

Lexden Primary School

Newsletter

Spring Term Issue 2

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all of the Year 2 and 6 parents who attended the SATs meetings. I hope that we have enlightened you about the tests themselves and the hard work that the children are putting in at school.

It was also good to see so many of you attending our Phonics workshop over the last four weeks and for your fantastic feedback. More sessions are on the way.

As you will have noticed from the diary dates below, World Book day is nearly upon us. Because we value reading and think it is important that children find pleasure in books, this year we will be celebrating by coming to school dressed as our favourite book characters. As ever, there is no need for you to purchase an expensive costume if you do not wish to do so, it is often the costumes made alongside your child that are the most special.

Another date for your diaries is the afternoon of Wednesday 13th March where we will be holding our next Coffee and Cake session for parents. On the agenda will be our revised Sex and Relationships policy.

We hope you all have a relaxing half term and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 26th February.

Alex Candler

Sporting news

The football team were the proud recipients of a new kit this week thanks to the Gilbertson Family. Both the team and school are very grateful for their generosity.



Chinese New Year

Our children in the Reception class had a surprise visit from Mrs He, who runs the Phoenix Chinese Takeaway on London Road. She shared some delicious food with the children and helped them learn about Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated.



Parking

This term we have had complaints from residents of Collingwood Road with regard to badly parked cars making it difficult to drive down the road.

In future, can you please avoid parking on the bend as it endangers our children's safety and the safety of other road

Late Arrival at school

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

- Reception 9%
- Year 1 11%
- Year 2 4%
- Year 3 11%
- Year 4 16%
- Year 5 36%
- Year 6 13%

The worst day was again Monday which saw 14 pupils arrive late. The Education Welfare Officer visited the school on 28th Jan and reviewed late attendance, which is very high for some children. She also noted a high incidence of children being at appointments during the school day. Please can every attempt be made to have opticians and doctors appointments after school or in the holidays.

SENCO support group

Mrs Newbold (acting SENCO) will be starting a parent support group next half term. If you would like to participate a letter will be coming home after the break.

Dates for the diary

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 2.15pm
5th April	Accolades Assembly at 2.15pm

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

Golden Leaf Winners!

Congratulations to the winners of the Golden Leaf whose names will be displayed on our tree with all the previous winners.

Sadie White
Macy Metherell (second award)

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.

Safer Internet Day 2019

Following on from our activities in school last week, I hope you find the activities below useful in the fight to ensure our children are safe online. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate in talking to your child's teacher, or myself.



Parents
and
Carers

Our internet, our choice - Understanding consent in a digital world Fun Things To Do (with younger children)

The activities below provide suggestions of fun and engaging activities that you can do with younger children to help them think about being safe and positive online:

Smartie the Penguin (Ages 3-7)

Childnet's Smartie the Penguin story highlights the importance of always telling a trusted adult if you are unsure about something online or when using technology.

The story can be downloaded/read for free and there are also free colouring pages and fun activity suggestions to help reinforce the messages of the story.

www.childnet.com/smartie



Digiduck's Big Decision (Ages 3-7)

Digiduck's Big Decision is a story by Childnet about the importance of being a good friend online. It can be read for free online or downloaded as a free app for Apple and Android tablets.

www.childnet.com/digiduck



SID TV (Ages 3-11)

Our SIDTV short videos provide a great way to start a discussion with children about how the internet makes them feel and what tips they have about staying safe. Some of the videos are aimed at younger children and can be watched on the UK Safer Internet Centre website or on YouTube.

www.saferinternet.org.uk/sid-tv



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The Adventures of Kara, Winston and the SMART crew (Ages 7-11)

Five cartoons for children on how to stay safe online. Each cartoon covers one of the five SMART rules which help children to make positive and safe online choices for themselves and their friends.

www.childnet.com/kara



SMART Rules Quiz (Ages 7-11)

A fun way to check how well your child knows how to stay safe online is to challenge them to the SMART rules quiz on the Childnet website. Why not have a go too and see if your online safety skills are up to date?

www.childnet.com/quiz



Further resources and information:



www.saferinternetday.org.uk



www.childnet.com