



Welcome back to Lyneham Primary School. I trust that you all had a lovely break and managed to enjoy what pockets and glimpses of sunshine we had this summer. The new school year is getting off to a flying start. I'm really impressed to see the children settling down to their learning so quickly, and to see the positive and energetic attitudes of all of our wonderful teachers.

For those of you new to LPS, I'd just like to let you know that your child's teacher is your first port of call with the school. They are always happy to talk with you about any issues you may be experiencing or share good news of your children's achievements with you. Could I please request though, that if you require a bit more than a quick hello or to share some quick but important information, please make an appointment to meet with them after school. Teachers are very busy in the morning setting up lessons and welcoming children in to class and it could appear rude if they are not able to give you their full attention which is never their intention.

John Read, Head Teacher

Golden Book



"Mabrouk" as our Arabic friends would say to Alex, Amelia, Emily, Frankie, Freya, Reece, Matai, Ilan, Laura, Lucy, Elizabeth, Joshua, Charlie, Poppy, Eliza, Paige, Yasmin, Litia, Millie and Brooke; all who have started the year with an entry in the Golden Book!

Attendance



Attendance for the whole school = 98.3%.

Congratulations to four classes Robin, Woodpecker, Hawk and Kestrel who tied for the Weekly Award with 100% attendance

Secondary School Applications - 2018



Please note that the deadline for senior school (Yr7) applications is 31st October 2017. The preferred method of application is online at

www.wiltshire.gov.uk. Alternatively, if you require a paper application, please ring 01225 713010. Forms return forms to Wiltshire Council, not the School.

EYFS School Lunches



Our EYFS children will be staying in school for lunch starting from Monday 18th Sept. If you have not ordered a lunch from Cheeky Pea for your child, please do so as soon as

possible. You can order online at www.cheekypea.co.uk or obtain a paper menu from the School Office

We have been very fortunate to have the WWT in school last week doing some work with the children encouraging them to participate in the three R's at home: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. All children have brought home a Waste Watcher Reward Card outlining the 4 tasks that they have to complete. WWT will be in again over the following six Wednesdays working with a different year group each week



Flu Immunisation Consents



Letters were sent home last week to all parents of children in Years R, 1, 2, 3 and 4 concerning 'flu immunisations in school. If you have not already done so, please return ALL consent forms (whether you consent or not) by Tuesday 19th Sept. Thank you.

Our **Parent Support Advisor**, Terry Jones, will be delivering an Introduction to Practical Solutions for



Challenging Behaviour course at LPS. The course will be run over 3 consecutive Friday mornings (starting on 22nd September) and all parents are welcome to join in. We never know when these strategies will come in handy!

Lyneham Primary School is Growing!

Information meeting Wednesday 2nd November, 3pm -7pm

Like all schools in Wiltshire, our number of pupils is gradually increasing and we anticipate a further increase in numbers from summer 2019, when it is planned that additional military personnel will move into Lyneham and there may be expansion of local housing.

With this in mind, the School has been working closely with Wiltshire Council and a team of architects over the last few months on plans to expand the school. This will happen in two phases, resulting in the addition of 7 new permanent classrooms and increasing the school capacity to three classes in each year group. This work will be funded by Wiltshire Council and represents an investment of more than £3.5 million.

You may have noticed that we have had a mobile classroom installed in the EYFS area during the summer break. This has been moved from another school to help us accommodate any early increase in pupils, but all of our expansion will be a permanent build and the mobile will be removed at the end of the project.

The first phase of work is due to start in Summer 2018 and be completed by early Summer 2019. We have developed an excellent relationship with the architects who have a good understanding of the school's priorities and are trying their best to accommodate our long wish list!

Things are still in the early stages of planning, but we are very excited that the first phase will include a brand new, purpose-built, 3 class EYFS unit and plus potentially a large new hall and traffic system. The second phase would then deliver the remaining 4 classrooms and remodelling of some existing areas; although the timescale for this has not yet been confirmed.

Governors and Senior Leaders welcome the new developments which will significantly enhance provision for pupils and the local community. Mrs McFarlane is leading the project on behalf of the school and she will be working closely with the Council, architects and construction company as the development proceeds. Her priority is to ensure that the expansion meets the school's needs now and for the future; proceeds with the minimum of disruption to learning and that the children are kept safe at all times.

The architects anticipate that the planning application for the expansion will be submitted to Wiltshire Council in December 2017. Prior to that we would like to invite everyone in the community to a **drop-in information session on Wednesday 2nd November in the Upper Hall at the School between 3pm -7pm** to view the plans prior to submission for planning consent; and meet the architects. This will be an informal event with no presentations, so please feel free to just drop by to take a look.

We will keep everyone informed as work progresses. We don't expect to see any building work starting before July 2018, but you will notice various surveys taking place in the meantime. If you have any queries about the school expansion, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs McFarlane.

2-SIDED COIN

Ah, school days. Those halcyon days of friendships and playtime... Well, most of the time it is. However, it is also the boiling cauldron of most social, emotional, and self-confidence issues that shape and consume students' lives.

Your student is learning about life; not only the 3 Rs. The highs and lows of making, keeping and losing friends are often their big concerns. Making friends is a complex, difficult and highly individual task. Friends and Bullies are often the same people. This can frustrate parents and teachers who so want to 'fix' the problems and make everyone happy.

Friends develop for many reasons: location, similarity, shared experiences, celebrity, and attractiveness. Young students choose their friends from their classmates because they are with them most often. Being 'alike' may also form the basis of a friendship. Having the same hobby, achievement level, holidays, family situation or challenges is a strong attraction for children. The *familiar* is a comfort zone. And, let's face it, there have always been and will always be 'the popular kid' with whom everyone wants to be friends. This *IT* girl or boy may not even understand the power of friendship they possess. Often it derives from a self-confidence that allows them to feel comfortable with a variety of peers and to empathise with them. However, popularity may arise because of the child's more developed sense of control and ability to manipulate those around them. This is usually the basis for Bullying. If a child is used to getting their way, when they don't or feel challenged then they may resort to anger, tantrums or violence. They will use the tactic that works or they have seen others use with success.

A bullying situation gives parents a golden opportunity to discuss challenging situations, what the child 'thinks' is the cause, a choice of options to deal with the problem and ways for the child to develop self-confidence and control. There are some fabulous books for children that may help them to negotiate the trials of friends and bullies. Your child's teacher has experience of a wide range of children's behaviour and will welcome a chance to make school a pleasant place for all. BUT, most importantly, encourage your child to talk about the good and the bad, AND, listen without judgement and open to exploring solutions WITH your child. If they feel that they have the courage and control, they will be able to handle whatever life, friends, throw at them.

If you have any questions, want some help finding appropriate books and materials, concerns or just want to say 'Hi', please contact me.

Terry

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Diary Dates

When	What	Time	Notes
Tuesday 19 th September	Flu Consent Forms due		See above
Friday 22 nd September	Challenging Behaviour – PSA		See above
Tuesday 25 th September	Yr6 Conover Hall Info Meeting	6pm	
Wednesday 18 th October	Last day of Term 1		
Tuesday 31 st October	First Day of Term 2		
Tuesday 31 st October	Senior School Applications due		See above
Wednesday 2 nd November	Information Meeting - Growth	3pm-7pm	See Above
Tuesday 19 th December	Last day of Term 2		
