



September 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Our first month back has been a lovely start to the school year and it's been particularly nice to welcome our new Early Years intake, who have settled in very quickly...

As always, we regularly put updates and news on our school Facebook page. For new parents, here is a link to our group. (You will be asked to say the name of your child and we do not accept people we do not recognise on the group. Speak to a member of SLT if you've requested but haven't been accepted).

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Important Notice: Autumn Term PD Day (children not in school)

As I mentioned in our newsletter before we broke up, each year, schools are allowed to choose 5 PD days throughout the year for staff development and forward planning. I want to give you plenty of notice for our PD Day in November, as this is unusually midweek (**Wednesday 22nd November**). I apologise that this may cause inconvenience and disruption to your week. However, this day will give some staff the opportunity to attend a particular conference and other staff will have the chance to visit local schools to observe and meet with teachers to bring back lots of good ideas for further school development. This is a unique opportunity for our team and we thank you for your understanding and support.

Important dates for the diary this year:

Wednesday 4th October: Children's individual photographs

Tuesday 17th October: Early Years walk to the park

Friday 20th October: PTA Halloween Party

Monday 23rd October: Half term

Monday 30th October: Children return to school

Wednesday 1st November: Parent/Carers Coffee and Chat drop in - all welcome

Wednesday 8th November: Open Evening for Early Years/ Reception 2024-25 starters

Tuesday 21st November: Flu Vaccines (optional)

Tuesday 21st November: Parents Evening (more details to follow)

Wednesday 22nd November: PD Day (Children not in school)

Thursday 23rd November: Parents Evening (more details to follow)



Year 6 leaders:

Every year we select leaders in year 6 who consistently show impeccable conduct in school. Our first 8 children were selected last week and have enjoyed a treat in school. Each leader, if they've earned their badge, will be selected to join the team in taking on one of the following responsibilities in school:

- Well-being Warriors: *Kai and Morgan*
- Community Champions: *Joshua and Toby*
- Planet Protectors: *Evie and Lily*
- Reading Role Models: *Rieley and Lucas*

Harvest:

Thank you so much for all your donations towards local food banks. Once again, the donations were so gratefully received and I'm sure will help out those in our community that need support with the rising cost of living.



Well done to all the children that entered my Harvest Writing Competition. I was very impressed with all the entries and it was difficult to pick out the winners.

Class Assemblies:

This year, every class from Y1-Y6 will be presenting an assembly to parents/carers and the rest of the school. This week, Jaguar Class were the first to take on the challenge. In their assembly, they shared all about Black History Month and their assembly included interviews with famous influential faces from the past as well as art work and a song. They did a fantastic job!

Fox Class will be the next class to present their assembly which will focus on the festival of Diwali.

Fox Class	Monday 6 th November (2:45pm)
Koala Class	Monday 4 th December (2:45pm)
Owl Class	Monday 5 th February (2:45pm)
Firefly Class	Monday 11 th March (2:45pm)
Ocelot Class	Monday 25 th March (2:45pm)
Gecko Class	Monday 20 th May (2:45pm)
Wombat Class	Monday 1 st July (2:45pm)



Sports Award:

For the second year running, LCPS won the Gold Award for Sports provision. This is a real special achievement for us and is testament to the hard work of our staff in ensuring quality of teaching, experiences and opportunities in physical activity for our pupils!

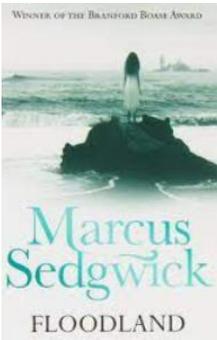


Cross Country Competition:



Earlier this term, children across KS2 took part in a virtual cross country competition at the village playing fields. Y5/6 had to run 1.6km and Y3/4 ran 1.2km. Our times were recorded and sent across in a competition against other local schools and we look forward to hearing where we came overall.

Our top 6 boys and girls from year 5/6 represented the school in a cross country event in Newmarket last week. Out of 60 school teams entering, one of our teams came 4th with three children qualifying for the county finals in Ipswich!



Year 5/6 Ely Trip:

Children in Year 5/6 are studying the book 'Floodland' in their English sessions. The book is set in East Anglia and features Ely Cathedral as one of its main settings. We took the children to complete some workshops linked to the book at the cathedral and children took part in activities including art printing, compass work and exploring the grounds in relation to the book they're enjoying in class.

Polite Reminders:

- Breakfast Club - please do not park on the school grounds (including visitor bays) when dropping off your children. It is not safe with so many cars coming in and out and children walking into the club.
- Please avoid parking on School Close (private road) and on the yellow lines out the front of school.
- We have a number of children and staff with nut allergies in school. We do not allow any nuts in school so please avoid these in snacks and lunch boxes.
- **Please avoid using mobile phones when dropping off and collecting children - this is to safeguard our pupils.**

Yours sincerely,

Michael Tingey