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Newsletter 6

Summer Term 2

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

New Staff – REMINDER

Following successful interview processes, we have appointed the following staff. This is a result of 2 teachers going on Maternity Leave (Mrs Price-Bates & Mrs Kelly), and 2 LSAs (Miss Vicary – who is staying, and Miss Cullen who is leaving) moving from their current LSA roles to train to become teachers.

I also write to inform you **Mrs Mears** is not leaving us but wishes to move to a zero-hour contract from September, so she can continue to support us when we are in need, but she can enjoy more family time and keep on jet-setting around the world! Mrs Mears is a fabulous staff member who has supported in all classes for 20 years at Lyngford Park. We are lucky she is not leaving but changing her working arrangements.

Teachers

Willow Class – Year 1 – Mr Jaq Griffiths

Cherry Class – Year 1/2 – Miss Rebecca Leivers

Learning Support Assistants

Miss Amy Smith, Mrs Claire Cannings, Miss Fay Eaton.

In the News – PROUD!

We are in the Somerset County Gazette online as the paper is celebrating our recent Vocabulary Day. We were also on the TV last evening – Points West - well done all! We all looked so impressive. Miss Noone definitely doesn't teach in Key Stage 3, though 😊

Phonics Result – AMAZING!

Following our Phonics Screening, **we have achieved 91%! Considering National Average will be around 80%, this is exceptional!** Thank you to Miss Noone and her team who have worked so passionately and diligently. Thank you, parents who have used the dojo films, posted to help your children at home.

Year 4 Multiplication Check – GREAT!

Following our Multiplication Check, **we have achieved 74%! This is excellent result for all Year 4.** Thank you to all staff and parents who have helped those children achieve and put them in the best possible position to continue improving in Maths. Support at home really pays off!

Health & Safety Audit – AMAZING!

Following our annual H&S audit, we have achieved the highest score ever, **averaging 94.6%** across Safety, Risk Assessments, Incident Management, Fire & First Aid, Premises Management, Compliance and Outdoor Education. ***Thank you to all our staff, but especially our Mr Barry.***



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Annual Reports to Parents – Next week

As we continue to take steps to be even more environmentally friendly, all reports for children will be sent out via your MCAS app next week. By doing it this way, it will save us circa 1000 sheets of paper, 300 envelopes as well as the electricity used to print off 300 reports. If you still wish to have a paper copy, please email the school office with your child's name and class, and we will produce a paper copy for you. Thank you for helping with our environmental drive.

Forthcoming trips - REMINDER

Over the coming weeks, various year groups will be enjoying trips. Please ensure you have read and responded to all required information, and your child is fully prepared with appropriate items. If payment is needed, please ensure your monies are paid to protect the trip.

Medication – IMPORTANT!

If your child requires medication during the day, medication **MUST** be in an original packet / box / bottle with their name clearly marked on it. We are not allowed to administer Ibuprofen in tablet form to anyone under the age of 12, regardless of parental consent, but parents can administer it themselves if they so wish -but will need to come into school to do this. Thank you for your understanding.

🎵 We've Been Commended! 🎵

We are incredibly proud to share that our school choir has been awarded a Commended certificate in the Somerset & Dorset Schools Choir Competition – a joint event delivered by Jackdaws Music Ed Trust, Somerset Music and Dorset Music Service on behalf of Octagon Music Hub.

Our choir submitted a performance piece that they rehearsed alongside their exciting work in the recording studio. The judging panel praised the choir's great diction and clear commitment, and we are thrilled that their hard work and enthusiasm have been recognised!

This is a fantastic achievement - Well done to all of our young singers

Mrs Kelly & Mrs Houghton

Classing Arrangements – for September, and for transition days. Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd July.

Next Tuesday, your child will find out their new class teacher for September. Children will come to school in the morning and be in **their normal classes until after lunch**.

After lunch, they will then be shown their new classes and **go home from their new classroom**.

Parents, please be patient as understandably collecting your child may take a little longer than the current smooth operation, but staff will be on hand and on both gates to support.

At 3.15, so parents with more than 1 child don't need to be in 2 places at once:

- Any child in Year 3 (in Sept) will be taken to Luxhay Close gate to be met by parents.
- If you have children in KS1 and KS2, collect KS1 child and meet your KS2 child in the courtyard.



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- If you have 2 children in KS2 from September, BOTH will be met at Luxhay Close.

Class Transition...to help collection at the end of Tuesday 1st July

- Children currently in Reception will be in Willow or Cherry as new Year 1.
- Children currently in Year 1 will be in Cherry or Holly as new Year 2.
- Children currently in Year 2 will be in Whitebeam or Beech as new Year 3.
- Children currently in Year 3 will be in Beech or Silver Birch as new Year 4.
- Children currently in Year 4 will be in Silver Birch or Rowan as new Year 5.
- Children currently in Year 5 will be in Rowan or Red Oak as new Year 6.

On Wednesday (2nd July) morning, children to go straight to their class in September, and spend the morning there, before returning for the rest of the term to this current year's class. Therefore, at the end of the day, you will meet your child/ren as you have done all this year.

Your child will love their new class. Please be assured, my staff and I have spent time using many criteria including ability, compatibility, suitability, friendships (staying together and separating all for good reasons). Playtimes and lunchtimes will be the time when, if a child is not with a specific friend, they will have time then – which will allow them to focus in class, without being distracted by their friend! Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Hot School Meals – Price increase from 1st September

From 1st September, hot meals will increase by 10p to £2.90, and Nursery meals will increase by 20p to £2.70. They remain extremely good value for money – and if you would like to see what they look like, look on our website as we've taken pictures of the meals to help parents when choosing with their child.

DON'T FORGET – Next Week...

- KS1 going to Paignton Zoo on Monday – see letter.
- Year 5 are going to the cricket on Monday – see letter.
- Tuesday & Wednesday – transition days.
- Thursday – Reports to parents being sent out – through MCAS.
- Friday 4th – Our Summer Fayre – thank you for your kind donations today!!

Have a good weekend. Please ensure you and your children are protected from the sun.

Nick Arnold