recently took two teams of Year 5 girls to play netball against Arbourthorne School and the Sheffield Girls' High School. They did brilliantly and were fantastic representatives of our school. They played against 3 teams and won each game without conceding, then played a second mini tournament where the children relaxed a little, tried out different positions and still managed to win 1, draw one and lose 1. It was a fantastic afternoon.

The Year 6 girls' football team went too, and won the little tournament. Again, they had a wonderful experience and came out with a few wins, too.

We're very proud of all our pupils who come to cross country, some are very competitive and some run just for fun with their friends. New runners are always welcome. Our last two races of the season are on 12 March – Y3 & Y4 Relays @ Hillsborough and 19 March – Y5 & Y6 Relays @ Castle Dyke.

Community

The Academy Tennis

are now taking bookings for the popular Easter tennis camps. For beginner and improver players, sessions will involve specific tennis coaching, fun games and an introduction to fun competition. We have full day and half day (morning or afternoon) options available and run Monday to Friday over the 2 week break. You can click on the links provided on the flyer or scan the QR codes to go straight to the booking page.

JUNIOR EASTER TENNIS CAMPS FOR AGES 4 – 16 YEARS

SESSIONS TAKE PLACE AT:

- Hallamshire Tennis and Squash Club**
 - Address: 716 Eccleall Rd, Sheffield, S11 8TA
 - clubspark.lta.org.uk/hallamshireacademyoftennis/coaching/camps
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 - Address: 716 Eccleall Rd, Sheffield, S11 8TA
 - clubspark.lta.org.uk/davemacraeacademyoftennis/coaching/camps
- Rustlings Lawn Tennis Club**
 - Address: Colligate Crescent, Sheffield, S10 2RH
 - clubspark.lta.org.uk/rustlingsacademyoftennis/coaching/camps

4-9 years
Week 1: 4th – 8th April
Week 2: 11th – 15th April
Monday to Friday
Full day: 10am – 12pm
Morning only: 10am – 12pm
Afternoon only: 1 – 3pm

10-16 years
Week 1: 4th – 8th April
Week 2: 11th – 15th April
Monday to Friday
Full day: 10am – 12pm
Morning only: 10am – 12pm
Afternoon only: 1 – 3pm

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Week 1: 4th – 8th April
Monday to Friday
Full day: 9am – 12pm
Morning only: 9am – 12pm
Afternoon only: 12 – 2pm

For further details contact:
Dave Macrae: 07715 180336 or email: dave@theacademytennis.co.uk
www.theacademytennis.co.uk

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Sessions take place at:

- The Academy: 27724 160136, @theacademytennis
- Hallamshire Tennis & Squash Club: 716 Eccleall Rd, Sheffield, S11 8TA, @hallamshiresquash
- Rustlings Lawn Tennis Club: Colligate Crescent, Sheffield, S10 2RH, @rustlings_lawn_tennis_club
- Hallam Grange Lawn Tennis Club: 70-72 Sandhill Lane, Sheffield, S10 3RH, @hallamgrange

The Academy are running a series of LTA Youth Start sessions at our venues. Youth Start is a great way of introducing your child to the game. For £29.99 you will receive 6 sessions of quality coaching from our fully qualified and insured team of coaches, a racket, t-shirt, wrist bands and a can of tennis balls. Simply follow the link and type in the postcode provided on the flyer to see the options we have available.

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Hallam Grange Tennis Club - S10 3RH

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YOUTH START

Yours sincerely

S R Jones - Headteacher