

# Leas Park Junior School Weekly Newsletter 4th November 2024



Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable break. We have lots of events coming up this week including the Year 4 trips and our special Bonfire Night menu.

If you are attending a fireworks display this week, please stay safe and have a great time!

## Future dates and events

Please see below our main 'diary dates' so far for this academic year. We hope this will help with your diary planning.

**\*\*Please note these dates are subject to change and if this should be the case we will give as much notice as possible\*\***

### **Inset Days:**

Friday 14th February 2025

Monday 28th July 2025

Tuesday 29th July 2025

**Tuesday 5th November 2024** - Year 6 NCMP Heights & Weights check - morning

**Tuesday 5th November 2024** - Bonfire Night Special Menu

**Thursday 7th November 2024** - Year 4 trip to the Tropical Butterfly House, Anston, Sheffield

**wc 11th November 2024** - Anti-Bullying Week - activities taking place in school

**Tuesday 12th November 2024** - Odd Socks Day - please come to school wearing odd socks to raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Week, the wackier, the better!

**Friday 15th November 2024** – Year 5 Viking trip to Perlethorpe Environmental Education Centre

**Friday 15th November 2024** - Children in Need Day - children may come to school in non-uniform for a £1.00 donation

**Wednesday 27th November 2024** – Christmas Fayre - 3:15pm

**Thursday 28th November 2024** - Whole School Christmas Pantomime Trip to Mansfield Palace Theatre

**Tuesday 3rd December 2024** - Year 3 & 4 Jingle Jog at Sherwood Pines (Limited Places)

**Monday 9th December 2024** – Lower School Christmas Disco – 6pm-8pm

**Tuesday 10th December 2024** – Upper School Christmas Disco – 6pm-8pm

**Thursday 12th December 2024** – Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

**Tuesday 17th December 2024** – Lower School Christmas Performances (Times TBC)

**Wednesday 18th December 2024** – Upper School Christmas Performances (Times TBC)

**Thursday 19th December 2024** – Christmas Party Day

**Friday 20th December 2024** – Christmas Activity Day

**Friday 20th December 2024** – LAST DAY AT SCHOOL

**Monday 6th January 2024** – FIRST DAY BACK AT SCHOOL

**Friday 14th February 2025** – Inset Day

**Tuesday 4th March 2025** – Year 3 swimming lessons start

**Thursday 27th March 2025** - Year 3 Mother's Day Breakfast

**Friday 28th March 2025** - Year 4 Mother's Day Breakfast

**Monday 31st March 2025** - Year 5 Mother's Day Breakfast

**Tuesday 1st April 2025** - Year 5 Mother's Day Breakfast

**Tuesday 1st April 2025** – Parents' Evening - NO CLUBS AFTER SCHOOL ON THIS DATE

**Wednesday 2nd April 2025** – Parents' Evening - NO CLUBS AFTER SCHOOL ON THIS DATE

**w/c 28th April 2025** – Mock SATs week

**w/c 12th May 2025** – SATs week

**w/c 2nd June 2025** – Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check

**w/c 9th June 2025** - Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check – mop up

**Thursday 12th June 2025** - Year 6 Father's Day Breakfast

**Friday 13th June 2025** - Year 5 Father's Day Breakfast

**Monday 16th June 2025** - Year 4 Father's Day Breakfast

**Tuesday 17th June 2025** - Year 3 Father's Day Breakfast

**Tuesday 24th June 2025** – Sports Day – Lower School 09:30am, Upper School 1pm

**Tuesday 10th July 2025** – Year 2 Parents Welcome Meeting (invite only)

**Wednesday 11th July 2025** – Year 2 Parents Welcome Meeting (invite only)

**Wednesday 16th July 2025** – Summer Fayre – 3:15pm

**Friday 18th July 2025** – Reports home

**Tuesday 22nd July 2025** – Year 6 Leavers Presentation – 6:30pm

**Wednesday 23rd July 2025** – Whole School Picnic – 11:45am-1:15pm

**Monday 28th July 2025** – Inset day

**Tuesday 29th July 2025** – Inset Day

## The Leas Park Awards

This week's awards to follow, due to half term.

## Attendance



The Attendance Award for w/c 14/10/2024 goes to **Class 6P** with **94.3%**.

Please follow this link to our current Attendance Policy for more information: [School Policies | Leas Park Junior School](#)

The whole school attendance this academic year to date is **95.7%** - the national target is **96%**!

**Please help support us in raising our attendance.**

## Golden Ticket Award for Class 6P

Class 6P had the most wonderful afternoon today celebrating their £50.00 Golden Ticket Award win with fun activities outside followed by delicious treats and newly purchased games in the classroom! Well done to 6P.









## School Council Elections



Following our elections the week before the holidays, we are very excited to share with you the names of our new School Councillors for the academic year 2024-2025:

**Year 3: Councillors – Alfie W & Ronnie A**

**Deputy Councillors - Luca C & Winniefred G**

**Year 4: Councillors – Freddie R & Priya W**

**Deputy Councillors - Alfie T & Ella C**

**Year 5: Councillors - Alex F & Pyper T**

**Deputy Councillors - Sam P & Pippa B**

**Year 6: Councillors – Aleksander D & Freya G**

**Deputy Councillors - Elliott S & Erin G**

A huge well done to all the children who put themselves forward for the elections – We are very proud of you all!







## Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week



This year, Anti-Bullying Week runs from the 11-15th of November 2024.

This year's theme is 'Choose Respect' and incorporates Protected Characteristics and British Values.

In order to raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Week, we will be taking part in Odd Socks Day on Tuesday 12th November 2024. Please send your child to school in odd socks on that day. These are to be worn with their school uniform, so under trousers or over tights, for example. The jazzier the better!

We will be holding an assembly and creating work based around this subject, some of which will be put on display in school. Next time you are in school, please ask to take a look.



With the support of



This **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK** we are holding

# × **ODD SOCKS DAY** on **TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024** ×



Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!



**#OddSocksDay**  
**#AntiBullyingWeek**  
**#ChooseRespect**

If you're worried about bullying you can speak to ...

- \* Your teacher
- \* Your classroom teaching assistant
- \* Any member of staff
- \* An adult



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## Parents Evenings



It was lovely to see so many of you at our recent Parents Evenings. We had some amazing feedback about our school and our staff. Thank you so much for your support.

If you have yet to arrange a meeting, please call our school office on 01623 477629 or email us on [admin1@leaspark.notts.sch.uk](mailto:admin1@leaspark.notts.sch.uk)

Please note, we do have a policy for separated parents on our website, if you wish to take a look, for information on how to obtain information on upcoming events such as Parents Evenings, in the future.

## Asda Cashpot for Schools



We've got four more weeks to raise as much money for school as we can, via Asda Rewards. So far you have raised an outstanding **£310.00!!**

**Thank you so much!!**

We appreciate your support with this. Please tell everyone - your family, your friends, to nominate our school and shop and scan their Asda Rewards cards, so that we can raise much needed funds. Thank you again for your support!

*Every time you shop with Asda Rewards from 2nd September **to 30th November**, Asda will donate 0.5% of your total spend to a primary school of your choice. Plus, Asda will pop £1.00 into your chosen school's Cashpot every time someone opts in. Even more, Asda will get school started with a further £50.00!*

*Plus...you don't lose any of your own Asda Rewards earnings and your own Cashpot will continue to grow!*

## Attendance update - change of guidelines



At the start of our school year, we discuss with the children in assembly about how important their attendance is and that we have some super awards coming up in school that we would like them all to work towards.

*Our policy states 'Leas Park Junior School is committed to providing a full and efficient education for all pupils. The school sincerely believes that all pupils benefit from the education it provides and therefore from regular school attendance. To this end, the school will do as much as it can to ensure that all pupils achieve maximum possible attendance and that any issues, which may impede full attendance, are acted upon as quickly as possible.'*

*The law states that parents/carers have a legal obligation to ensure that children within their care attend school regularly. Schools and the local authority have a duty to ensure that poor school attendance is dealt with swiftly'. Attendance was mentioned on our recent 'Good' Ofsted inspection report, stating how important it is that your children attend regularly to ensure that their learning is not affected.*

It is recommended that schools now follow the new guidance issued by the Local Authority, 'Working together to improve school attendance' - August 2024, and based on our attendance rates in recent terms, in line with national expectations we must now consider the request of a penalty notice to be issued to any parents removing their children from education during term time, in line with the new guidance.

The national threshold has changed, according to the National Framework for penalty notices, this is now 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks. A school week means any week in which there is at least one school session. (A school day is made up of two sessions - one morning session and one afternoon session).

We want to work with you to improve our attendance and we have appointed Miss Cope, as our Attendance Champion. Her role will involve her working alongside and supporting the teachers with any of their attendance concerns. She will be aiding with the communication with parents, organising and attending meetings and working with parents, pupils and teachers to help tackle the barriers to persistent non-attendance and championing those children in classes in school, whose attendance is in line with what we expect.

Please familiarise yourself with the attendance guidance for schools at : [School attendance and absence: Overview - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

If you have any questions or need any help and advice regarding attendance, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, Miss Cope or the School Office.

## Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service - Consultation on Community Risk Management Plan



Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS) are consulting on their draft Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP).

Their draft plan provides insight into the services they provide and details their priorities over the next three years to ensure the protection of local communities. It also explores the main risks within Nottingham & Nottinghamshire and how they will work proactively to reduce and mitigate those risks.

This CRMP will run from April 2025 to March 2028, and will determine the activities of the Service throughout the lifetime of the plan.

The Service will be consulting with members of the community between 30th September 2024 through to 30th November 2024.

Anyone who completes the consultation survey will be entered into a draw to win a £100 Amazon Voucher.

The input of their communities is very important to them and will help to shape their service over the next three years.

You can view the draft CRMP document via their website [www.notts-fire.gov.uk](http://www.notts-fire.gov.uk) or by clicking this link [CRMP](#)

The consultation survey can be found here: [Have your say](#)

NFRS is proud of the work it has achieved throughout the life of its last strategic plan and looks forward to continuing to create safer communities throughout the lifetime of the next Community Risk Management Plan and beyond.

If you require any further information, then please contact the Service by email at:

[Talk2us@notts-fire.gov.uk](mailto:Talk2us@notts-fire.gov.uk).

## Reminders, messages & additional news- please read!!

Regular reminders...

## **Pupil Information**

Please ensure school have all of your up to date contact information. If you change your name, telephone number or address, please let school know as soon as possible and ensure that we always have **at least two separate emergency contacts** for your child.

## **Pupil Lateness and Absence**

School starts at **08:45am**. Please ensure your child arrives on time and with all the uniform, equipment, lunch and snacks that they require for their day. If you are going to be late arriving to school, or if your child is not in full school uniform, please contact us on 01623 477629 to let us know why. If you know in advance that your child will not be in or will be late in the following day, the message system regarding pupil absence can be accessed at any time outside of office hours via our telephone number.

## **Illness & Medications**

Please find below a handy chart to help when your child is ill on a school day. If you do need to keep your child off school, please contact the school office on 01623 477629 **before 09:00am on the day they are due to be off**.

If you wish for your child to be given medication whilst at school, please complete and submit the form via this link:

[Leas Park Junior School - Permission for School to Administer Medication](#)

**All medication needs to be both handed into school and collected, by an adult.**

## **Staff Car Park**

Please note the staff car park is for use **by staff only**. We have very limited space and quite often staff need to leave site and return at short notice. Extra vehicles can make manoeuvring dangerous and can also mean that spaces aren't available for staff who need to be here. Thank you for your understanding.

## **Changing dinners**

Please note that the school office will need **one weeks' notice**, if you wish to change your child from school meals to sandwiches, or vice versa. Thank you.

## **Nut and Fish free school**

In line with NCC policy regarding nut allergies, we do not allow any type of nuts including peanuts in school - either in packed lunches or in snacks. This also includes any nut based products including Nutella, other sandwich spreads containing nuts and any cereal bars that may contain nuts.

Also we would like to remind you that Leas Park is a "fish-free" school, and as such we do not allow any fish or fish products in the children's packed lunches or snacks. Thank you for your support.

## **Snacks**

Children are allowed to bring a healthy snack in with them to have during break time, for example fruit or vegetables. Please do not send in grab bags/multi packs of crisps, biscuits or sweets. Please ensure any food sent in to school is both fish and nut free. Thank you for your co-operation.

## **Jewellery**

Children should not be wearing jewellery to school, with the exception of a watch (not a smartwatch) and small stud earrings, which will need to be removed or covered during PE lessons. This is due to Health and Safety and the possibility of loss or damage.

### Scooters and Bicycles

Whilst we allow scooters and bicycles to be brought to school, please ensure your child does not use them **anywhere** on the school site. This includes on the way down the drive. There have been several near-misses recently and also damage to a vehicle. Please note, any scooter or bicycle left at the school is done so at the owner's risk. We cannot be held liable for anything stolen or damaged.

**HSC Public Health Agency**

## Do I need to keep my child off school?

<b>Chicken Pox</b> At least 5 days from onset of rash and until all spots have crusted over	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Diarrhea &amp; /or Vomiting</b> 48 hours from last episode	<b>Respiratory Illness</b> (e.g. colds & flu) Can return when no longer have a high temperature and well enough	<b>Glandular Fever</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	
<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b> No need to stay off if well enough, but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Impetigo</b> Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Head Lice</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Measles</b> 4 days from onset of rash	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days from onset of swelling	<b>German Measles (Rubella)</b> 5 days from onset of rash
<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Scabies</b> Until after first treatment	<b>Slapped Cheek</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Threadworms</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Tonsillitis</b> Can return when no longer have a temperature and well enough, school or nursery should be informed	<b>Whooping Cough</b> 48 hours after commencing antibiotics

Use this guide to find out when they should stay off, and when they can go back if they are well enough to do so.

## Parent/carer workshops and information



Please find lots of helpful information, located in 'General Information' in the 'Parents' tab on our school website or via the following link:

[www.leaspark.notts.sch.uk/general information](http://www.leaspark.notts.sch.uk/general%20information)

We hope you find the information in the Parents section useful.

Please check on the following link to see if you are eligible for Free School Meals and Milk for your child:

[Free school meals and milk | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)

The site also has ideas for healthy meals and recipes!

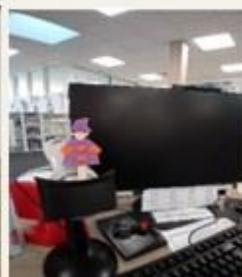


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