



The Bark



'Love Endurance Awe Friendship'

Lympne Church of England Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 18th April 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 5, we hope you had a fabulous Easter holiday and were able to have a relaxing and enjoyable time with your children and families. This term promises to be very exciting and one in which you will have seen the newsletter has changed!! We chose 'The Bark' – to fit in with our newly revamped – tree theme and obviously as a synonym for spreading news.

So... we have spent a good deal of time developing a new logo to reflect the new direction of the school and to emphasise a more cohesive overall aim and vision. We wanted to retain elements that people felt were dear to them and to the school, such as the tree, while ensuring that the family, nurturing and Christian ethos were brought more to the fore.

So to explain:

The tree was at the centre of the previous badge and referred to the tree that was on the previous site and something which has been part of the school for many years. Moving forward the tree is an emblem of growth and development – starting as a small seed and growing into a larger tree – a metaphor for our children. In school we will be using the parable of the Mustard Seed to emphasise this message. The Tree also represents a cross which is central to the school's identity as a Christian School.

The people at the bottom represent our community – children and adults working together.

The colours are significant in two ways:

House Colours – We wanted to promote our houses more across the school – something we will be working on more over the coming weeks and months.

School Values – We are going to be using the acronym – LEAF for our school Christian values

L = Love (Red) E = Endurance (Green) A = Awe (Blue) F = Friendship (Yellow)

From September each House will be renamed after each of the values. Gradually, we will be moving things from the old badge, motto and vision over to the new one and hope this will be fully in place for September. It is a very exciting time for the school and to be a part of the changes taking place.

Staffing arrangements Term 5+6

Willow Class – Miss Powney – Mrs Cook
Maple Class – Mrs Sharp – Mrs Wood
Cherry Class – Miss Bailey – Mrs Charles
Beech Class – Ms Perk – Mrs Ransley
Sycamore Class – Miss Kay – Mrs Moulin
Oak Class – Mrs Hayes – Miss Watts
Elm Class – Mrs Ladd /Mr Owen

Once we reach Term 6 I will then be in a position to confirm the permanent staffing arrangements moving forward. I can say that all the teaching positions will be fulltime members of staff and we have recruited some excellent teachers to complement our team.

Building Works

Over the Easter break we have had a lot of work taking place across the school. Primarily the roof over Beech, Oak and the Library has been replaced which involved an awful lot of shifting furniture in and out! Hopefully this will be the last time for a very long time that the roof needs replacing on this side of the building!

Willow Class Outside Space

Over Easter we have also managed to reconfigure the outdoor space for our Reception Class so that they have much greater access to their space and to the area beyond. We would like to invite our Willow Class parents to come into school on the 27th April from 1:30pm – 2:30pm to come and see what we have done and spend some time in school with your child. We would encourage you to stay for Celebration Worship as well which starts at 2:40pm.

Crafternoons

Leading on from inviting Willow Class parents in to school next week – in September we would like to invite you to come in to school for an afternoon of activities with your child and their new class teacher. Further information will come out in the next few weeks so that you know well in advance if you should need to book time off.

Holiday Dates/Term Dates

As stated on numerous occasions please do not book any holidays for the 2019-2020 year until we have confirmed what is happening with the Term dates – this will avoid the school having to fine parents for unauthorised holidays.

Musical Success

A huge well done to Georgie Bateman who passed her Grade 1 Clarinet exam with Distinction and Jacob Bailey who passed Grade 1 Flute with merit! Well done to both of you!

School Dinners

Over the course of this term and next we will be building on our online payment system for clubs to include trips and for September, school dinners. We hope that by then all payments for all events, clubs, school dinners will be made online and negate the need to have any money brought into school. Please watch this space.

School Uniform

Since January's change to no indoor shoes we have started to see an improvement in standards of uniform. Moving forward we are currently rewriting the uniform policy to ensure that standards of uniform are high – this will include some changes to uniform and the hair styles/cuts that are permitted in school. This will be available and sent home to parents before the May Half Term. Full implementation of the policy will be in place for September 2018. New logo uniform we hope will be available from Term 6. Old logo uniform will still be fine so please do not feel that you need to buy new uniform!

School Website

We are currently waiting for the first draft of the new school website which we hope we will have in the next week. Once we have approved this we will then begin to populate it and I hope it should be ready by May Half Term. Obviously we will let you know when this great new development will be ready. If you should have any thoughts as to what you might find useful to have on it please do let us know.

Governors

We are pleased to announce that Nikki Patterson the Deputy Director of Education for the Diocese of Canterbury has joined the school governing body. Nikki's role in the diocese is to lead on school effectiveness, which encompasses improvement in the context of a distinctively Christian approach, strategic governance, and supporting and recruiting distinctive school leadership. Niki is also a qualified practising Section 48 inspector. We are delighted to have such an experienced and enthusiastic join our already strong governing body.

100 Club Winner

Aprils' 100 Club Winner is Mrs Cave who wins £29.50!

Governors Meetings : 24th May 2018, 5 July 2018

Diary Dates

Term 5:

KS1 SATs parent's meeting – 25/4/18 2:00pm MB - followed by KS2 parents meeting 4.00pm AL

Week beg 14/5/18 SATs/formal testing week

May -Year 2 SATs

Sports Day – 22/5/18 followed by Tray share 3.15-4.30pm

Term 6:

Years 1/3/4/5 Test week – 11th June

Week beg 11/6/18 – Year 1 Phonics Screening check

PESE parent's meeting – 13/6/18 4.00pm

Parent's appointments (Yr R) - 3/7/18

New Year R entrants in 5th July

Achievement sheets home - 13/7/18

Book Fair – Week Beginning 16/7/18

Walkabout –16/7/18

Advertisements

If you would like to advertise your company/business on the weekly newsletter there is a charge of £20 per academic year (Sept- July). Adverts need to be submitted via email to office@lympne.kent.sch.uk. And cheques made payable to Lympne CE Primary School

Colin Blaskett - General Builder

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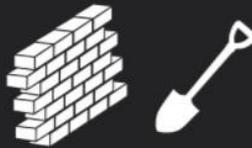
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