

LEYS FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER 12 – July 2022

Sizzling Summer Sun Edition

Dear Parents,

We've now reached the end of another academic year! We have had a busy and rather hot end to the half term. Thank you for your co-operation with earlier collections and other precautions over the last couple of days. Children have enjoyed many events this half term including our Olympic Festival Sports Day, a visit to Normanby Hall and completion of swimming lessons for Y4 and some of Y5. It has been lovely to welcome parents back into school for a number of events but particularly with a very special End of Y6 Presentation afternoon. We would like to wish all of the Y6 children the very best of luck and a smooth transition into their secondary schools. The rest of school have also enjoyed seven days of transition, with visits from the new Y3 for two of these days, getting use to their new teachers and classrooms, which should help alleviate any worries coming back in September. We'd like to wish you all a very good, restful summer holiday!

Miss S. Thomas

Trips, Visitors and Other Events

Year 4 and some Year 5 have completed their swimming lessons with about one third passing the National Curriculum standard. The children also had the opportunity to visit Riddings Library while they were there!

Our Art Subject Ambassadors attended 20-21 for a generation project. They visited Enderby Rd Infant School to share their skills with this project. All children created their own aspirational characters.
Please see photographs on our Twitter account and website gallery!

Year 5 and Year 6 had a great visit to Normanby Hall. They learnt so much about their topic 'Children of the Revolution'. This has helped them in their research and writing back at school.

Our Olympic Festival Sports Day was a great success. The children showed great sportsmanship and team work. Thank you to Mrs Simpson-Inger for organising this event with the Getahead Partnership and thank you to those parents and other family members who attended. She also organised Sports Week England events for the whole school, including; martial arts, street dance, rugby, archery and cricket.

Y6 showed off their talents in their end of Y6 Presentation and ended the day with a game of bowling. It was wonderful to see them having fun together!

A huge thank you to Mr Clixby for teaching PE across school, this year. We hope to work with him again in the future. However, Mrs Simpson-Inger will be teaching all five classes PE, from September!

Staffing

We have sadly said goodbye to Mrs Plaskitt (Business Manager) who has worked at Leys Farm for the last 9 years! We wish her luck in her new role. She will be missed! We welcome Miss Wells, our new Business Manager, from September.

We are also saying thank you for all their hard work and good luck to Miss Darling (Y5 class teacher) who is relocating and Miss Hutchinson (Teaching Assistant), who takes up a new TA position at St Peter's and St Paul's Primary School, in September. We have recruited two new TAs to our team from September; Mrs White, who will be supporting in Y6 and Mrs Walters, who will be supporting in Y5.

Thank you to Mr Brown, for supporting in Y4 and Y5, as teaching assistant, this half term.

Mrs McCaul will also be leaving school after 4 years working in the kitchen alongside the cook. We will miss her cheery disposition and wish her well in looking after her grandchildren.

Classes for Next Year:

3S – Miss Stoney supported by Mrs Lefley and Mrs MacDonald

4W – Mrs Wass supported by Miss Stimson and Miss Parkinson

5B – Miss Lunson (*soon to be Mrs Bower*) supported by Ms Bilton and Miss Porteous

5S – Mrs Simpson-Inger supported by Mrs Walters

6H – Miss Hood supported by Mrs White.

Mrs Soden will spend one day a week covering in 5S while Mrs Simpson-Inger teaches PE across school, and in 3S covering for Miss Stoney in her role as SENCo.

Summer Learning Loss	Summer Reading Challenge
<p>We will continue to use Class Dojo every week from September for homework. The new Year 3s will receive their logins at the start of the new term.</p> <p>Your child can continue to log on to our remote learning platforms; TT Rockstars, Spelling Shed, Maths Shed, Language Angels, Spag.com and Purple Mash.</p> <p>Please do encourage your child to continue accessing these logins during the summer to help reduce the 'summer learning loss'. Little and often is usually the best policy to help keep their skills up. Thank you for your support.</p>	<p>Please support this year's Summer Reading Challenge 2022 – 'Gadgeteers' run by the libraries. Your child will also receive a prize from school if they bring their certificate into school in September.</p> <p>We will continue our reading reward system in the autumn term for children reading at home five times a week! Miss Lunson has been working closely with the local library and we will be arranging more visits.</p> <p>We also have a Reading Bingo Challenge for the summer holidays with 25 places to read! Please encourage your child to take part. There are certificates and prizes for a line or a full house!</p>
Breakfast Club and Other Clubs	Events to Look Forward to
<p>Breakfast and Books Club will continue from 8am each morning next year. The cost will be £1.50 per day next term.</p> <p>Any new Y3 children are very welcome to join. Please contact the office for further details.</p> <p>Clubs for all year groups, including computer coding, art, netball, gardening, science, chess and cooking will all hopefully be running, next term. The club letter will come out at the start of the new term to start week beginning 12th September. Thank you to all the staff and governors for organising and running these clubs. They could not go ahead without their support. Payment for all clubs will be via ParentPay next term.</p>	<p>The new Y4s will begin swimming lessons on Friday, 16th September for eight weeks.</p> <p>Bikeability (cycling proficiency) will begin in December for our new Y6.</p> <p>Staff are planning a whole school visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park to enrich the curriculum. We are just in the process of booking buses, so further details will follow.</p> <p>We will also have a Maya workshop for Y3 and Y4 and are hoping to arrange a Planetarium for Y5 and Y6 in the autumn term to support learning about their new topics.</p>
School Diary Dates 2022 - 2023	
<p>School opening time will be 8:45am prompt from September (there will no longer be a soft opening until 9am). The gates will be open from 8:30am. The school day will end at 3pm and 4pm if your child is attending a club.</p> <p>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! Friday, 21st October 2022 – Half Term Monday, 31st October 2022 – Back to school Friday, 16th December 2022 – Start of Christmas Holiday Wednesday, 4th January 2023 – Back to school Friday, 10th February 2023 – Half Term Monday, 20th February 2023 – Back to school Friday, 31st March 2023 – Start of Easter Holiday Tuesday, 18th April 2023 – Back to school Friday, 26th May 2023 - (May Day – Monday, 1st May) Half Term Monday, 5th June 2023 – Back to school Friday, 21st July 2023 – End of Summer Term!</p>	
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