



Lawford Mead Primary School Newsletter No. 15

High expectations and improved outcomes for all

4th January 2018

Mrs Dawn Baker
Headteacher

Dear Parents

Happy New Year to you all, I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break. It is lovely to see all the children back, keen and ready to begin a new term. Year 2 children had an exciting start to the term with a visit from *Zoolab* for a 'Wriggle & Crawl' workshop yesterday afternoon. Year 4 children also had a fun afternoon yesterday building a Saxon boat for their Saxon and Viking topic 'Traders & Raiders'. You can see their ship on Twitter via the school website www.lawfordmead.essex.sch.uk.

Miss Lindsay's before and after school clubs have resumed and will continue throughout the year. However there will **NOT be any Running Club on Friday 12th January** as Miss Lindsay will be taking a **Dodgeball** team to compete in the County Finals. We are also taking a group of children to **Sportshall Athletics** next Tuesday afternoon and the children selected to take part in these events have been given a letter today.

Parents will be aware that at every assembly and performance we allow photos and videos on mobile phones but always ask that they are not posted on social media if they feature children other than their own. This is a matter of trust as parents do not have permission from other children's parents to post these photos and videos on shared sites. Sadly it had come to our attention that some parents have ignored this request and posted group photos and videos of the Christmas performance on Facebook. We will now have to consider whether to allow any photography in future performances and kindly ask that any remaining photos/videos are removed as soon as possible.



Please be reminded that Teachers Thursday clubs run in the Autumn and Summer terms **ONLY**. **Netball club** resumes on the 10th January and this is also the start date for the Wednesday afternoon **Toddler group**.

Swimming lessons for Aspen class begin on Friday 12th January and continue throughout the Spring term ending on 23rd March.

Muddy Adventures this term will be for Year 2 in the morning and Ash class in the afternoon every Tuesday up to half term.

Y6 Parents are invited to a meeting at 8.45 am on Tuesday 16th January. The purpose of this meeting will be to give you detailed information about each of the SATs papers and when they will be taken. This meeting will also give details about expectations, types of questions the children will have to answer and ways that parents can support at home. We look forward to seeing you there.

Our hardworking **Parents Association** have advised

me that they raised an amazing £1,429.25 last



term! Recent purchases using money contributed by the PA have been spent on a defibrillator, a Public Address system, picnic tables, basketballs, the Nursery playhouse and new books for Reception & Y2. Future plans for money raised will go towards an outdoor picnic area. Thank you for your support and many thanks to our marvellous Parents Association!





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Dates for your diary:

Tue 9th January	Muddy Adventures for Year 2 (mornings) and Ash (afternoons) Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics (21 children)
Wed 10th January	Toddler Group & Netball Club resume
Fri 12th January	Aspen begin Swimming lessons Dodgeball County Finals (10 children) NO RUNNING CLUB on this day
Tue 16th January	Y6 SATs Parents meeting, 8.45 am
Wed 24th January	Y5 Parents Assembly, 10.15 am
Friday 2nd February	NSPCC Numbers Day (charity fundraising event)
Monday 5th February	Young Voices Concert at London O2 (35 children)
12th—16th February	Half Term
Monday 19th February	Target Sharing Day

Please check our calendar on the school website www.lawfordmead.essex.sch.uk for latest updates to events.

On the Calendar page there's now a button below the calendar that says 'Subscribe to our calendar'. If you click on it from a mobile device your calendar app should launch and it'll let you sync with the schools calendar.