



Lubbins Park Primary Academy & Nursery School



To be the best that I can be!

Engaged Resilient Enthusiastic Reflective Independent

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Friday 21st April 2017



Message from the Head

Welcome back to the last term of this academic year. We have lots of things planned which are listed on the calendar tab under parents on the website and have also been sent home this week. There will be opportunities for parents to join their children in learning along with celebrating learning. Please make a note of the dates on your calendar or in your diary for our maths workshops, short course celebrations and sports days to which all parents and carers are invited to attend.

Today teams of children from years 3 and 4 attended the cross country for Canvey Schools at Winter Gardens. The children behaved impeccably and were very sporting in their approach to the event. Many attend the running club at school and other sporting activities available in school which was demonstrated in their fitness levels. Well done to all of those that participated and many thanks must also go to all parents that helped transport the children to and from the event.

Our values theme this month is resilience and is something that will be demonstrated and talked about lots over the next few weeks in both class and assembly. Year 6 children are really working hard in preparation for their end of KS2 SATs. The resilience that they are building will be vital for them as they move to secondary school in a few months as well as for now as they prepare for the tests.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Dates for your diary:

Summer Term: Tuesday 18 April 2017—Friday 21 July 2017

Half Term 29 May 2017— 2 June 2017, **May Bank Holiday 1 May**

Inset Day- 4th May 2017,

Thursday 20.4—Intervention and booster invitations being sent out.

Friday 21.4—Year 3 & 4 Cross Country.

W/C Monday 24.4—Year 6 Mock SATS Week

W/C Monday 24.4—All clubs, intervention and booster classes start.

2017-2018 Inset Days: 4th and 5th September 2017, 2nd January 2018, 3rd and 4th May 2018

Absence During Term Time

No holidays during term time will be authorised and if you take your child on holiday during term time, both parents will be at risk of being issued with a penalty notice.

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is essential in developing good learning habits for life and something that we take very seriously as a school. Our overall attendance for last week of term was 95.5% which is just slightly below our target of at least 96% of pupils at school each day.

Multi Academy Trust Attendance

Rather than compare whole school attendance, we have decided to now report the winners based on the highest attending class. Last week's Epsilon Star Trust Attendance Winners were Year 3NH at Kents Hill Junior School with 99.3%! Year 4 at Lubbins Park Academy achieved 98.0%, followed by Year 5 with 97.1%. Well done to these years you exceeded our target.

1st = Year 4— 98.0%

2nd = Year 5— 97.1%

3rd = Year 3 - 95.9%

Letters sent home this week:

19.04—Diary Dates for Summer Term

19.04—Cross Country (selected pupils only)

21.04—Quiz Club Letter

Safeguarding

To ensure the safety of all children, parents are required to inform the school **in writing** if someone other than themselves are collecting their children after school. Instructions will only be taken over the telephone in cases of emergencies.

No Dogs

Polite reminder that Dogs are **not permitted** anywhere on the school site.

2017/18 Entry for the 11+ test

For your information, please note that the 11+ 2017/18 entry test for pupils who are currently in Year 5 will take place on Saturday 23rd September 2017. Registration for this will commence from 4th May 2017.

The CSSE website www.csse.org.uk has lots more useful information on how you can enter and prepare your child for the 11+. If you feel that this education would benefit your child then please take a look at the website or speak to Mrs Ireson.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Just a reminder that we are collecting the Active Kids vouchers from Sainsbury's Supermarket. Please send any vouchers that you would like to donate to the school in with your child. Thank you.

Breakfast and After School Club

The cost of breakfast and after school clubs is as follows: £2.50 for breakfast club and £3.50 for after school club.

Parents are reminded that spaces need to be reserved and paid for in advance, for the week, to the office by Friday midday at the latest, there can be no exceptions made.

Old £5 Notes

On Friday 5th May 2017 the old paper £5.00 will no longer be legal tender, therefore we will be unable to accept anything other than the new plastic version as from this date.

Parking Permits

Parking Permits for the Seafront Carpark can be collected from the school office. This will cover parking for drop off and pick up times **only**

No Smoking

Please note there is a strict **NO SMOKING** policy anywhere on the school grounds.

Payment by Cheque

Please ensure all cheques are made payable to Lubbins Park Primary Academy

Please visit our new and improved website:

www.lubbinspark.essex.sch.uk

Absence During Term Time

It has come to my attention that there are a significant number of unauthorised absences within school. May I remind you of the schools policy regarding this as absence from school is likely to have a detrimental effect on your child's learning, progress and future success.

Appointments for medical appointments, including dental appointments, require confirmation from the medical practitioner in order to be authorised. We have forms available in the office that can be used at these appointments, please collect one from the Office to take to the appointment with you and then return it to the office to ensure the absence is authorised.

Likewise if your child has been absent from school then a letter explaining the absence must be provided on their return. **If the absence has been over 3 days then medical evidence will also be required.**

Our teachers are extremely dedicated at preparing learning opportunities for the pupils in their classes. However, these possibilities are only effective if the children are in attendance at school.

School Dinners

The cost of a school dinner is now £2.00 per day/£10.00 per week. If your child would like a school dinner the money must be sent into school **in advance** in a clearly marked envelope.

Healthy Schools

Many thanks to all of the parents that have ensured their child's lunchbox contains healthy foods and for supporting the new policy. It is very important to us as a school as we know that making these choices early on in life can have a huge impact on health and eating in later life.

Health and Safety

We are extremely pleased and grateful to the LSFA for their kind donation towards the refurbishment of the trim trail which is now back in use. The trim trail should not be used after school hours when children have been dismissed from class. Please ensure your child's safety when they have been dismissed to you by not allowing them to use the trim trail.

School Health Drop-in Service

No Appointment necessary

If you have concerns or worries about your child's health, 'Provide are running the following drop-in clinics on the following days at Central Canvey Primary Care, Long Road, Canvey Island between 2pm –4pm—4th & 18th May, 8th & 22nd June and 6th July. Appointments are limited to 15 minutes per child during busy periods. For longer appointments please call the school nurse team on 01268 686041

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, we expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs C Ireson and in her absence the Deputy is Mrs S Murrell