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**Summer Term**

**Newsletter 2**

**10<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Wonderful welcome to our new Reception for September**

We welcomed parents of our new Reception class for September 2024 last week. It was lovely to see so many who attended to find out about our school. Our visitors were impressed with how calm our reception children were, despite the extra 20 adults in class! Thank you to our amazing Ash Class who did everyone proud! **We will be full in September with 30 children, and we have a waiting list which appears to be growing every week!**

### **Staffing Update**

#### **- Mrs Lawrence**

After an extremely impressive 38 years working at Lyngford Park Primary, **Mrs Lawrence** wishes to take early retirement at the end of this academic year. Mrs Lawrence, who started as a volunteer helping children to read, was appointed as a teaching assistant in 1986. Mrs Lawrence has worked with 5 Headteachers (Sibyl Hiscocks, Bob Aslett, Annette Cox, Sarah Loader and Nick Arnold), has supported well over 40 teachers and helped well over 1100 children! (38 years x 30 in class on average). In addition, Mrs Lawrence has supported Wrap Around Care, lunchtime duties, ran gardening clubs, has been a member of PTFA and always a massive support to our school community. Whilst we all wish Mrs Lawrence well for her new ventures, we will be very sad to see her go. However, Mrs Lawrence is looking forward to her holiday abroad in September – during term time!

#### **- New teacher appointed.**

We are delighted to announce the appointment of **Mr Bradley** who will be joining us as a full-time class teacher from September. After a rigorous interview process, Mr Bradley was the unanimous choice! Details about classes for September will be shared once this has been finalised.

### **Outstanding payments through Parentmail – my error.**

Parentmail is still active with all the current payments which were set up before Easter. The contract ceases in August but we wanted to move to MCAS at Easter. I apologise as I understood it was all transferring to MCAS – this not the case. All new payments are through MCAS, but those which were set up before Easter as still requiring payment through this method. Some trips and certainly swimming is still on Parentmail. We are facing a hefty debt with swimming and sincerely hoping those who are yet to pay clear their outstanding debt or we face cutting other things from the school to clear our debt.

#### **Total Outstanding - £1356.36**

Beech £218.60  
Silver Birch £218.60

Red Oak £407.20  
Whitebeam £385.76

Rowan £126.20

### **Year 6 Test Week - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Next week, our Year 6 will be sitting their SATs. An opportunity to show what they can do. We are proud of their positive attitude towards their learning, and we hope they achieve what they deserve. Tests are in the mornings only and be all over by 11:30 on Thursday. The Year 6 have received further information about the format. **We all wish them the very best of luck!**

**Nut Allergy – reminder.  
We are a NO NUT school.**



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### Summer term weather

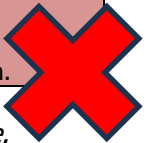
To reiterate, our UK weather continues to be unpredictable. We as parents and carers must ensure our children are sent to school with appropriate clothing – from coats to sunglasses and hats if hot! It is **parent's responsibility to apply suncream on your own child. You can buy decent products which gives 12-hour protection.** Hats and water bottles are a must – please ensure they have drinks bottles filled with water to stay hydrated.

### Keeping ourselves fully hydrated – what can we drink?

We remind parents and carers to make sure their children always bring a drinks bottle to school with them already filled with water, which they can also refill during the day. The *Eatwell Guide* recommends we should aim to drink between 6-8 glasses of water a day, and the **healthiest drinks** are water and milk. The *NHS* website **strongly recommend** children should avoid fizzy drinks, squash and juice drinks completely.



Water	Fizzy Drinks, Squash or Flavoured Water
NO calories! Quenches the thirst most effectively. Best drink to help our body retain a normal temperature. Cheaper!	All have high level of sugar or saccharin. (sugar-free uses artificial sugar!) Can lead to children becoming overweight. Can cause increased damage to children's teeth.



*It is for all these reasons we **strongly recommend** children only bring water to school in their bottle.*

### Educational Trips during the Summer Term

A reminder from last week in case anyone missed this information... Teachers have been planning some excellent educational trips to enhance children's learning of the topics we are studying. Unfortunately, the cost of transport as well as entrance fees, like everything else, has increased. Equally, our school finances are strained. Each trip letters explain specific costs and arrangements, but **should insufficient donations be received, that individual trip will be cancelled, and all children who were going on that trip will miss out.** Thank you for your support.

### Showcase Children's Work! Week commencing Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 3:20 - 4:00pm

Come and see children's amazing work and learning!

Learning will be presented in the hall or the courtyard and within the classrooms on the following dates:

- ✓ Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June - Upper KS2: Red Oak, Silver Birch and Rowan.
- ✓ Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June- Lower KS2: Whitebeam and Beech.
- ✓ Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – EYFS/KS1: Ash, Willow, Cherry and Holly.

### Wraparound Provision

Due to increase in staffing costs and food prices, from September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, our prices will increase to:

<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>8.00 - 8.40am</b>	<b>£3.50 (with breakfast)</b>
<b>Afternoon</b>	<b>3.15 - 4.30pm</b>	<b>£5.00 (with snack)</b>
	<b>4.30 - 5.45pm</b>	<b>£4.00 (no snack)</b>
	<b>3.15 - 5.45pm</b>	<b>£9.00 (with snack)</b>

Please refer to the Wraparound Policy for more information as well as our terms and conditions. This and many other important pieces of information can be found on our website.



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### Request for Term-Time Absence – Please read carefully

Parents are kindly reminded authorised absence request will only be permitted for **very few reasons** and official guidance must be followed. **To be clear, nearly all requests will be unauthorised.**

Your request will **DEFINITELY NOT** be authorised if your child's attendance is less than 94% and could action a fine.

**Thank you for your support and understanding on this matter.**

## Attendance Update

**We remain at 93.1% National Average = 94.5%**

**1.4% - unauthorised absence. 0.6% - late (after 8.50am and before 9.15am)**

### Persistent Absences

**31 children = 80% - 90%** (missing up to 1 day EVERY week) = **15.8%**

**12 children = less than 80%** (missing more than 1 day EVERY week) = **2.4%**

### Key dates for the summer term 2024 (Terms 5 & 6)

Correct on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

TERM 5	
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Key Stage 2 SATS for Year 6.
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May	9.10am Golden Mile 5. End of Term 5.
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Whitebeam and Beech classes - Caerleon Museum trip. All day.
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	School photos for Reception and Year 6 children only.
<b>27<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May - Summer Half-Term</b>	
TERM 6	
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Children return: 8.40am ( <b>Gates shut 8.50am</b> )
Week beg. 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Multiplication challenge for Year 4.
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Showcase Work – Red Oak / Silver Birch / Rowan. 3.20 – 4pm
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> June	School Readiness Session (New Reception) 2-3pm. Showcase Work – Whitebeam / Beech. 3.20 – 4pm
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Showcase Work – Ash / Willow / Cherry / Holly. 3.20 – 4pm.
Week beg. 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening
<b>Week beg. 10<sup>th</sup> June for 2 weeks   Construction on Safe Play Equipment</b>	
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Week. Details to be sent out in coming weeks.
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> June	School Readiness Session (New Reception) 2-3pm
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Sport Celebration Day & Whole school picnic.
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception School Readiness Session. 2pm – 3pm (Hall)
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 trip to Noah's Ark. All day.
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Annual Children's Reports to Parents
<b>Fri 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>PTFA Event: Summer Fayre. 3.30pm-5.30pm</b>
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> July	5pm LGB – Data & Attendance Focus (Changed from 4 <sup>th</sup> July)
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	9.10am Golden Mile 6
TBC	Year 6 Performance



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Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	2pm Year 6 Leavers' Assembly <b>Last Day of Year for all pupils – Ends 3.15pm</b>
<b>Wed 24<sup>th</sup> July - INSET Day – Closed to children. (Nursery open)</b>	
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Holidays begin</b>	