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LJS Update

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Welcome Back

Welcome - I hope you all had a fabulous summer, I have very much enjoyed hearing about all the adventures the children have had over the summer.

School has had lots of building work done and looks fabulous, the group room is now two rooms which will be a new classroom and a sensory room. Year 3 boys have had new toilets and the library has had a makeover. I would like to Thank Mr Moore and Mr Close for all their hard work over the summer, they have made a massive difference to the school.

This year is already looking to be very busy, with lots of fantastic events planned and the most amazing lessons and learning taking place.

I look forward to working with you and your children and hope that you will join us on our exciting learning journey this year.

Parking

Can I please ask that you are considerate when parking to drop off or collect pupils. We have already had a complaint from local residents. Please park elsewhere and walk to school, using the lollipop lady to cross the main road. Large volumes of traffic along Coronation Road does make it unsafe for the children to cross.

Safety of our children is our number one priority

Jess Scott

School Uniform

It was lovely to see all the children in such smart uniform on the first day. Can I remind you that shorts and summer dresses may only be worn in September if the weather is unseasonably hot, but from October onwards long trousers must be worn. Girls tights should be either black or green (not grey please).

Curriculum Evening

This year we will be holding a Curriculum Evening on Monday 18th September.

This will be a chance to hear about whole school changes to teaching and learning and behaviour. There will then be an opportunity to visit your child's classroom and meet with their teacher. The teachers will give a brief overview of what the children will be doing this term and you can ask any questions you might have. Parents meetings will still happen in the second half term.

Cycle Race

The Year 5/6 children had a great time watching the Tour of Britain cycle race.

They were an absolute credit to the school, behaving brilliantly and cheering on everyone!

Nottinghamshire had the biggest crowds for the tour and it was an honour to be part of such a great event. Thank you to all our parents who came and walked with us - it was greatly appreciated.



Nut Allergy

Please be aware that we have a child with a severe nut allergy in school this year. This means that no nuts or products containing nuts are allowed in school. This includes Nutella and chocolate products.

We need to ensure that we keep all our pupils safe.



Birthdays

As we are a healthy school, can I please ask that children don't bring in sweets or treats to celebrate birthdays.

Instead the children will be allowed to wear non uniform on their birthday as a treat and so we all know that it is a birthday!

If you have already had a birthday this week, you can arrange a date to wear non uniform next week.



Behaviour

This year we have decided that all members of Larkfields are STARs. The school will have 4 school rules and these link to our Take Care areas. These will be:

Safe - stay safe and keep others safe

Team Player - working with others, flexing our reciprocity muscles

Active Learners - take part in all learning in school with a positive attitude

Respectful - show respect to everyone and everything

More information will follow on this and the curriculum evening will also explain this in more detail.



Data Collection Sheets for Year 5

Year 5 pupils will be bringing home a Data Collection Sheet today. Please can you complete and return the form by next Friday, 15th September.

Many Thanks

Website and Twitter

Our website is the best way to find out information about what is happening in school. The children will also be issued a log-in for this later on this term to access some home learning and other resources.

You can also follow our twitter feed at [@LarkfieldJunior](https://twitter.com/LarkfieldJunior). The feed is also displayed on the website.

If you have changed your contact details can you please let the office know ASAP.

Thank You



Focus on...

Extra-Curricular Activities

As always the school will be running a wide range of after school activities. In addition to this we will also be running lunch time clubs, these will include a crafts club, Makaton (signing) and a homework club in which children can come and do homework and have some extra support if needed. We may also nominate children who don't do homework to attend. If your child has homework and is struggling, please let the class teacher know as they can direct your child to homework club. Please note this is not a punishment and is designed to give children a space to do homework with support.

After School Clubs:

- Girls Football (Yr3/4) – Tuesday 12th September for 6 weeks
- Fencing (Yr5/6) – Wednesday 13th September for 6 weeks
- Boys Football (Yr3/4) – Thursday 14th September for 6 weeks
- Bricks for Kidz- Thursday 14th September for 6 weeks
- Basketball with Miss Mitchell – Tuesday 31st October until March 2018
- Bricks for Kidz (2nd topic) - Thursday 2nd November for 6 weeks
- Clay Creators – Thursday 11th January 2018 for 6 weeks
- Mad Science - tbc

Lunchtime Clubs / Activities:

Starting w/c 11th September

- French with Madame Barnes – Tuesday (Y4/Y6) and Thursday (Y3/Y5)
- Music Tech with Mr Rose – Thursday

Starting w/c 18th September

- Homework Club with Mrs Scott and Mrs Bates - Monday
- Crafts Club with Mrs Foster-Wright – Monday and Friday
- Whizz, Pop, Bang! with Miss Sanderson - Wednesday
- Digital Leaders with Mrs Scott – Tuesday
- Storytime with Mrs Bates - Friday
- Construction Designers with Mr Close – tbc
- Cross stitch with Mrs Squires – tbc
- Makaton (signing) with Mrs Newton - tbc

Music Lessons

Starting w/c 11th September

- Woodwind, Brass and Keyboard lessons – Monday
- Drums – Tuesday and Thursday
- Guitars - Wednesday