



Lawford Mead Primary School Newsletter No. 16

High expectations and improved outcomes for all

10th January 2019

Mr Matthew Poyton
Head of School

Dear Parents

It was wonderful to welcome all the children back to school on Monday and I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break. Our Year 2 children are experiencing a trip to Colchester Castle today and we took a group of KS2 children to take part in a Sportshall Athletics tournament on Tuesday. Tomorrow we compete in the Dodgeball Finals and Aspen start their first **SWIMMING SESSION** of the term.

Just to remind you next Tuesday, 15th January we are holding a **Y6 PARENTS MEETING** at 8.45 am with Mrs Wilson, Miss Smith, Miss Cope & Mrs Dockerill. During the meeting we will share details about each of the SATs papers and when they will be taken. We will also discuss expectations and the types of questions the children will have to answer. Most importantly we will share how we are supporting the children in school to feel confident and resilient when taking the papers and how you can help to reinforce this at home. Plus there will be tea and biscuits! Mrs Kirby will also be attending the meeting to give information about transition into secondary school and the application process. I do hope you can attend this meeting and we look forward to seeing you there.



There will be a change to dessert for school lunches next Thursday 17th January, a special treat of pancakes with lemon or mixed berries.

Our next **PARENTS ASSEMBLY** will be for Year 5 on Thursday 24th January at 10.15 am. Parents & families are warmly invited to attend and refreshments will be available afterwards.



Miss Cope has organised an exciting new writing competition - '**Diary of a Wimpy Kid**'. Children can use their wonderful imaginations to create a diary entry all about their most thrilling snow day. It will need a title and can be up to 500 words. There are great prizes to be won and the closing date is 25th January. Miss Cope is looking forward to reading the entries.

Please be reminded that **TODDLER GROUP** is on Monday afternoons - if you haven't been before, this group is for pre-school children with their parent/carer. It runs every Monday 1.45pm—3.00pm where your toddler can play and socialise with other young children while you meet & chat with other parents/carers.

In case you missed it on our newsletter at the end of last term, please see our advert below:

NEW GOVERNOR REQUIRED

The school is looking to appoint a new governor. The post is for a MAT governor, so they would be appointed by the Board of Trustees, not voted for by parents. However, parents may put themselves forward for this role.

The person for this role will be an important member of the Local Governing Committee (LGC) and help support the school implement strategies for ongoing improvement. The LGC meets one evening each term and each governor carries out 3 termly visits (during the school day) to monitor activities and events in school.

If you are interested in finding out more or if there is a member of our local community who you would recommend, then please make an appointment to speak to Mr Poyton or the Chair of the LGC, Mr Golledge, thank you.





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Dates for your diary:

Fri 11 January	Dodgeball Finals at Deanes School, Thundersley (10 children) Swimming for Aspen class starts
Tue 15 January	Y6 SATS Parents Meeting, 08:45-09:30 in the Studio
Thu 24 January	Y5 Parents Assembly, 10.15 am
Mon 28 January	Y5/6 Choir performing at the O2 Arena
Thu 31 January	Y5/6 Cross Country event (24 children)
Fri 1 February	NSPCC Number Day
Wed 13 February	Book Fair for EYFS/KS1 (Nursery to Year 2) after school in the Studio
Thu 14 February	Book Fair for KS2 (Year 3 to 6) after school in the Studio
Fri 15 February	TARGET SHARING DAY (Non-pupil day-children only attend school when you meet with their teacher) Book Fair open Friday morning in the Library
18 to 22 February	Half Term

Please check our calendar on the school website www.lawfordmead.essex.sch.uk for latest updates to events. On the Calendar page there's now a button below the calendar that says 'Subscribe to our calendar'. If you click on it from a mobile device your calendar app should launch and it'll let you sync with the schools calendar.

SCHOOL DINNER MENU - WEEK BEGINNING 14TH JANUARY

Choice of a main (blue) or vegetarian (green) dish

Jacket potatoes are available daily as well as a selection of salads

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken pie with new potatoes	Beef burger with wedges	Roast Turkey & Roast Potatoes	Piri Piri Chicken Pizza	Battered Fish & Chips
Vegetable Chilli Con Carne with rice (V)	Vegetable Fajitas with wedges (V)	Roast Vegetarian strips & Roast Potatoes (V)	Margherita Pizza (V)	Vege Burger & Chips (V)
Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Cauliflower & Peas	Carrot/Swede mash Green beans	Runner bean slaw Sweetcorn	Baked Beans & Peas
Lemon Drizzle cake	Jelly & Pineapple	Fruit Salad	Pancakes	Chocolate Sponge