



Langdon
Primary
School



www.langdonprimaryschool.co.uk Find us on Facebook: [Langdon Primary School/Langdon Primary School P.T.F.A](https://www.facebook.com/Langdon-Primary-School/)

I cannot believe how busy this end of the year is! We have so many exciting events in the diary that it is impossible to hold it all in your head.

Last week saw the culmination of a terms' work with the music teachers across the collaboration. Our music festival saw children from all four schools coming together to sing songs that they had been learning this year as well as learn the harmonies for two other new songs. It was a pleasure to hear the children's voices and see their obvious enjoyment as they entertained us. I understand from our Facebook page that some parents were quite overcome with emotion because it struck a chord! Thank you to Mrs Newton and Mrs Capell who have given up many lunchtimes to prepare, train staff, teach children and practice ready for the performance. The children were a credit to you.

This week will see our Year 2 children going on their residential visit to Rippledawn Outdoor Education Centre. This was something that we introduced last year and was a hit with staff and students alike. This year will, I am sure, be the same as the children get involved in a cross country ramble, den building, bug hunting and campfire sing-song before bedtime. It is always hard work doing a residential visit but the benefits in terms of team building, resilience and confidence are enormous and for this reason the staff give up a precious evening at home for our children. I am very grateful to Mrs Keem and Mrs Seccatore for their work in organising and running this trip for us this year.

DRIVING IN THE VILLAGE

I have had a concerned parent speak to me recently about the way that some parents are driving as they make their way through the village at the beginning and end of the school day.

The concern did centre on our own families, rather than other members of the public, who seem to be ignoring the 20mph speed limit as well as the children walking on the road in the absence of footways. There are particular concerns around the recreation ground where there are a couple of nasty bends and the pinch-point just past the village green.

PLEASE take care when driving through the village. It would be truly awful if a child got hurt in a road traffic accident due to someone being in too much of a hurry.



PARENTMAIL

From September 2017 we will be moving from Parentmail to Home Connect, a similar email system for contacting parents and carers with school communications. In order to set up the system Mrs Capell has to enter your email addresses into the Home Connect system and she will be doing this over the next few weeks. If your email address has recently changed please let her know and we will update our records accordingly.

WELCOME

Congratulations to the family of Orchun who have had a new baby boy recently. We loved meeting him at the transition meeting recently.



BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE CLUB

We are lucky in our small school to be able to offer these two clubs which provide wrap around care for our children five days a week in term time. They offer value for money in terms of child care, being much cheaper than using a child minder. Both clubs offer play activities and a meal. The Breakfast Club offers cereals, fruit, toast or other goodies such as bagels, croissants or bacon sandwiches and the After School Care Club offers pizzas, pasta, sandwiches, fruit and yoghurts. The children who attend the clubs are happy and enjoy the social side of these facilities; some even choose to come and play although parents don't actually need the child care!

Given the current financial situation however, we are now running one of these clubs at a loss and the other is just about breaking even. I am very reluctant to close them, because you tell me they are important, if not vital, to you in terms of child care. However, I do have to make sure that our budget balances. For this reason, the governing Body and I have discussed and agreed to raise the cost of both clubs from September. We believe that the price is still competitive and provides value for money whilst helping to meet the costs that we have to pay.

For September the Breakfast Club will cost £3.00 per day and the After School Care club will rise to £8.00 per day. This rise of 50p per club still means that child care is provided for a maximum of £3.20 per hour, which is still incredibly good value. Parents will be asked to pay in advance of sessions and any accidental arrears **MUST** be settled by the end of the week.

NEW POST BOX

Those of you who are good at observing will have noticed a new metal post box in the school entrance. This is for you to post letters, payments and other information to us rather than wait in the foyer for Mrs Capell to be free on busy days. As well as being more secure than leaving post on the office desk at unmanned office times or busy times, this should reduce your waiting time and our stress levels when we realise there is a queue of dozens outside the office door!



THANK YOU FROM MR JONES

Well done to Mr Jones who completed his 45 mile sponsored walk to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Cystic Fibrosis Trust through Mr Jones; the charity raised half a million pounds through this event.

OPEN AFTERNOON

Parents and other family members are invited to come along to our annual Open Afternoon on Friday 7 July 2017. The afternoon involves children performing a range of musical pieces they have learned this year in a short concert. This concert will be held in the East Langdon Parish Hall and parents are welcome to join us from 12.30pm onwards for refreshments prior to the performance at 1.00pm. After the performance we will all make our way back to school where parents will be able to collect their child before visiting their class to look at work produced this year and to receive their child's Annual Report. Parents are welcome to talk to staff about their child's learning at this time, although if a more in depth discussion is required then we do please ask you to make an appointment for another day.

Please note that on this day ALL children need to be collected by 2.00pm or immediately after the concert, whichever is sooner.



THIS MONTH'S 50/50 CLUB WINNER

🥂 🥂 🥂 Well done to . . . Jo Towers 🥂 🥂 🥂

SPORTS DAY

This is usually the signal for torrential rain to start! Weather permitting, we will be holding our Sports Day on Monday 17 July 2017 here, in the school grounds. During the morning the children will take part in a 'potted sports' session in their house groups. The scores from these events will be added up and totalled with the scores from the afternoon's events which will take the form of a traditional sports day. Parents and visitors are welcome to join us for the afternoon which will start at 1.15pm. Should the weather be poor on Monday we will cancel the day and reschedule for Tuesday 18 July 2017 at the same time. Children will need full PE kit in school **every day** between now and Sports Day in preparation for practices we will have in the run up to the event itself.



SPONSORED WALK

I can't thank you enough for all of the support you gave to our sponsored walk. We had many offers of help from parents willing to walk with us to supervise and support the children; the PTFA who provided drinks and ice-poles for the children and staff; The Chance Inn and various neighbours who offered toilets should we need them and the local farmers who allowed us to traipse 73 children over their land, sometimes off footpaths. It was a fantastic event and allowed us to have a fun, sociable time with the children getting to know just over 4 miles of their local environment. I am pleased to say that this was a very happy event and we all appeared to enjoy it and, with the exception of one child who fell in the stinging nettles and the two who suffered from hayfever eyes (all without complaint I might add), there were no moans, groans, aches or pains reported to staff on the day. I am proud of every child and their efforts. But of course, we mustn't forget that this was a sponsored event and everyone involved should take a huge pat on the back for their total collection so far of ...

£1322.50

...which is amazing. Thank you to those who have contributed so far. For those who still have money outstanding, please bring this to the office as soon as possible.

'CINDERELLA AND ROCKERFELLA'

Our end of year production this year is a rip-roaring run through our version of the tale of Cinderella. Written by the same team who write many of our popular festival songs it proves to be a laugh (or groan) a minute with many jokes and lots of witty over acting! The production takes place on Friday 14 July 2017 at 6.30pm at St Margaret's Village Hall. Tickets are available from the school office - £3.00 for adults and £1.00 for children. There will also be a raffle so please bring along some loose change to try your luck.

It's great to see our youngsters performing, and to have a live audience to perform to, so we look forward to seeing you there and thank you in anticipation for your support.



PHOTOGRAPHER

Once again, Tom Keenan will be in school taking photographs for our website and advertising details next week. Please ensure that on Monday 3 July 2017 all children have full school uniform on, have full PE kit in school and look clean and tidy for the camera!

SUMMER FAIR

It's that time of year again! Our PTFA are asking for your help and support to run our annual Summer Fair on Saturday 8 July 2017 between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. Please come along, with friends, family and neighbours in tow, to support the PTFA in this very popular event. There will be raffles, tombolas, food and drink, entertainment by the choir and lots of stalls.

If you can help run a stall, even if only for 30 minutes, please let Sarah Phillips (Jacob and Naomi's mum), Angie Walker (Luke's mum) or Hayley Erridge (Evie-Rose's mum) know; they will be very grateful.



LEAVER'S SERVICE

Once again, it's time for the handkerchiefs to come out as we say goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 leavers who will be moving on to secondary school in September. We will be celebrating their time with us at Langdon on Friday 21 July 2017 at St Augustine's Church in East Langdon at 9.30am. The children of Dragon Class and Minotaur Class are invited to come along and watch as are parents, grandparents and any other adults who would like to share in this emotional experience. I shall be very sorry to see this group of four leave us, they are a super bunch and we will miss every individual and their very different personalities very much.



STAFF SWAP In response to requests to learn more about education across the primary school, Miss Smith will be swapping with Mrs Alison Martin from Green Park School for two weeks from 3 July 2017. This is a great training opportunity for both staff who will also be working with different age pupils in their new school environment. Mrs Martin will be mainly working in Giant Class with Mrs Seccatore.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event	Time
w/b 26.6.17	Assessment Week for Year 1, 3, 4, 5	
28.6.17	New Entrants Afternoon 3 Transition Afternoon for Years R-5	1.30pm-3.00pm
29.6.17	Year 2 Residential Visit to Rippledawn Outdoor Education Centre	
30.6.17	Year R and 1 visit to Rippledawn Outdoor Education Centre Year 5/6 Camp in the School Grounds	
3.7.17	Collaboration Street Dance Workshop - Year 5	1.00pm-3.00pm
5.7.17	New Entrants Afternoon 4 Transition Afternoon for Years R-5 Full governing Body Meeting	1.30pm-3.00pm 3.30pm
7.7.17	Music Concert Open afternoon (School ends for children at 2.00pm)	1.00pm 2.00pm-5.00pm
8.7.17	PTFA Summer Fair	
12.7.17	New Entrants Afternoon 5 Transition Afternoon for Years R-5	1.30pm-3.00pm
14.7.17	'Cinderella and Rockerfella' Production at St Margaret's Village Hall	6.30pm
17.7.17	Sports Day (parents and friends to join us at 1.00pm)	
18.7.17	Reserve Sports Day	
20.7.17	End of Year Achievement Assembly	9.00am
21.7.17	Leaver's Service at St Augustine's Church, East Langdon End of Term 6	9.30am 2.00pm
4.9.17	Staff Development Day - School Closed to Children	
5.9.17	Staff Development Day - School Closed to Children	
6.9.17	Beginning of Term 1 for Years 1-6 Year R visits to school - appointment times to be arranged	
11.9.17	Beginning of Term 1 for Year R	