

September Newsletter

WELCOME BACK

We hope you all had a good summer break. Welcome back to the new school year and a particularly warm welcome to all of our new children and their families. We hope that all of the children settle in quickly and without any problems – don't forget to come and see us or email us if there is something you are worried about.

Don't forget that our doors open at 8.30am and children should be in school, ready to start at 8.50am

If you are late and the classroom doors have closed, please go through the main office and sign your child in rather than knocking on the door.



WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

Don't forget that all of the information you need about our school is on our website <https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/lodgelane>

The calendar and newsletter sections are there for any information you may have forgotten or that you need to know in advance. The calendar for the whole year has been completed and any extra dates will be added as they are set.

If you click on an item on the calendar it will give you more details of the event.

Newsletters are emailed to you each month.

Our Facebook page 'Lodge Lane Infant School' has a new photo each day showing things we have been doing in recent days/weeks. Please like and share these posts so that we reach a wider audience.



Our other Facebook page 'Friends of Lodge Lane' is a public group and reminders and other information will be posted here. If you have not yet joined, please do so if you can.

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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.

Attendance Matters



ATTENDANCE

You have already received a letter about attendance and as you know, this is something we monitor carefully.

You should be aware that we are not allowed to authorise any holidays during term time unless the circumstances are exceptional. All planned absence during term time should be applied for on the school absence request form at least a week before the absence and you will receive an emailed response. You can pick up a form from the office or it is available on our website.

We are constantly trying to keep our school attendance in line with the national average but we need your support to do this. We are aiming for 97% attendance - last year our attendance increased to 94% - a lot of this was due to genuine illness, but a lot was also due to holidays or odd days off here and there, which we are really trying to avoid.

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We are very aware that many parents will still choose to book holidays in term time due to the cost. Y2 parents should be aware that their children will be doing assessments straight after May half term for 3 weeks. Y1 parents should be aware that their children will be practising and doing their phonics screening check straight after May half term for 2 weeks.

The Y2 Leaver's show is on 10th and 11th July - children who are on holiday in the weeks leading up to this will miss all the rehearsals and the singing practice so it will be very difficult for them to fully participate in the show

Sickness reporting

If your child is too ill to attend school, you must ring the office by 9am to inform us. If they are off because of sickness or diarrhoea, under 5's must stay off for 72 hours and over 5's for 48 hours after the last 'incident'.

DRINK BOTTLES

All children need a named water bottle every day – please stick to water and not juice.



WELLIES

All children need to have a pair of named wellies at school which they should leave at school all week.

BOOK BAGS

Children need to bring their book bag and reading book to school every day. A lot of our books were ruined last year because of drink bottles leaking in book bags so please use the book bag just for books and carry drinks separately.

If your child's book is damaged beyond repair at home, we will ask you to pay for a replacement.

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READING BOOKS

Over the next two weeks, your child's class teacher will be reading with your child to assess their current reading level. Most children will then be placed in a Guided Reading group with children of a similar ability, and will bring home their Little Wandle reading book for the week to practise reading at home with you.

In order to place children in the correct group at a level that is right for them, they may bring home a reading book, which they have previously read. If this is the case, please don't worry - it is good for them to revisit previous books to build up their fluency. They will then move on to new books which they have not had before when we feel they are ready.

Please note: children who are fluent readers will continue to choose from the coloured book bands and can change their books whenever they are ready.

ALLERGIES



Please remember that we are a nut free school - some types of chocolate spread and cereal bars contain nuts so please check the ingredients before you send any of these products to school.

CAR PARK

Just a reminder that the school car park is just for staff so please do not use it at drop off or pick up times unless you have asked permission from Mrs Dewing. Thank you!



INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR PARENTS



As always, we will be holding meetings for parents in each year group to talk about the curriculum and tell you what you can expect the children to be doing this year.

You will get an email and a google form about these so please sign up for a session - you only need to attend one meeting and they will last for about an hour.

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CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2024

If you know anyone whose child is due to start school next September, please encourage them to come and have a look round. They can email or phone to make an appointment.

FRIDAY 29TH SEPT 9.30-10.30 AM

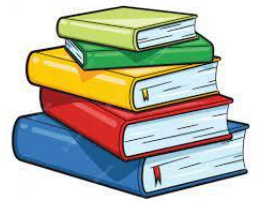
THURSDAY 6TH OCT 1.30-2.30 PM

THURSDAY 19TH OCT 7-8 PM

Even if they don't live in the local area, they still have a chance of getting a place.
Thank you!

READING IN THE HALL

Don't forget that the hall is open every morning except Wednesday before school for you to go in and listen to your child read. This was popular last year and the feedback we got was that it was one less job to do at home, and that children were more inclined to read at school than at home.



We just ask that anyone using this facility treats it like a library so that children can concentrate on their reading, and also that you put any chairs back so that the hall is left ready for classes to use. Thank you!

RECEPTION AND Y1 OUTDOOR AREAS

Staff spend a lot of time before school getting activities and resources ready in the outside areas so please ensure your children do not start playing with whatever is out there. We know that it is all very tempting, especially for younger siblings, but it is very disheartening for staff to go out to do some learning with their children, only to find that what they have set up and organised has been spoilt. Thank you!

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CENSUS LUNCH

Thursday 5th October is school census day. This is a day when we get funding secured according to how many children have a school lunch that day. We need as many children as possible to have a hot dinner or school packed lunch so we are offering an alternative menu:



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VOLUNTEERS

If any of you or a family member or friend could spare a couple of hours a week to volunteer at our school then we would be very grateful.

We need volunteers to listen to children read, to help with outdoor learning and we would also love someone to volunteer to keep our library tidy. Children use the library every day and are not great at putting books back in the right place or the right way up, despite lots of training!

If you are interested in any of these roles or any other voluntary role that you think you'd like to offer then please email Belinda - office@lodge lane.norfolk.sch.uk and she will discuss it with you.

SPORTS EVENTS

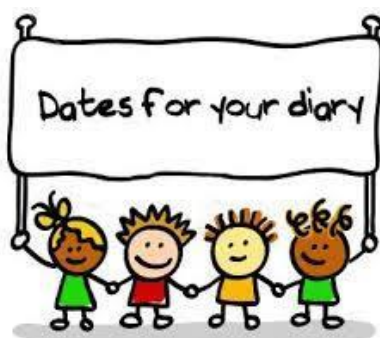
We belong to a School Sports Partnership and are able to sign up to a variety of sports events for Y1 and Y2 children through the year. We give the children an element of choice to ensure that they are taking part in something that appeals to them and we ensure that all Y1 and Y2 children have the chance to attend one event. Please do not worry if it gets to January and your child has not been to an event as they run right through until July. These events are free to attend - you will receive a letter and consent form by email just before your child's event.

HALF TERM

School closes for Half Term on **Friday 20th October**
and the children come back on **Monday 30th October.**

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SEPTEMBER			
29 th	Open event for prospective parents		9.30-10.30am
OCTOBER			
3 rd	Phonics session for YR parents	8.55-9.55am	<u>IN SCHOOL HALL</u>
4 th	Info session for Y2 parents	1.55-2.55pm	
5 th	Info session for Y2 parents	8.55-9.55am	
5 th	Open event for prospective parents	1.30-2.30pm	
6 th	Info session for Y1 parents	8.55-9.55am 1.55.-2.55pm	
11 th	Info session YR parents	8.55-9.55am	
18 th	Info session YR parents	1.40-2.55pm	
19 th	Open event for prospective parents	7-8pm	
20 th	Last day of term		
30 th	School starts	New Menu starts	Will be emailed

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NOVEMBER			
6 th	Y1 parent/teacher interviews		8.30-10am 2-3.30pm
7 th	School photos		
7 th	Y2 parent/teacher interviews		8.30-10am 2-3.30pm
8 th	Parent/teacher interviews - all year groups		4-6.30pm
9 th	Flu vaccinations		
9 th	EYFS Parent/teacher interviews		8.30-10am 2-3.30pm
15 th	Children in Need		
DECEMBER			
8 th	Christmas Jumper Day		
11 th	EYFS Nativity		2pm
12 th	EYFS Nativity		2pm
13 th	Y1 Christmas play		2pm
14 th	Y1 Christmas play		2pm
18 th	Y2 Christmas carols on the playground		2.15pm
19 th	Christmas lunch		
20 th	Christmas parties Last day of term		

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