



LAWEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parent Newsletter

Date : September 2018

Headteacher News:

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you have had a great summer with your children and made the most of the great weather we have had. It is great to see all the children back in school happy and motivated to learn and succeed. I would like to extend a special welcome to all the new children and families that have joined us for the first time this week and we hope that they enjoy their time at Lawefield Primary School. We have an open door policy at Lawefield so if you have any problems or concerns please feel free to come to the office and ask to speak to someone.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to the new staff we have in school; these are Miss Bradbury who is our new Year 1 teacher and Miss Barker who is our new Reception teaching assistant.

I hope that all the children and families who celebrated Eid recently had a great time with their friends and family.

This academic year we will be running a variety of after school clubs including sport, art, cooking and music. Clubs will change on a termly basis to give more children the opportunity to attend something that they enjoy. Information about these clubs will be sent out shortly.

As we continue to improve the premises we have had some work done over the summer holidays which has included painting in the KS2 Hall, outside railings and interior doors. Our new library has been installed and there will be an opportunity to see this at our parents evening in October. We have made some changes to our Early Years unit and had some work done in our dining hall. Over the coming weeks we will be having a multi-usage games area installed in the rear car park.

I would like to thank all parents who attended and contributed to our reading mornings last academic year. These mornings were really successful and helped us to raise the profile and importance of reading in our school. We are going to continue with this but at a slightly different time. Reception and Key Stage 1 would like to invite parents in every Tuesday at 2:45-3:15pm starting on Tuesday 18th September. Key Stage 2 will be organising some reading workshops throughout the year and there will be further details to follow.

Last academic year we had great success with our reading outcomes and have improved from 36% of children achieving the expected standard in 2017 to 72% of children achieving the expected standard in 2018. We believe this is due to the hard work and dedication of all staff in school adapting to the changes we have implemented on how we teach reading in school. This academic year we want to continue to make some additional changes to our home reading schemes. A separate letter will be sent out shortly to explain these changes to parents.

Also this academic year we are going to trial a new way of booking slots for parents evening. This will be an online system where parents can log on and pick a time that is suited to them. Again a letter will be sent out to explain how this will work.

As a school we value you as parents and believe that your contributions and opinions matter in making school a happy place where children can learn and succeed. With this in mind we are going to hold a coffee morning once a half term to give parents the opportunity to come into school, meet and chat with other parents, staff and governors. The dates of these coffee morning are as follows:

Wednesday 19th September - 9:15am

Wednesday 21st November - 9:15am

Wednesday 23rd January - 9:15am

Wednesday 13th March - 9:15am

Wednesday 8th May - 9:15am

Wednesday 19th June - 9:15am

If you can make it, it would be great to see you there.

Finally, we now have a new catering company providing our school meals and we would like to invite parents to a taster session on Tuesday 11th September at 2:45pm until 3:15pm. This will give parents the opportunity to sample some of the food we have on offer for the children.

Miss J Beetham

Key Dates:

- ❖ Tuesday 11th September – Parent food taster day
- ❖ Tuesday 18th September – Reception and KS1 parent reading sessions begin
- ❖ Wednesday 19th September - Parents coffee morning
- ❖ Monday 22nd and Wednesday 24th October - Parents Evening
- ❖ Wednesday 24th October – Whole school book event
- ❖ Friday 26th October – Break up and return to school on Monday 5th November

All parents are welcome to attend our Friday Assemblies that start at 9.10am

Friday Assemblies for the half term will be:

Friday 7th September – Special Mentions Assembly

Friday 14th September -Star Reader Assembly

Friday 21st September – Year 6 Class Assembly

Friday 28th September - Star Writer Assembly

Friday 5th October – Star Reader Assembly

Friday 12th October – Year 2 LB Class Assembly

Friday 19th October – Star Writer Assembly

Friday 26th October – Certificate Assembly

School will be closed on the following days for staff training

- Monday 3rd September 2018
- Monday 24th September 2018
- Thursday 2nd May 2019
- Monday 22nd July 2019
- Tuesday 23rd July 2019