

Lexden Primary School

Newsletter

Spring Term Issue 1

Dear Parents,

I would like to offer everyone a belated welcome back after the Christmas break. I hope you all had a relaxing time with friends and family.

As you can see in the diary dates below, we have lots going on this term. Please note that our Parent Consultations will be taking place on the 19th and 20th of March, shortly after you have received your first written reports regarding your child/children's attainment and progress. I would urge you all to attend as they give a valuable insight into your child/children's education. If for some reason you can not attend these meetings, please make contact with the school to arrange a telephone consultation.

This term we are going to be reporting children's punctuality instead of attendance. This is because we have had an increasing number of children who are arriving late for school and it is having a negative impact on their, and other members of the classes, learning.

Finally, can I request that classroom staff are not asked to distribute birthday party invites. It causes difficulties when some children are left out and places members of staff in difficult positions.

Alex Candler

Sir Linkalot

On Wednesday, January 23rd, Andy Salmon (aka Sir Linkalot) from Thinkalink introduced all the children and teachers to the world of 'Linking' (a fun and easy way to remember any fact).



Thankyou to all the parents who attended aspects of the day.

Topic launches

KS1s visit from Florence Nightingale



Nursery and Reception's visit from the Fire Brigade



Dates for the diary

1st February	Reception Assembly at 2.30pm
4th February	Year 2 SATs meeting for parents
5th February	Safer Internet day
8th February	Safer Internet at 2.30pm
11th February	Year 6 SATs meeting for parents
15th February	Accolades assembly at 9:15am
	Break up for half term
26th February	Children back to school
1st March	Secondary school place notifications
	Year 2 Assembly at 2.30pm
7th March	World Book Day
8th March	World Book Day Assembly at 2.30pm
11th March	Science week begins
15th March	Year 6 Assembly at 2.30pm
19th March	Parent Consultations until 8pm
20th March	Parent Consultations until 6pm
27th/28th March	Year 3/4 production
29th March	Whole school Easter Assembly at 2.30pm
5th April	Accolades Assembly at 2.15pm

Horrible History Quiz



Thank you to all the parents who attended the Year 3/4 quiz this week. Congratulations to 'It's my birthday James' who won.

Late Arrival at school

The breakdown below shows late arrivals by year group over the past week.

Reception	18%
Year 1	11%
Year 2	9%
Year 3	12%
Year 4	13%
Year 5	32%
Year 6	5%

The worst day was Monday which saw 22 pupils arrive late. For the rest of the week at least 12 pupils arrived late each day. The Education Welfare Officer is visiting the school next week to conduct a Register Review which includes both absence and late attendance. Families will be contacted when attendance/lateness raises concern.

School Dinners Menu

Don't forget to pay for meals on the Monday in a named envelope please. £2.00 a day.

First week back will be Week 1 of the school menu

Office updates

If you are aware that your child has a case of head lice or ringworm, it is very important that you let the school office know so we can get notifications out to the other parents.

Please note that children are not allowed on the school grounds before 8:40am and should leave promptly once collected at the end of the day. Thank you.

Community events

Messy



FREE



**activities
& songs**

Kids crafts

**FREE hot
meal**

JONAH

FUN!



Sunday,

10th February

3-5pm

St. Leonard's Church,

Lexden

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

This event is free and no booking is necessary, but - if you can - please email us to let us know if you're coming: youthworker@stleonardslexden.org.uk