

LEAS PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL - Tel: 477629

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NEWSLETTER 9th September 2019

Welcome back - I hope everyone had a lovely summer! It's been a terrific start to the new school year and the children have settled in really well to their new classes, they look incredibly smart and there is a fantastic 'buzz' around the entire school. A special big welcome to all of the new children and families in year three!

We will continue to email the newsletter each Monday, which you will hopefully find useful and informative, please pop into the office if you are having trouble receiving them. Don't forget to keep an eye on our school website for additional information about what's happening in school, and of course....check the bottom of your child's bag regularly!

Staffing:

We are very pleased to welcome Miss F Canniffe (3C) and Mrs A Fearn (6F) to our teaching staff and Mrs D Farr (teaching assistant) based in year 4. Good luck to Mrs Bills whose last day at Leas Park was Wednesday 4th September....baby news to follow!

Our staff structure for this year is as follows:

Executive Headteacher: Mrs H Atkins

Head of School: Mrs T Hall

Year 3: Miss K Wright, Miss F Canniffe, Mrs C Stevenson and Mrs E Bingley

Year 4: Miss S Lancashire, Miss J Cope, Mrs D Farr and Mrs H Green

Year 5: Miss F Croteau, Miss L Hallam, Mrs J Scott and Mrs J Parker

Year 6: Mrs S Shooter, Mrs A Fearn, Miss C Hall, Mrs G Jackson and Mrs C Taylor

PPA cover: Mrs P Naylor, Mrs S Amos and Mrs E Jones

SENCO: Mrs P Naylor

School Office:

School Business Manager: Mrs V Catmur-Smith

Administrative Assistants: Mrs M Pettitt and Mrs N Kirk

We have a vacancy for a midday supervisor at Leas Park Junior School - if you would like to join our busy staff team, please pop in to the office and collect further information and an application form. The closing date is 12 noon on Friday 20th September 2019 - we look forward to hearing from you!

Term Dates and INSET Closure:

Please find a list of term dates and holidays attached to this newsletter. Leas Park will be closed for INSET this year on:

Friday 30th August 2019

Monday 2nd September 2019

Friday 20th December 2019

Friday 14th February 2020

Monday 1st June 2020

"Adventure Stories Day" - Friday 20th September 2019:

On Friday 20th September, M&M productions are coming in to perform 'The Secret Garden' to all of the children. The theme of the day is 'Adventure stories' and there will be various planned activities throughout the day. We would also like the children to dress up in either Victorian-era or adventure

attire, if this is not possible then they can come in their school uniform, but please do not go to any expense to buy an outfit.

Nuts / nut based foods in 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 and other sandwich spreads and any cereal bars that may contain nuts. Thank you for your support.

Photographs:

The photographer will be in school on Wednesday 25th September to take individual (not class) photos of the children. If you have any younger siblings/cousins and would like group photos taken please do feel free to come to school from 8.30a.m and the photographer will be happy to take them for you. If you have children at Nettleworth Infant School, a separate letter will be coming home so that we can organise that for you, although we can't arrange for children in the nursery to have their photo taken.

Parking:

Please could you ensure that you are parking your cars in a "safe" way when dropping off and picking up your children. We have had a complaint regarding a near miss with one of our pupils and a car mounting the pavement near to the school entrance, again please be mindful for the safety of the children. This is for everyone's benefit to provide a safe and secure environment for our pupils.

Scooters and bikes:

It's great to see so many children coming to school on bikes and scooters. Please make sure all bikes and scooters are locked up securely in the shelters provided, on the front playground during the day, as we can't accept any responsibility for them. Thank you.

P.E. kits and School Uniform:

The children look incredibly smart in their uniforms, and are really proud to wear them. A reminder that ALL kit needs to be labelled so that we can easily return it to the rightful owner if it gets lost! Our lost property box is in the hall; feel free to pop in before or after school if your child has lost an item of their uniform. A big plea to all parents - please could every child bring their PE kit to school on Monday morning and leave it at school ready to bring home to be washed on Friday afternoon. Thankyou.

Pupil Absences:

Please ring school each morning if your child is unwell and unable to attend. If you need to take your child out of school for any reason, you will need to complete a "Withdrawal from Learning" request form. This form is used in all schools in Mansfield Woodhouse who feed in to The Manor Academy, and is available from the school office. Please note that Leas Park will seek further advice from the Local Authority if there are concerns regarding a pupil's attendance, so bear this in mind when booking any holidays. Thank you.

New dietary or medical needs form - Years 4, 5 & 6:

Please can you complete and return the form for any new dietary or medical needs which was sent home with your child last week, so we can update our records. Paper copies of the form are available from the office. Thank you.

Corporal Butcher:

We are delighted that Corporal Butcher will continue to work with Leas Park this academic year. He will be working with us every Tuesday this year.

Nottingham Forest (NFFC):

We are delighted to welcome Arron from Nottingham Forest (Community Trust) who will come into school every Wednesday and will work with the children, doing various activities and team building.

Parent Questionnaires - July 2019:

Thank you to everyone who returned their parent questionnaires back in July 2019. The responses have been collated and the results are included as an attachment to this newsletter. Thank you again.

Dates for this week:

W/b 9th September

Tuesday 10th

Class 4C to look after Cookie & Cream

Corporal Butcher in school

Palace Theatre to work with Y6

Guitar & Keyboard lessons to start

Water Assembly - whole school

Thursday 12th

Dates for your diary:

W/B Monday 16th September

Friday 20th September

Wednesday 25th September

Clubs start (after school & lunchtime)

Adventure Stories Day - whole school

Wrates Photographer