

OCTOBER NEWS



OPEN DAYS FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS SEPTEMBER 2021

We still have appointments to show people round who may be interested in their child starting at Lodge Lane in September 2021 – if you know someone in this position, please encourage them to book an appointment with the school office to come and have a look.

SNACKS AND PACKED LUNCHES

As you know, we are provided with free fruit and vegetables for snack time every day. If you want to send your own snack from home it must be fresh or dried fruit, or vegetables please. Please do not put sweets or chocolate in packed lunches and remember we are a nut free school, due to some of our children being allergic to nuts.

ATTENDANCE

We are really pleased with attendance so far this term. Please remember to call the office if your child is off school so that Paula does not have to ring you instead.



We sent you an email a couple of weeks ago with a flow chart of what to do if you have a suspected or confirmed case of Covid-19 in your household. This is already out of date, so rather than us sending you something every time the guidance is updated, please just read the latest NHS guidance instead :

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

LUNCH MENU

As the census lunch menu was so popular, we are able to change our menu slightly from Monday 12th October. Nourse will do hot finger food on a Monday and Friday as well as the sandwich option, and the normal sandwich option on Tues, Weds and Thurs. Please see menu attached to this email.



MATHS AND ENGLISH CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Normally the subject leads for English and Maths would invite you in for an information session so you know how we teach these subjects in Years 1 and 2. Due to restrictions we can't do this so instead please look out for this information on our website within the 'Learning' section – it's not there yet but it's coming soon.

EMAILS

If there is someone else that you would like to be added to our email distribution list, please email office@lodgelane.norfolk.sch.uk stating your child's name and class.

If you change your email address or phone number, you must let us know.

SAFEGUARDING

Our reviewed safeguarding policy is on our website in the [safeguarding section](#)

SPARE CLOTHES AND WELLIES

All children need a pair of wellies at school and these must be named as lots of children have the same design.

Reception children also need a bag of spare clothes on their peg. This does not have to be uniform but must include pants, socks or tights, a top and trousers/leggings/shorts or skirt/dress. These should be named too please.



If your child comes home in their spare clothes, please remember to send in a complete new set the next day.

HALF TERM

We finish for half term on **WEDNESDAY 19TH OCTOBER** at 3pm and return on **MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER**.

'OLD CATTON REMEMBERS' POPPY TRAIL

The Royal British Legion are organising a poppy trail called Old Catton Remembers in the two weeks leading up to Remembrance Sunday (8th November).



The trail will consist of biographies of local soldiers who lost their lives in World War 2 and there is a trail map attached in this email. At Lodge Lane we will be displaying the biography of Captain Michael Growing.

These poppies were made from the bottoms of plastic drinks bottles and acrylic pens or paint. If your child would like to make some weatherproof poppies like these, they can be used to decorate the 'Old Catton Remembers' Poppy Trail posts. Please bring them to school in a bag or envelope by Monday 19th October.

DIARY DATES FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

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| Tue 6 th Oct | 7.30pm | FRIENDS OF LODGE LANE AGM |
| Mon 12 th Oct | | NEW MENU STARTS |
| Mon 12 th and Tue 13 th Oct | | Y1 VISION CHECKS |
| Thurs 22 nd Oct to Fri 30 th Oct | | HALF TERM HOLIDAY |
| Tue 10 th Nov | | INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS |
| Tue 10 th Nov | 7.30pm | FRIENDS OF LODGE LANE MEETING |
| Fri 13 th Nov | | CHILDREN IN NEED |
| Tue 17 th Nov | | FLU IMMUNISATIONS |
| Wed 25 th , Thur 26 th and Fri 27 th Nov | | Y2 PHONICS SCREENING CHECK |



NEWS FROM 'FRIENDS OF LODGE LANE'

Usually the first meeting of the Friends of Lodge Lane Infant School in the Autumn term is basking in the success of the BBQ from the summer and making plans for Christmas celebrations. Alas this year, like many other charities, we have missed out on our fundraising and will have to think differently this year to keep monies rolling in.

Although....drum roll please.....thanks to the amazing efforts of the team last year we have been able to pay off the **£10,000** promised for the new library refurbishment. This was a huge effort and particularly as we usually raise £4,000 at our summer fair. It does mean that our bank account looks less flush and we need to increase our fundraising efforts this year to try to provide extra resources and fun things for the children and school.

During lockdown we started the Lodge Lane Challenge, all pupils and parents were welcome to take part and challenge themselves for sponsorship and we made an incredible £500. We will be planning a similar challenge this year so keep a look out and get your thinking caps on.

We have started our school lottery with yourschoollottery.co.uk. Please think about joining in and trying to win, its only £1 a week. If we have 50 people signed up for the year the school can receive over £1,000 so it really is a great opportunity to have a little go and try and win whilst supporting your school. We have chosen to use Your School Lottery to administer this as, whilst they take a cut, it means that the committee are not overwhelmed with additional responsibilities.

You don't have to have a child at school to take part and anyone is welcome to support our school - grandparents, friends and relatives can all join in.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/lodge-lane-infant-school>

Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile are also brilliant for the school to collect small donations without us having to ask you to put your hand in your pocket. Please sign up to these so we can collect little and often. Links can be found on our Facebook page for both these.

Our next fundraising

- Halloween trail, a map will be able to be purchased from school for a small donation of £1 to go out and hunt for the Pumpkins in windows around Old Catton. Check out our Facebook page for more information. <https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Lodge-Lane-Infant-School>
- Copper challenge - we will be collecting copper coins after half term! Hunt out those pennies and tuppences and bring them into school. Like the 5p challenge, each class will have their buckets weighed and the class who have the most will win some money to purchase something for their classroom. Copper has been chosen as scientists believe it is the metal which is the safest in terms of infection control but we will be asking adults to pour their coppers into a bucket at the classroom door to reduce the amount of contamination.
- Non school uniform day - in November we will be having a non-school uniform day which we are asking for a donation of £1. We will be using this money to create amazing hampers which we will raffle near Christmas.
- Christmas cards/mugs etc - all children will have the opportunity to design a Christmas card during school time. This will be sent off to a printing company and a proof will be sent home. You will be able to order and purchase through the school fundraising website. More information to follow.

As published on our Facebook page, our AGM will be held via Zoom on 6th October at 7.30pm. Anyone who wishes to join the committee as a member or to have a designated role please let us know and we can send you a link for the Zoom meeting. If you are not sure or would like to discuss, please email or message us and someone will get back to you.

Our next 'Friends Of' committee meeting will be on 10th November 2020 7.30pm via Zoom.