

*Lydgate Junior School*  
**NEWSLETTER**  
*March 2020*



**Diary Dates**

12 March (4.30 – 5.30 p.m.)	Y6 Residential to Edale – Information Meeting
13 March (3.15 – 5.45 p.m.)	FOLA Film Night
13 March	Y4JP & Y4CW Tropical World Trip
17 March	Y3D/dB & Y3AW visit to Pooles Cavern, packed lunch required
18 March	Y3SH & Y3N/R visit to Pooles Cavern, packed lunch required
20 March	Y4R/D & Y4S/S Tropical World Trip
21 March	Cross Country – Castle Dyke
24 March (2.30 – 3.15 p.m.)	Y4R/D Class Assembly – parents welcome
24 March (3.30 – 6.20 p.m.)	Parents' Consultations
26 March (3.30 – 6.20 p.m.)	Parents' Consultations
27 March	Y6 Residential to Edale – Payment deadline
27 March	Whole School Fundraising – Bears of Sheffield (Children's Hospital Charity)
30 March – 13 April	School closed for the Easter holidays
15 April	Class Photographs
16 April	Easter Egg Competition (further details to follow)

**Coronavirus**

In light of media coverage of the above, I would like to reassure parents that it is still 'business as usual' at school. All schools receive daily briefings from the Department for Education (DfE) and information from the local authority, and the advice to all schools is to continue to open as normal and take part in planned events. We will continue with normal hygiene routines, washing hands regularly and following the guidance of 'catch it, kill it, bin it' if you need to cough or sneeze. Should the situation change we will update parents further.

**Stone Age activity day**

Pupils in Year 3 greatly enjoyed their Stone Age activity day, which was part of their History and Geography learning. The second part of the topic is a trip to Poole's Cavern on 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you very much for the contributions we have received for this so far; if any parents who have not yet paid are able to do so, it would be greatly appreciated. As it stands, there is a shortfall of £192.00.

**Y4 Tropical World**

Y4 pupils are really looking forward to their trip to Leeds to the Tropical World, where they will enhance their learning around the Amazon rainforest. Thank you to parents/carers who have contributed to the schools costs; any other parents who have not yet paid would be appreciated. The shortfall to date is £260.00.

## **Year 6 Residential Trip to Edale**

The remaining balance for this trip is £145, which should be paid by 27<sup>th</sup> March please. Payments may be made in instalments, via [Parentpay](#). A parents' information meeting will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> March between 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. where we will give further information about the timings, activities etc.

## **Parents' Evening Appointments**

Appointments are now available to book online for Parents' Consultations on Tuesday 24 March and Thursday 26 March 2020 between 3.30 – 6.20 p.m. Parents have been sent an email with the booking link, username and password.

## **Bears of Sheffield Project and Fundraising Day 27<sup>th</sup> March**

As part of our Rights Respecting School work in school, we will be supporting the Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity in raising funds for a new Cancer and Leukaemia Ward. The project '[Bears of Sheffield](#)' has 100 Little Bears sponsored and decorated by schools (Lydgate Junior School included) and 60 Big Bears sponsored by businesses and painted by professional artists. Both will be found on the trail this summer running from July to September across Sheffield. To raise funds children we are having a non-uniform day on the last day of term when cake sales will also take place. Children are also invited to design the Lydgate Junior Bear. Please see the letter given to children.

## **FOLA News**

Thank you to all the children who took part in the FOLA Team Badge Competition, we had a fantastic response. The entries showing designs for the Endcliffe, Western, Meersbrook and Norfolk teams are now with the judges who have the challenging task of choosing the best design to represent our teams. The competition certainly caused a 'buzz' about school!

## **Cross Country news**

Well done and thanks to all cross country attendees and their families who have braved the mud, wind and rain of the Cross Country season this year! There is of course still the Castle Dyke relay event to look forward to, on Saturday 21st March (details to follow) at which all children are welcome.

The final league results are now in for Sheffield schools overall!

### **Individual results:-**

Y3/4 girls - 5th place - Olivia W  
Y3/4 boys - 9th place - Noah C  
Y3/4 boys - 10th place - Dejan W  
Y3/4 boys - 18th place - Beau P  
y3/4 boys - 20th place - Thomas T  
Y3/4 boys - 21st place - Harry M  
Y5/6 boys - 6th place - Sam F  
Y5/6 boys - 14th place Tilen W

### **Team results**




Y3/4 girls - 7th place  
Y3/4 boys - 5th place  
Y5/6 girls - 9th place  
Y5/6 boys - 3rd place

What amazing results for this season! Well done to all children and their families that have attended Cross Country this year. A special mention to Mrs.Suddrick for all her help and support!

For further information and other results, please see [Sheffield Federation School Sports](#).

### **Congratulations to Taylor Shaw!**

Huge congratulations to Taylor Shaw (our catering provider) who have achieved their **Food Served Here Bronze Award**, showing their commitment to serving our children nutritious, home cooked food. **Food for Life Served Here** is an accreditation for food providers who are making positive impacts through food. Specifically, it certifies caterers for providing meals cooked from scratch, using sustainable fish, free range eggs and ingredients that can be traced back to the farm. It considers the use of locally sourced and ethical ingredients that support the local economy and protect the environment. Caterers are inspected annually during a visit from one of the *Food for Life* inspection team and **Food for Life Served Here** standards have been tailored to each key sector. For schools, Bronze Award holders have to meet this specific set of criteria:

 <b>Ingredients</b>	 <b>Good Practice</b>	 <b>Customer care</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All eggs are free range</li> <li>• No genetically modified ingredients</li> <li>• No undesirable additives or trans fats</li> <li>• Animal welfare standards are met</li> <li>• No endangered fish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum 75% dishes are freshly prepared</li> <li>• Training is provided for staff</li> <li>• Free drinking water is available</li> <li>• Nutritional standards for sector are met</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Menus meet dietary and cultural needs of customers</li> <li>• Positive marketing about where ingredients have come from</li> <li>• Seasonal ingredients are used and highlighted</li> </ul>

Taylor Shaw have evidenced how they meet this criteria and as they hold the Local Authority central catering contract for schools in Sheffield, this means that 108 of our schools and thousands of our children are benefiting, enjoying healthy, sustainable school meals. **Congratulations to all those involved!** To learn more see [Food for Life Served Here](#).

### **Community**

#### **Quiz Night**

Tapton Youth Brass Band are holding a fundraising Quiz Night on Saturday 14 March 2020, 7 p.m. @ St. Columba's Church, Crosspool. Could you be part of a winning team? Tickets per person are £12 which

includes a pie, pea & mash supper with a drink (wine, beer or soft). Teams are of up to 8 people (which can be formed on the night) Sign your team up [here](#) or email: [mstapleton@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:mstapleton@sheffield.ac.uk) for a digital link.

### **Hallamshire Tennis, Squash & Racketball Club**

Hallamshire Tennis Club and Hallam Grange Tennis Club will be hosting Tennis Camps over the Easter holidays. The camps are for players aged 3-16yrs and aimed at players of all standards. They are a great introduction to tennis and players are grouped into age specific groups. The camps run from 10-3pm (lunch at 12-1pm - the children are supervised for the whole 5 hours), however you can also book separate morning (10-12pm) and afternoon (1-3pm) slots. We run Monday to Friday for both weeks. For further information please contact Dave Marray [dave@academytennis.co.uk](mailto:dave@academytennis.co.uk) or call 07715 120326.

### **Dedication of New Crosspool Memorial**

On Saturday April 11th at 5 p.m., a new Crosspool Memorial 'for all those whose life has been touched by conflict' will be dedicated in the garden of Tapton Hill Congregational Church. There will be an opportunity for children to plant spring flowers to signify hope and rebirth and refreshments in the Church hall,

### **Lego Easter**

On Saturday April 18th at 10.30a.m. Tapton Hill Congregational Church will be holding an Easter Lego Challenge that will involve protecting an egg with Lego. There will be the opportunity to hear the Easter story and a chocolate egg for each child. Donations welcome.

### **[Sheffield Cathedral Choir](#)**

Sheffield Cathedral Choir are currently recruiting boys and girls (aged 8-11) to sing. This is an opportunity to receive an incredible free musical education. No previous singing or musical experience is required to join the choir. If you and your child would like more information, please contact Email: [choir@sheffield-cathedral.org.uk](mailto:choir@sheffield-cathedral.org.uk) or telephone

Phone: 0114 275 3434.

### **Well done to...**

**Art (Y3), Dejan (Y3) & Joe S (Y4)** who passed their first karate belt 'Red'.

**Shreya (Y5)** who represented school in the Sheffield Federation School Sports Badminton Tournament. She won the Girls Single (Y5 and under), along with the doubles with her sister from the infant school, making her family and school very proud.

Yours sincerely



Headteacher