

LPA Newsletter



May 2024

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Welcome back
to the
summer term!



Year 3 experienced illustrator James Mayhew paint alongside a live orchestra at Thomas Clarkson Academy to kick-start the term!

We have already had a busy start to the term with Year 2's visit to Octavia Hill's birth place, Year 4's trip to Norwich theatre and a visit from Ofsted! The excitement is set to continue in the busy term ahead with more class trips, Wisbech Reads events and sports days to look forward to.

PE kits should be in school every day as PE days may vary slightly each week depending on weather.

Children should have unbranded sweatshirts available in case of cooler weather as we practise outside for sports days.

Older children may wish to bring a stick or roll-on deodorant to apply before PE; no aerosol sprays.

PE Days

Reception: Tuesday

Year 1: Swimming Wednesday & PE Friday

Year 2: Thursday & Friday

Year 3: Monday & Tuesday

Year 4: Monday & Friday

Year 5: Monday & Wednesday

Year 6: Wednesday & Thursday

We have successfully been implementing our new phonics and early reading scheme, Little Wandle, since the start of term. This is a time of transition but children have quickly taken to their new phonics lessons and are highly engaged and enthused!

Children in Reception, Year 1 and some children in Year 2 read fully decodable books three times a week in school to develop their decoding, fluency and comprehension. These books can then be accessed via the Big Cat Collins website. Log in details have been sent home; please speak to your child's class teacher if you need any support logging in.

We will be running parent workshops on Thursday 9th May at 9am and 5:30pm to share the Little Wandle approach to phonics and reading, and answer any questions you may have.



Stay up-to-date on what's happening in class using ClassDojo



As the warmer weather (finally!) reaches us, please be reminded of our summer uniform:

- plain white or blue polo t-shirts
- plain black, grey or navy shorts (cycling shorts are not acceptable uniform)
- blue and white summer dresses or play suits; black, grey or navy pinafore dresses
- black, grey or navy skirts of a respectable length (please consider how often children may be expected to sit on the floor)
- school shoes with appropriate fastenings (no slip on shoes that may fall off when running at play times)

Long hair should always be tied back.

Earrings should not be worn on PE days.

Year 1 parents: please ensure children wear clothing they can easily put on themselves after swimming lessons.

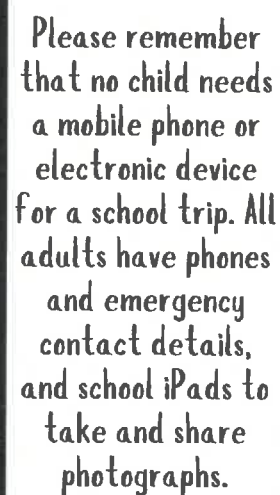
A warm 'welcome back' to Mr Welbourne who has rejoined the Leverington team to work in Year 1.

As part of our PSHE curriculum, Sex and Relationships education will take place in all classes later in the term.

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions about what this may involve or look on the 'curriculum' page on our school website.

Important dates this term:

- Thursday 9th May 9am and 5:30pm Little Wandle parent workshop
- Week beginning 13th May **SATs Week for Year 6**
SATs breakfast available for all Year 6 from 8:00am Monday to Thursday
- Friday 17th May Cross country event - children from Years 4, 5 & 6
- Thursday 23rd May POSH tournament - teams from Years 5 & 6
- Friday 24th May Year 3 trip to Kings Lynn museum
- Week beginning 27th May Half term
- Monday 3rd June Back to school
- Week beginning 3rd June Year 4 to complete Multiplication Tables Check
- Thursday 6th June Year 5 & 6 Big Read & Write
- Week beginning 10th June Year 1 to complete Phonics Screening Check
- Friday 14th June Athletics event - children from Years 4, 5 & 6
- Week beginning 17th June Assessment week for Reception - Year 5
- Thursday 20th June Year 4 Read to Succeed at Thomas Clarkson
Year 6 Fire Station visit
- Friday 21st June Year 1 Wisbech Reads Festival at Wisbech Castle
- Tuesday 25th June Year 5 Wisbech Reads Festival at Wisbech Castle
- Wednesday 26th June Key Stage 2 Sports Day (afternoon - times to follow)
- Thursday 27th June Year 1 trip to Sea Life Centre
- Friday 28th June Key Stage 1 Sports Day (afternoon - times to follow)
- Monday 1st July Golf Day
- Tuesday 2nd July Whole school 'move up' day
- Wednesday 3rd July Fenland Swimming Gala at George Campbell
- Thursday 4th July Reception theatre visit 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'
Summer Fayre after school
- Friday 5th July Key Stage 1 Sports Day (back up date)
- Monday 8th July Key Stage 2 Sports Day (back up date)
- Wednesday 10th - Friday 12th June Year 6 Residential trip to Hill Top
- Tuesday 16th July Big Sing at Thomas Clarkson
Year 6 Leavers Festival 5-7pm
- Thursday 18th July End of term assembly in church - 2:30pm (time to be confirmed)
Open afternoon to look at books
- Friday 19th July Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
End of term



Please remember that no child needs a mobile phone or electronic device for a school trip. All adults have phones and emergency contact details, and school iPads to take and share photographs.