

LEYS FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER 11 – May 2022

Platinum Jubilee Edition

Dear Parents,

We have had another busy half term in school with Year 6 working hard during their SATs week and Year 3 and Year 4 having a great visit to the Tropical Butterfly House in Sheffield. Children have enjoyed many Platinum Jubilee events and it was our pleasure to invite Y3, Y4 and Y5 parents into school this term for curriculum events! Enjoy your half term break and Platinum Jubilee long weekend. We look forward seeing many of you at our Olympic Sports Day on Thursday 16th June (weather permitting)!

Miss S. Thomas

Trips, Visitors and Other Events

Year 4 and some Year 5 have started swimming lessons from Wednesday 11th May and Friday 13th May. These are for eight weeks. The children also have the opportunity to visit Riddings Library while they are there!

These two year groups also had a very informative morning learning about water safety and how to keep themselves and others safe!

We started this half term with an Orienteering Day around the school groups which really helped to develop the children's map reading skills and was led by the Getahead Sports Partnership! They also arranged our RED FUN RUN Improvement event!

Our Art Subject Ambassadors attended 20-21 for a generation project. They will visit Enderby Rd Infants to share their skills with this project after half term.

PCSO Tara Empringham visited with her colleague, Hannah, to provide a very informative assembly about Online Safety! Staff and children learnt a great deal about how to keep themselves safe online!

Year 3 and Year 4 had a great visit to the Tropical Butterfly House in Sheffield. They learnt so much about a wide range of creatures and where they are from. This has helped them in their research and writing back at school. *Please see photographs on our Twitter account and website gallery!*

Having shown great resilience and hard work during SATs week, Y6 were treated to a morning at Cheeky Chimps! It was wonderful to see them having fun and playing together!

Protection from the Sun

Reminder: Can I please ask that children bring a **sunhat/cap** to school with their name in on warmer days. No sun glasses, please.

Water will be provided throughout the day within the classrooms to ensure the children do not become dehydrated, so no water bottles should be brought into school, thank you.

Sun cream/screen should be applied to your child **before school at home**. There are many brands now that provide at least 12 hours of protection from the sun and are relatively inexpensive so no sun cream needs to be brought into school.

Leys Farm is fortunate to have plenty of areas of natural shade and we will make use of these areas on hotter days.

School uniform must be worn each day except on PE days.

Summer uniform includes;

- girls blue and white gingham summer dresses to be worn with white socks and not tights, please,
- boys can wear grey or black tailored shorts, if you wish.

Please label all uniform. This makes it much easier for it to be returned to its owner when found.

On PE days children should come in their **outdoor PE kit** which should include black or navy-blue jogging bottoms or leggings or plain black shorts or skort, **plain white T-shirt**, dark coloured hoodie or jumper and trainers. ***These should not include fashion or designer logos but could include school jumpers.***

No extreme hairstyles or nail polish, either, please.

We do have some stock of larger polo shirts, jumpers or fleeces if you would like to contact the school office, otherwise all of our uniform is available at Shah's Uniform Shop on West street.

Staffing	Platinum Jubilee Events
<p>We are sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Herrera (Learning Supervisor and Lunchtime Supervisor) who has worked at Leys Farm for the last 9 years! We wish her luck in her new role within Human Resources. She will be missed!</p> <p>We welcome Miss Kiddle and Miss Palmer to the Leys Farm team. These two new lunchtime supervisors will take up their positions in June.</p> <p>Mr Brown, will be supporting in Y4 and Y5, as teaching assistant, this half term.</p>	<p>We started the week before half term with a Platinum Jubilee Dance through the Decades workshop, painted Jubilee ceramic plates, made bunting and created crowns for a competition and had a wonderful buffet style lunch prepared by our kitchen staff and cook, Mrs Clark. <u><i>Please see photographs on our Twitter account and website gallery!</i></u></p> <p>Children learnt a great deal about Queen Elizabeth's long reign. We ended the week with a non-uniform red, white and blue event arranged by our School Council whilst being entertained by poet, Ian Bland, kindly arranged by our Chair of Governors, Sarah Tipler. Year 2 children from Enderby Road Infant School also visited to enjoy this event with Leys Farm!</p>

School Diary Dates 2022

Friday, 27th May - Half-term
Monday, 6th June - Pupils Back
Wednesday, 20th July End of Term – Queen's Jubilee Date given to school!
Thursday, 21st July – Staff Training Day
Friday, 2nd September – Staff Training Day
Monday, 5th September - Staff Training Day
Tuesday, 6th September – Pupils back for a new academic year!

Take a look at our school website: www.leysfarm.org.uk and our [@leysfarm](https://twitter.com/leysfarm) Twitter feed!