



Spring Term 2 - 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope you all had an enjoyable half term. It's scary to think we're now over half-way through the school year!

Well done to Evie M who won the January Newsletter challenge. She collected her prize in assembly this morning. For the **February challenge**, in this newsletter, can you spot my **three terrible puns**!

Recent News:

Author Visit:

You could tell from the queue for signed books at the end of the school day how enthusiastic and inspired the children were following meeting children's author and comedian, James Campbell. Each class in school had a presentation, Q&A session and he shared some of his entertaining stories with the children. Judging by their laughter, you could say it was 'write up the their street',



RAF Stem Workshop

Children in Y5/6 (Firefly still to come) had a great morning taking part in a virtual STEM workshop from the RAF. They had to make rockets, experimenting with different designs and angles of trajectory.



Early Years Hunstanton Sea-Life Centre

Early Years children enjoyed a fin-tastic day at Hunstanton Sea-life Centre. The children were excited to tell me all about seeing sharks a "massive turtle!". Thank you very much to our helpers that came on the day to have groups - I'm not sure who were more tired, the children or the adults!

Swimming Success: What a year we are having with sport! Our swimming team recently won bronze in the regional swimming gala. Well done to these children in Y5/6!



Family Cooking:

Over 20 of our families have now experienced an outdoor cooking day in school. A number of children qualified to be invited to these sessions (organised by Abbeycroft Leisure) for reasons like Young Carers etc. During the sessions, parents have been able to be involved in outdoor activities in our 'Forest Area' and make soup on an open fire with their children. Mrs Fox has worked very hard to help organise this so thank you to her for all the effort in providing a great day for our families.





Coming up...

Strike Days

We anticipate that we're able to fully open on March 1st despite the teachers union strikes taking place. Please be aware that there are two other planned strike days in a few weeks (15th/ 16th March). We will let you know if this will affect your child's class nearer the time when we have more information.

World Book Day:

Hopefully you have seen the letter regarding World Book Day next week. Children are invited to dress as their favourite book characters. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to read a story in EYs or KS1. If you're still interested, please speak to your child's class teacher. Please remember to bring any children's books you no longer want/need for a 'book swap' at the end of the day.

Field/Forest Area Use:

Weather permitting, we would like to open up the field again at lunch times next week. For the time being, we would still like children to bring a change of shoes for inside/outside to ensure we keep school mud-free!

Community support:

We know a few of our families are feeling the pinch with the increased cost of living. We are working with EPIC dad to support our school community with provisions.

Our first 'Wellbeing Store' will be this **Monday 27th February between 9am-11am**. Any school parents /carers are welcome to come and fill up a basket of essentials to help them during this time just for a suggested donation of £5. Thank you to EPIC Dad for their continued support for families in our village.

Drinks Bottles:

We've had a couple of issues with branded bottles e.g. Prime in school. Clearly, drinks such as Prime are proving very popular but to help cause less disruption in school, please can we ensure drinks come in unbranded bottles.

A lovely eggs-perience:

In a couple of weeks, we will have 16 fertilised chicken eggs delivered and the children will get the chance to see some chicks being hatched in incubators. Children will then have the chance to look after the chicks for 10 days until they're ethically rehomed.



Family Wellbeing Store

Fill a Bag for a Fiver!

Fourth Monday of the Month at 9am to 11am
School Assembly Hall (access through the side entrance)

A monthly drop-in especially for Lakenheath Primary School parents and carers to collect food essentials and other practical items to support family life (eg food, household items, toiletries, baby supplies, toys, games, books, clothes, etc.)

Recommended contribution of £5 to fill a large bag or storage trolley with various family items. (Bags and trolleys are provided). There will also be a café area with free refreshments and support and information available from our local NHS Social Prescriber.

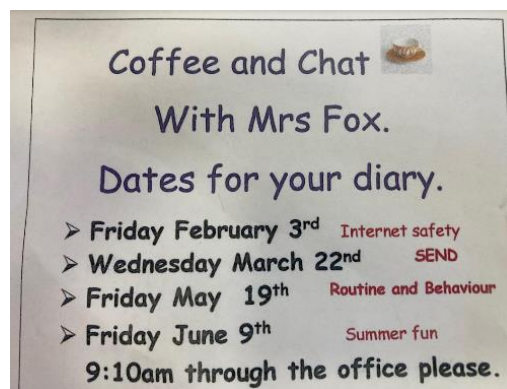
Forthcoming Dates:

**Monday 27th February, Monday 27th March,
Monday 24th April, Monday 22nd May,
Monday 26th June, Monday 17th July**



Coffee and Chat:

Any parents/ carers are welcome to come to our "Coffee and chat" group with Mrs Fox at school on the dates shown. These provide a nice chance to chat with other parents, share worries or parenting ideas, and to build a supportive network with other parents. Each session starts with a different theme albeit in a relaxed and informal way.



Talent Show:



Lakenheath's Got Talent



When: Friday 31st March

Are you the next Ed Sheeran?

Can you dance like Oti Mabuse?

Maybe you fancy yourself as a future comedian?

On the last day of term, we will host an 'Entertainment Show' for children to showcase their talents to the rest of the school.

Children who are interested in taking part, need to practise their routines ready to perform to their classmates the week before the show (w/b 20th March). The best acts, as voted for in classes, will get to perform to the whole school in an assembly on Friday 31st March.

Children can perform acts as individuals or work in pairs/ small groups.



Need some inspiration?

- Sing
- Dance
- Play an instrument
- Perform some magic tricks
- Perform a short skit
- Circus skills
- Spoken word/poetry recital
- Comedy act
- Martial Arts demonstration
- Gymnastics routine



Get practising!



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A few dates for the diary:

- Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day (Children are able to dress up as book characters). See email sent on 21.2.23 for further details
- Monday 6th March - Happy Chick Company Egg Hatching Experience in school
- Tuesday 14th March - KS1 Trip to Mountfitchet Castle
- Friday 17th March - Comic Relief (Details to follow)
- Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April - Easter Holiday (children return on Monday 17th April)

Yours sincerely,

Michael Tingey

Pass your answers to me on the gate for a chance to win a prize:

February Newsletter Competition

Terrible Puns:

1)

2)

3)

Child's name:

Class: