

# *Lydgate Junior School*

# **NEWSLETTER**

## *March 2021*



### **Diary Dates**

2 April – 16 April	School closed for the Easter holidays
19 April	School opens
19 April	Y4S/S & Y4CW Trip to Grenoside Woods
20 April	Y4JP & Y4JD Trip to Grenoside Woods
22 April	Y4 Swimming AM (for 12 weeks)
27 April (3.30 – 6.20 p.m.)	Parents' Consultations
29 April (3.30 – 6.20 p.m.)	Parents' Consultations
30 April	Y6 Residential to Edale – Extended payment deadline
Monday 3 May	May Day Holiday – school closed

### **Coronavirus**

All schools receive regular 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. We have recently sent out Greg Fell's latest letter to all parents' he stresses the need to keep on following rules & guidance beyond the school gates.

### **School calendar**

We do try to put events which are due to take place on the school [website](#): I have also included the term dates for this year [2020/21](#) at the end of this newsletter. Sheffield City Council have also set the dates for next year – [2021/2022](#) . I have also agreed the dates for the INSET days with Lydgate Infant School. To avoid confusion we will publish these in the next newsletter, however they are also available on the website.

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

The remaining balance for this trip is £145, which should be paid by 30<sup>th</sup> April 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. We hope this activity can take place in one or other of its planned formats.

### **Parents' Evening Appointments**

Appointments are now available to book online for Parents' Consultations on Tuesday 27 April and Thursday 29 April between 3.30 – 6.20 p.m. Parents have been sent an email with the booking link, username and password. These meetings will be virtual, as last term.

## **Easter Egg Event 2021**

Each year we hold a 'Decorated Egg Event' to give all the children an opportunity to get creative, celebrate Easter and have fun. Although we are unable to accept egg entries into school this year, we would like the children to still enjoy themselves and be as creative as possible by making a fantastic decorated egg design at home and sharing a photo of their creations (by Tuesday 30 March) with school via the following email address: [decoratedegg@lydgate-jun.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:decoratedegg@lydgate-jun.sheffield.sch.uk) See [here](#) for further details.

## **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.



## **Music Lessons in School**

Following the full return to school of all pupils on 8 March, we received confirmation from the Local Authority approving the return to on site music lessons by peripatetic music teachers. The Sheffield Music Hub carried out a specific Covid19 related risk assessment for 'Individual Specialist Music Lessons' in conjunction with school prior to the restart of lessons in our school. Unfortunately, due to limitations on space and time, pupils wishing to start to learn an instrument are currently not able to learn in school, although the Music Hub are hoping to expand this to new starters during the Summer term.

## **Before & After School Activities**

Government guidance tells us that clubs & activities before or after school are still not able to take place, other than for the reason of child care, to enable parents to work. You may see pupils on the school premises during these periods, although these pupils are attending RASCALS or The Old School House external child care providers. While our activity providers are keen to restart their clubs at school, we must wait for the national guidance to change.

## **Relationship and Health Education (RHE) Consultation**

Our consultation on the Relationship & Health Education curriculum which becomes statutory in Summer 2021 is open. Before September we want to consult parents on the content of this new area of the curriculum. Parents were sent information early this week along with the link to the survey. If you would like to express your thoughts & ideas you can also find the link [here](#). Please note this link will close at 12 noon on Thursday 1 April 2021.

## Comic Relief - Red Nose Day



We raised an amazing £797.30 this year. Thank you to everyone who supported this: whether it was donating a pound for wearing non-uniform by 'Wearing something funny for money', or buying a red nose. In these uncertain times, possibly financially for parents, it is reassuring to know the children & families are still able to contribute. Thank you!

## Virtual Balloon Race Fundraiser

FOLA will be holding the above fundraiser to raise funds for school. Pupils can pick a balloon of their choice, including colour and message at a cost of £4. The balloons will be released on Monday 29 March to fly around the FOLA Race page with the balloon flying the furthest distance winning a cash prize of £50. See [here](#) for further details.

## Spring Trail & Treasure Hunt Fundraiser

FOLA are running a Spring Trail & Treasure Hunt where the children can follow a local trail by using a downloadable trail map for clues. Entries close on Friday 26 March and each participant will receive a treat, which they will be able to collect from the school gate after school on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March or Thursday 1 April. Funds raised will contribute the cost of improving playground equipment. Entries cost £3. See [here](#) for further information.

## Community

### [Abbeydale Tennis Club](#)

will be hosting Tennis Camps over the Easter holidays. The camps are for all players aged 5 and above and aimed at players of all standards. The camps from 1-3 p.m. at a cost of £20 per day and run Monday to Friday for both weeks. For further information please contact [playtennis@btconnect.com](mailto:playtennis@btconnect.com) or call 0114 2361938.

### [The Academy Tennis](#)

are pleased to announce that we will be able to run our hugely popular Easter Holiday Tennis Camps this year. With Tennis able to resume outside from the 29th of March it enables us to be able to run our camps over the 2 week Easter break

The camps are directed to beginner and intermediate players from 4yrs upwards. Players are groups according to age bands. The sessions are based around tennis specific coaching, fun games to develop skill and an introduction to fun competition. All our staff are fully qualified, licensed and advanced DBS checked.

Week 1: 5th-9th of April

Week 2: 12th-16th April.

Full Day - 9am-2pm (staggered 30 minute lunch break)

Morning - 9-11:15am

Afternoon - 11:45-2pm

As with previous COVID tennis camps we ran last summer, there will be a limit on numbers so please book soon to avoid disappointment.

We are now using an online booking system called clubspark, simply click on the links below to access the options and make your booking.

[Hallamshire Tennis Club Camps: \(4-16yrs\)](#)

[Rustlings Tennis Club Camps: \(4-10yrs only\)](#)

All camps will take place outside so please consider this when sending your child, we would recommend that your child brings a drink and players staying for the full day will need to bring a packed lunch. There are toilet facilities onsite. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Dave on 07715120326 or email: [dave@academytennis.co.uk](mailto:dave@academytennis.co.uk)

### **Rattle & Roll Performance (Sheffield Girls' Infant & Junior School)**

will be holding a series of Clubs, including dodgeball, dance, drama, yoga, multi skills, ball games, art & crafts, team and confidence building activities during the Easter holidays. The sessions will be held between 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> April (8.30 a.m. – 4 p.m.) at a cost of £30 per day. Please contact Rattle & Roll on 07722014301.

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

**Nuria (Y5)** who has successfully passed her Performance Grade 2 Violin exam that she took online recently.

**Arthur (Y5)** who received his first karate belt (red) in December after starting lessons during the first lockdown!

### **British Summer Time 2021**

Don't forget the clocks spring forward by 1 hour on Sunday 28 March.

Yours sincerely



Headteacher





## SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2020/21 ACADEMIC

### September (22 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

### October (17 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

### November (21 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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### December (14 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

### January (20 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

### February (15 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

### March (23 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

### April (11 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

### May (19 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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### June (18 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

### July (15 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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### August

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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Bank Holidays



School Holidays



INSET days – school closed to pupils