

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Just a reminder that the remaining Parent/Teacher Interviews for each class are as follows and you should have already heard from your child's class teacher.

	10.30-12.00	1.30-2.30	4-5.30	4-6.30
PANDA	Weds 11 th Nov	Weds 11 th Nov		Tues 10 th Nov
	11-12	1-2.30	4-5.30	4-6.30
TIGER	Weds 11 th Nov	Weds 11 th Nov		Thurs 12 th Nov
SQUIRREL			Mon 9 th Nov (Mrs Daubney)	Thurs 12 th Nov (Miss Davey)
			Tues 10 th Nov (Mrs Daubney)	
TURTLE	Mon 9 th Nov	Mon 9 th Nov		Tues 10 th Nov
				Thurs 12 th Nov
HEDGEHOG	Tues 10 th Nov	Tues 10 th Nov		Thurs 12 th Nov
ORANGUTAN	Tues 10 th Nov	Tues 10 th Nov		Thurs 12 th Nov
ROCKHOPPER	Tues 10 th Nov	Tues 10 th Nov		Thurs 12 th Nov
PENGUIN				

Hopefully you will all manage to book an appointment this week and then your child's teacher will email out the link for you.

Please make sure you remember when your appointment is so you don't miss it – appointments are for 10 minutes and we will need to stick to these, so please don't be offended if the appointment ends abruptly!

LOCK DOWN

As a result of the latest Lockdown restrictions, we have revised our Risk Assessment to make sure we are doing everything we can to minimise risk. We are asking all parents to make sure you are suitably spaced out both at the gate and in the queue. If you arrive early, please wait separately until it is time for your child's class to go in.



When you walk along to the class with your child, please respect social distancing and keep the one way system flowing.

Also please remember that only one parent per child is allowed on the premises at the moment.

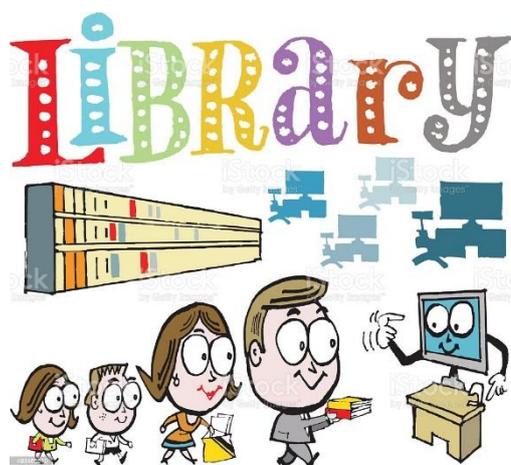
Thank you!

SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION

Because of our day-to-day contact with the children we are particularly well placed to observe outward signs of abuse, changes in behaviour or failure to develop. We have a duty to protect children from abuse; however, our role is in recognition and referral, not investigation or intervention. We are required by law to follow procedures laid down by the Norfolk Safeguarding Children Board if we see signs which suggest that one of our pupils may have been the victim of abuse. Use of the procedures in this way is an obligation placed on the school by legislation and in no way infers that any parent/carer is being accused of wrong-doing.

Lodge Lane is registered with Operation Encompass. This means that Norfolk Police will contact the school concerning any domestic incidents which involve the families of our children the day after the incident occurred.

LIBRARY



We are so excited that we can start using our brand new library from this week. As you know, the Friends of Lodge Lane funded the refurbishment of this room, which was an amazing achievement. Everything was held up through Lockdown but it is now just about finished apart from a few bits and pieces.

Due to restrictions, we still cannot use the library in the way it should be used. Instead, each week a different class will have access to the library all week and Hedgehog class will be the first to use it. They can go in as a class or in small groups and will learn how it is set up, where to find what they are interested in and how to keep it tidy. They will not be able to take any books home at this point.

A massive thank you to Mrs Hoffbauer for leading the library refurbishment project and for making all of those difficult design decisions!

HOME LEARNING

As you may be aware, we have to provide home learning for anyone who is off school because they are self-isolating, and also if we have a positive case and have to close a class or year group.

We are preparing some Maths and English activities for anyone who has to self-isolate and these will be on our website as soon as possible. There will be enough for 2 weeks and then we will change them each half term.

If we have to close a class or more, then we will revert to the system we used in the summer. We will send a book home with each child for recording any home learning that they do.

PHOTOS

The school photographer will be in school on the morning of Tuesday 10th November. They will take photos of individuals and also of siblings who attend our school. Of course there is no obligation to buy the photos, but if you do order, they will be ready in time for Christmas. Everything will be carried out in a COVID compliant way.

POPPIES



During assemblies and Morning Meetings this week, the children are learning about Remembrance Day and talking about the significance of poppies. As a school we feel that it is something children should be aware of, but of course it is done in a way that is appropriate for such young children.

Poppies will be on sale at the gates every day until Friday 7th November and although there is no set price for a poppy, we think that children should make a minimum donation of 20p.

There is also a range of other poppy themed merchandise for £1 each – wrist bands, rulers, slap bands, rubbers, sharpeners, reflectors.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Children in Need day is on Friday 13th November. To raise money we will hold a non-uniform day (spots, fancy dress, whatever they fancy) and will charge £1.00 per child. This is optional.



CURRICULUM INFORMATION MEETING FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

Back in July when we did Zoom meetings for new Reception parents, we said we would meet you again to talk about the curriculum. We hope you can attend on either Tuesday 17th November at 7.00 pm or on Wednesday 18th November at 10.30 am. You will find out about what we have to teach them, how we do it, how you can help at home, and of course we will answer any questions you may have.

You do not need to book a place, the meetings will be via Zoom and teachers will send you the codes nearer the time.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance for the first half term was 97.7%, which is excellent. This excludes absences relating to COVID as these are coded differently. There are already 14 children who have slipped below 91% attendance, the figure which is classed as 'persistent absence', and this is something we are monitoring carefully. However, we have to stick to the rule that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they must be off school for 48 hours after the last 'episode'.

BONFIRE LUNCH

A reminder that on Thursday 5th November, Norse are doing a promotional Bonfire Lunch – the menu was sent to you by email on Monday.



NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER		
THURS 5 TH	BONFIRE LUNCH	ALL CHILDREN - OPTIONAL
TUES 10 TH	SCHOOL PHOTOS	ALL CHILDREN
TUES 10 TH 7.30PM	FRIENDS OF LODGE LANE MTG	

FRI 13 TH	CHILDREN IN NEED NON UNIFORM	ALL CHILDREN – OPTIONAL
TUES 17 TH	FLU IMMUNISATIONS	ALL CHILDREN (unless parent opted out)
TUES 17 TH 7.00PM	CURRICULUM INFO MTG FOR RECEPTION PARENTS	RECEPTION PARENTS
WEDS 18 TH 10.30 AM	CURRICULUM INFO MTG FOR RECEPTION PARENTS	RECEPTION PARENTS
WEDS 25 TH	Y2 PHONICS SCREENING CHECK	Y2
THURS 26 TH	Y2 PHONICS SCREENING CHECK	Y2
FRI 27 TH	Y2 PHONICS SCREENING CHECK	Y2
DECEMBER		
MON 7 TH 2.30 PM	RECEPTION CHRISTMAS SINGING ON PLAYGROUND	PANDA CLASS PARENTS
TUES 8 TH 2.30 PM	RECEPTION CHRISTMAS SINGING ON PLAYGROUND	TIGER CLASS PARENTS
THURS 10 TH (TIME TBC)	Y1 CHRISTMAS SINGING ON PLAYGROUND	SQUIRREL CLASS PARENTS
FRI 11 TH (TIME TBC)	Y1 CHRISTMAS SINGING ON PLAYGROUND	TURTLE CLASS PARENTS
FRI 11 TH	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY	ALL CHILDREN - OPTIONAL
MON 14 TH (TIME TBC)	Y2 CHRISTMAS SINGING ON PLAYGROUND	HEDGEHOG CLASS PARENTS
TUES 15 TH (TIME TBC)	Y2 CHRISTMAS SINGING ON PLAYGROUND	ORANGUTAN CLASS PARENTS
WEDS 16 TH (TIME TBC)	Y2 CHRISTMAS SINGING ON PLAYGROUND	ROCKHOPPER PENGUIN CLASS PARENTS
FRI 18 TH	CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTIES	ALL CHILDREN
FRI 18 TH	LAST DAY OF TERM	

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF LODGE LANE

Hope everyone has had a lovely half term, I expect the run up to Christmas will be unusual this year with potential for lockdowns looming but hopefully the children will remain happy and healthy.

The 'Friends of' had their Annual Meeting at the beginning of October, this was marred by some technical challenges, we attempted Zoom, Microsoft Teams and a little FaceTime but eventually managed to create a quorum to complete the formalities of the meeting.

We did not have any volunteers for roles as Chair, Secretary or Treasurer so these roles have remained the same again this year. Vicki Bowden will remain as Chair, Rachel Stimpson as Secretary and Hayley Smith as Treasurer. We would really like to be able to provide some support to hand over these roles over the coming 12 months as the children of the committee members in these roles will be moving on to Junior school in September 2021. Please get in touch if you would like to get involved. I promise you it's not too challenging and we can support and guide you if you need help.

Halloween Trail

Thank you to all the families who bought a map for the Halloween trail. We have heard some very positive things about it and even a little map reading from the children happening. We hope you enjoyed exploring bits of Old Catton that may be new to you and spotted all the letters. I wonder if everyone was successful at working out the Halloween word...

School Lottery

Don't forget we have started our School Lottery with [yourschoollottery.co.uk](https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk). Please think about joining in and trying to win, its only £1 a week. If we have 50 signed up for the year the school can receive over £1000 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>

Upcoming events....

Copper challenge

Each class will have their buckets handy at pick up and drop off to collect copper coins. 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 has 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 **please don't touch the buckets**.

Given the current climate we don't want to encourage people to spend with coins to increase what they can donate in the buckets or feel the need to go to the bank to change money into coppers. But we don't want to discourage you if you would still like to donate and help your children's classes be in with a better chance of winning. Therefore we have an alternative option this year and anyone who wishes to make an online donation can do so via paypal or bank transfer. Please put the name of the class in the reference and for every £1 donated we will add 356g to that class' bucket weight.

If you use PayPal please remember we are your friends and tick 'friends and family' option otherwise we won't get your full donation.

PayPal - llisfriendsof@gmail.co.uk

Bank account sort code - **40-35-50** and account number **91413708**

Non school uniform day

In November we will be having a non-school uniform day when we are asking for a donation of £1.

Christmas cards/mugs etc

All children have had the opportunity to design a Christmas card during school time. This has been sent off to a printing company and a proof will be sent home soon. You will be able to order and purchase through the printing company's website soon. More information to follow.

Raffle

During our Christmas Fayre we usually have a raffle to raise funds. This year we will be having several hampers that will be raffled nearer to Christmas. A letter will be sent out soon with more detail. You will be able to purchase tickets via Scopy and there will be a random nominator draw to identify winners.

The hampers are yet to be finalised but looks like there will be a movie hamper, an eco friendly hamper, Christmas food and drink, an Avon hamper and a children's hamper. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for more information. If you know anyone who would like to contribute to creating the hampers either with items to put in them or would like to sponsor, please let us know by email or Facebook messenger.

<https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Lodge-Lane-Infant-School>

Other ways to support your 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 'Friends Of' committee meeting will be on 10th November 2020 7.30pm via Zoom.

We are part of...

WENSUMTRUST

The logo graphic for Wensum Trust, featuring a stylized wave or ribbon shape in shades of blue and green.

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