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Newsletter – 30th September

Dear parents/carers,

I can't believe it is the end of September already! Where has the time gone? I am very pleased to inform you that our new Reception pupils have settled in well and that the Year 6 pupils had a fantastic time on the Isle of Wight on their residential trip. It has been so lovely to see parents engaging in the new parent and toddler session on a Monday morning in Robins Nursery and joining in with an immersion visit to the woods as part of Magpies learning theme.

Parent Engagement session

Thank you to all those parents who were able to join me in the planned get together last evening. It was a very productive meeting and we came up with the following actions to support an increase in parental engagement opportunities now that Covid is no longer causing as much disruption. As a school, we have missed the opportunities to work with our parent community more closely and we look forward to what we were able to offer pre-Covid.

- We discussed the importance of school and home working closely together to ensure that we help and support each and every child at every stage in their time with us.
- Communication – school will always endeavour to communicate with you everything that there is to know regarding things that are happening in school or things that directly affect your child and we aim to give you as much notice and detail as possible. Communication from school will continue in as many ways as we can (e.g. class website pages/newsletters on the website and Facebook and they can be e-mailed to you if we have your e-mail address) and a text reminder.
- In return, we need you to inform us of anything that could affect your child during the school day and to talk to us if something is not going well for your child in school or if something is not quite clear. You may also be having problems with IT such as with Parent Pay or logging on for anything linked to homework. By talking to us, things can be sorted out so much quicker. We also ask you to name your child's belongings as many clothes are not named and some never get claimed. We also request any changes of contact details so that we can get in touch with you when needed.
- Parent workshops will be set up over the coming weeks (on a fortnightly basis) for staff to inform you of our teaching methods in some of the core subjects. We will also be offering sessions on our approaches to mental health and well-being and Special Educational Needs. In addition there will be parent meetings with your child's class teacher and reviews of My Plans for children on the SEN Code of Practice coming up in October and November. Each class will be presenting their term's learning in a presentation assembly either in November or December.
- Finally, we talked about how parents can get involved in the life of the school if you have some spare time. These include helping in school (e.g. hearing readers/helping with practical subjects or running a club). We also talked about a re-launch of the Lydbrook School Association (LSA) as it has not run since Covid. The LSA help to bring the community together for social events, experiences for the children and raise money for the school that can be used to subsidise opportunities for the children, to help with buying larger equipment or support developing our learning areas (e.g. well-being garden, nature areas, Forest School, pond area).

- We look forward very much to seeing you at any of the events mentioned above and details will be sent out next week.

Mrs. Hughes

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs. Hughes (Hawks class teacher) is expecting her first child. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mrs. Hughes and her husband with this very special announcement. I will keep you informed of when Mrs. Hughes will be starting her maternity leave and who I will be appointing to cover her in her absence.

Parent meetings

We will be running parent meetings just before and just after the half-term holiday. These meetings will run for 10 minutes and allow your child’s teacher to inform you how your child has settled this term and their next steps in learning following baseline assessments.

Meetings for children in Y1, Y3 and Y5 will take place during the week beginning the 17th October and Reception, Y2, Y4 and Y6 during the week beginning 31st October. Details of the meeting dates/times will be sent out in paper form next week and to be returned by Monday 10th October.

Clubs

A club timetable will be sent out in the next couple of weeks and will start on the week beginning the 7th November. There will hopefully be a variety of opportunities for the children which will be mainly led by the school staff. I am also looking at some outside providers but these will have a cost to them. As part of parental engagement, we are always looking for skills and support from our parent and local community. If you are interested in offering a club to a group of pupils (e.g. cooking/crafts such as sewing or art), please contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Author visit

I am delighted that local author Andy Seed will be visiting on Wednesday 12th October to speak with pupils in Magpies, Jays and Hawks. Andy will be talking to the children about his recent publication “The Wildlife of the Forest”. This follows up on a talk he gave about the “The Story of the Forest – a children’s history of the Forest of Dean” last year. Lydbrook School was very much involved in this book in our capacity as the lead school for the recently finished Forester’s Forest Heritage Lottery project.

The children will be bringing home an order form early next week from Andy if any family would like to pre-order a personal copy of the “Wildlife of the Forest” which Andy will sign.

Best wishes

S. T. Lusted
Head

Diary Dates

Wednesday 5 th October	Flu immunisations
Wednesday 12 th October	Author Andy Seed visit to talk to pupils in Magpies/Jays/Hawks
Week beginning 17/10/22	Parent meetings for children in Y1/Y3/Y5
Thursday 20 th October	End of Term 1
Friday 21 st October	School closed for staff INSET training on Phonics
Monday 31 st October	Start of Term 2
Week beginning 31/10/22	Parent meetings for children in YR, Y2, Y4, Y6
Tuesday 8 th November	Owls trip to Pizza Express, Monmouth
Tuesday 15 th November	School photographs
Wednesday 23 rd November	Height/weight for YR/Y6 (school nurse)
Friday 16 th December	End of Term 2
Tuesday 3 rd January 2023	School closed for staff INSET for training
Wednesday 4 th January	Start of Term 3

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