

Diary Dates:

September:

12th KS2 multi-sports club starts
 13th Y2-6 girls' soccer lunchtime club starts
 14th Reception attend full time
 14th Everton FC disability development team in KS2
 15th School council election day
 15th Mums and tots starts 1:45
 16th Sports skills academy 6F
 21st Everton FC disability development team in KS1
 23rd Sports skills academy 6D
 23rd School council lunch
 26th - 28th Y6 Robinwood residential
 30th Sports skills academy 5B

October:

5th NSPCC assembly
 7th Sports skills academy 4/5P
 14th Sports skills academy 4M
 21st Sports skills academy 3R
 21st Finish normal time
 24th- 28th HALF TERM BREAK

Friday 9th September 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year. I am pleased to report that the children have had a great first week back at school and have impressed us with their enthusiasm and hard work already! Next week we will be holding elections for our new school council. Nominations must be in by Monday and elections will be held on Thursday with the results announced on Friday in assembly.

Welcome:

As you are aware we have two new members of teaching staff - Mr Palmen, our deputy head, and Miss Crow our new Y2/3 teacher. I would like to formally welcome them to Larkfield and I know they are both going to make a big impact in our school.



Mr Palmen



Miss Crow

Changes:

There have been a number of changes over the summer break.

We have refurbished a further two classrooms [6F and 2/3C] and had a general move around of rooms so that similar year groups are located together. The library has been relocated and 6D now occupy that room. Year 6 also have new lockers, rather than coat hooks. As part of the change around we have some new timetabling arrangements. Since we have a Y2/3 class, we now in effect have 3 phases in school: Reception, Y1-3 and Y4-6. There is no longer an afternoon playtime in Y4-6, bringing us into line with most other local primaries. We have kept the end of the school day at 3:20 in Y3, rather than extending to 3:30 [Y4-6 will still finish at 3:30].

Allergies:

We now have two children in school with a severe nut allergy. With immediate effect we would like your help by ensuring that **nuts and nut products are not brought into school at all**. Peanut butter, Nutella, some energy bars etc are all potentially dangerous for these children. The children come into such close contact throughout the day that the only safe way for us to proceed is via a complete ban on these items. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mathematics:

Following on from the work to improve the reading environment and culture in school, we will be increasing our focus on Mathematics. The staff enjoyed a maths training day last week and you should begin to notice more mathematical activity taking place in and out of school. We hope you will be as involved in this as you were in the reading drive. Mr Blakely will be leading the initiative and will be providing some sessions for parents in the near future. Of course, this is in addition to reading every night!



Multi-Sports club:

We are pleased to announce the start of a new lunchtime sports club for Y4-6 children. This will run every Monday from next week and will involve a different sport each week. Children sign up in school.

Girls' Soccer:

Y2-6 girls soccer club starts on Tuesday lunchtime next week. Girls sign up in school.

Everton disability team:

To coincide with the Paralympics, we have arranged visits from the Everton FC Disability development team, who will be running two days of sport in KS1 and KS2.

School gates:

The gates by Crossens nursery will continue to be opened by 3:15 for parents collecting from Reception and Y1-3. The gates by the side of Mr Mathias' classroom [Preston New Road entrance] will be unlocked just before 3:30 in the afternoon, to try and reduce the amount of people outside that classroom whilst the children are still working. I appreciate that the room changes have resulted in a little more congestion in certain areas. We will monitor the situation across next week and may introduce some further changes to how and where we dismiss children at the end of the day.

And finally... some reminders:

Breakfast club: starts at 7:50 - please do not leave your children unattended outside school before this time.

Parking: this is becoming an increasingly difficult situation for all the schools on site. Parents' cars should not be on site at any time [with the exception of children with a disability or parents with a blue badge]. Please park off site and walk in.

Punctuality: all children should be in school by 8:50 ready for lessons to start. There is no longer an assembly each morning so children arriving after this time will be missing lessons.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. J.D. Ward
Headteacher

