

LPPS Newsletter

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It's the end of our first whole week back already. I'd like to commend the **new parents (in Class 2 and 3)** for their collegiate work with the school, ensuring that together we were able to make the transition to 'big school' seamless. As a result, the children of Class 2 and 3 involved themselves in school life quickly and with some confidence. This picture is repeated for the group in our **Class 1 Nursery** who look very at home; wearing dressing up clothes most of the time.

At the other end of the school, thanks to the parents who were able to attend the **Year 6 Information event** on Wednesday. It is good for the staff to be able to explain the expectations for year 6 but also to allay any worries. Don't worry if you missed this- the powerpoint we used is available on our website and was emailed to you. Remember to use the **School Jotter mobile phone app** for easy access to the school website.

On **Monday 1st October** at 9am there will be a **new parents welcome/coffee morning** in the Hall. This year the event has been combined with the **Macmillan Coffee morning**- thanks to Sarah Hoskins for the arrangement. Everyone is welcome. It will start with an introduction to school for the new parents at 9am so feel free to turn up a bit later (at 9.20am) if you don't need to hear this. It will finish at 10.15am (unfortunately we need to use the hall).

For children trends come and go but are quite intense while they last- remember bottle flipping two years ago? During 2018 **Fortnite** has seen big interest from children. As with any computer and online game, there are dangers when not played responsibly. Please see the information sheet on the website specifically about this game but also take note of the very useful link to a website which gives updated information about all games on every platform:

Ask About Games: <http://www.askaboutgames.com/advice/video-game-guides/>

And for wider support and information on your child's online use:

NSPCC: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

While we are sharing useful links please find below a link for help and advice if your child is anxious about going to school: Young Minds: <https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/what-to-do-if-your-child-is-anxious-about-going-back-to-school/>

Finally, here is a brief summary of the a few of the priorities we are undertaking this year at school:

We continue with our focus on **mental health** for all and the strategies children can use for their own well being as they grow up.

We are renewing our push on **reading for pleasure** and deep understanding of texts.

We are continuing the focus on **number skills for life**- children being fluent with number bonds and number facts.

Look out for more upcoming events for parents in which we will share our thoughts on how children **learn and develop best at school and at home.**

COMING UP...

Dates next week:

Date	Activity	Time	Place	Notes
Tues 18 th Sept	Cycle Training	pm	Ladygrove	Selected Yr 5 children
Weds 19 th Sept	Yr 6 visit Oxford Natural History Museum	All Day	Oxford	Remember packed lunches
Thurs 20 th Sept	Yr 4 Cake Crumbly	3.10pm	Courtyard	Remember to bring cakes to sell!
Fri 21 st Sept	Yr 1 Dress Up Day (Dragons) Girls' Football Tournament	All Day pm	Year 1	Come to school dressed up as dragons!

Calling all **NEW** parents! We are holding an informal coffee morning to welcome all **new parents** to Ladygrove Park Primary School.

This will be a chance to meet other new parents and learn about key people and their roles.

Where: **School Hall** When: **Straight after school drop off – Monday 1st October, 8.45am.**



Clubs: Below is a list of clubs running in this autumn term. If your child cannot attend club please inform the relevant adult and **REMEMBER to wait outside the front door to school** to collect your child at finish time for the club leader to hand over your child.

	Club	Timings	Yr Gp (max nos)	Staff / Volunteers	Meet in	Start Date
TUESDAY	Knit & Natter	3.15pm-4pm	Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6 (max 12)	Mrs Li-Koo, Mrs Clarkson, Mrs Barringer, Mrs Foster	Library	25 th September – There is a charge of £4 for this club
	Football (Boys)	3.15pm-4.15pm	Yrs 5 and 6 (max 15)	Mr Francis	Class 9	2 nd October
	Football (Girls)	3.15pm-4.15pm	Yrs 4, 5 & 6 (max 14)	Dr Shorrocks	Class 11	2 nd October
WEDNESDAY	Recorder	3.15pm-4pm	Yr 2 (max 15)	Mrs Boden-Selvidge	Class 7	26 th September
THURSDAY	Choir	3.15pm-4pm	Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6 (max 20)	Mrs Fowkes	Class 8	27 th September
	Netball	3.15pm-4.15pm	Yrs 5 and 6 (max 20)	Mrs Wilder, Mrs Fisher	Class 15	27 th September

To apply for a place in a club for your child, email the school office or drop a note in at reception **no later than Wednesday 19th September.**

CLUBS MAY BE CANCELLED AT THE LAST MINUTE - PLEASE ALWAYS CHECK OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE TO SEE IF A CLUB HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

NOTICES ...

Our **school menu** has been adjusted slightly – this is on our website to view under *key info* tab.

This week you will have received a copy of your child's **student update form**. Please ensure you check the details are correct (especially contact numbers) and return the forms back by Friday 21st September (even if everything is correct!)

At 9am on Wednesday 26th September, **Bag2School** will be collecting our unwanted clothes and shoes to help raise funds for the School outdoor play equipment. Donation bags have been sent home today. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the school reception by the end of school day on Tuesday 25th September.

Free School Meals (FSM): If you are in receipt of benefit support from the Government you may be entitled to Free School Meals (FSM). It is important to make the school aware of this as they receive funding from the Government for families that qualify for FSM; if you think this relates to you please speak to Sarah or Heather in the office as we can check whether you are eligible. **Please note this is different to universal free school meals.**

Below are details with further information about how to **download our school mobile app** to your phone. I've downloaded it and it's very useful: it pushes communication to your phone (and smart watches) as soon as the school sends anything out. If you 'allow notifications' these will appear like text messages. If you take the time to do this you will soon wonder how you ever coped without it!

Lunches: It has come to our attention that KS1 children have been charged for their school lunches. We are in liaison with ParentPay to rectify this error. Please do not pay for any school lunches.

As part of our drive to continue to support our families in dealing with the mental health and well-being of their children, we are inviting you to a series of workshops. Each term we will be hosting a workshop, each with a different theme, for up to 25 parents to attend. As part of the workshop we will be encouraging parents to share their own experiences, advice and suggestions, in the hope that they resonate with others. The more we talk openly about mental health and well-being, the more acceptable it will become.

The first workshop will be held on **Wednesday 10th October (World Mental Health Day) from 5pm-6pm**. The workshop will be based around the theme of **anxiety** and will be overseen by Carly Clarkson. We'd like to invite any parents who feel that anxiety is/may be something their child is battling with and those who would like to hear more. We are limiting places to 25 so that an informal atmosphere is upheld in which everyone feels comfortable saying what they want to say. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you would like to attend please email the school office (office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk) or drop a note in at reception. You will then be notified of whether you were successful in securing a place on the workshop.

Andrew Markham and the school team

Your school has the School Jotter app! Check it out!

Why should I download the app?

This innovative app keeps parents engaged by sending all the essential information straight to your phone. You will have access to regularly updated information:



- News**
Keep up to date with the very latest items
- Calendar**
Term dates, important events and parents evenings
- Newsletter**
Get newsletters from your school instantly
- Galleries**
Access photos shared by school
- Notices**
Push notifications for urgent messages and reminders
- Contacts**
See who to contact and how
- Maps**
List of useful locations of sports events or school trips

Everything in one app!

How do I download the app?

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Go to Google Play, search for School Jotter or scan the QR code.



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