

Sciurus Novus - 07/09/2023

Welcome Back!



What a wonderful week we have all been having!

I have been so impressed by the your wonderful children. Despite the heat, they have been working incredibly hard and we have been delighted to see how they are already living out our school values. More news of this later in the newsletter.

We hope you enjoy reading our new format newsletter! It's lovely to be able to include so many photos of the children. Thank you Mrs Strickland and Mr Andre for all your wizardry.

Just a couple of updates:

- Today, we have been delighted to welcome Daisy back! She has had a wonderful day visiting classes and getting to know everyone again with Miss Hopkinson.
- We now have our replacement trampolines set up and the children have been really enjoying playing with them. As we have had some trespassers, we have extended painting the fences with 'anti-climb' paint. This is just at the top of the blue fences and its sticky nature helps to deter people from climbing the fence.

Thank you for all your support for your children and for our school. I have so enjoyed starting to get to know everyone and look forward to our exciting journey ahead.

News from around the school!

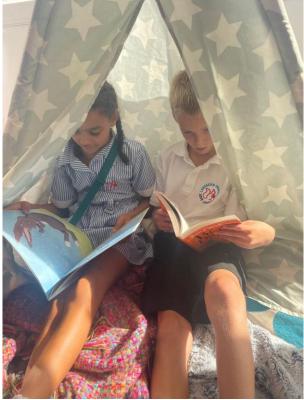


Look at all our fantastic learning and activity from around the school!



1 - Our House Point totals for week 1. A huge well done to Gryffindor House who have taken an early lead this term! Which house will take the lead next week?!

















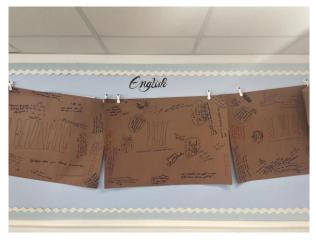


E-Safety Tip.



Our Values





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We have enjoyed exploring our new values, which sum up what Lanesend is all about! Today, you will sent a form with our revised Positive Behaviour Policy which includes more details about our values. Do take a few minutes to have a look and feed back to us if you would like to. This policy will then be shared with the Trustees towards the end of September.











Reminders

Parking:

I have had several neighbours emailing the school about parking concerns. Newport Road and Love Lane have been named. The complaints include parking across drive ways so that our neighbours can't get their cars out to go to work and there has also been a complaint about parking in disabled bays. Please do support us by parking respectfully and safely. Many thanks.

Den booking:

Please remember to book for sessions in advance. Late booking can lead to disappointment if there are no spaces and also impacts staffing. Many thanks.

Earrings and PE:

As explained in the email sent to families this morning, our 'School Uniform Policy' states that earrings must not be worn for PE. Children who are wearing earrings will join in with PE lessons in an alternative role, but not take part in activities. If your child has earrings and they are not able to remove them themselves, please take them out on PE days. If your child has had their ears pierced recently and they are not able to remove them, then unfortunately they will not be able to join in with the PE lesson. I am aware of concerns around this and will be reviewing this policy in the coming weeks.

Reading

Dear families,

Just a quick update on reading in school this year and the books that have started to come home. For the first few weeks of term, we will be focusing on developing the children's love of reading and reading for pleasure, and this will continue throughout the year. Each class will spend time visiting the school library and selecting a fiction or non-fiction book to bring home. Whilst staff will support them in their choice, if your child brings home a book that may be too challenging for them to read independently, this is a perfect opportunity for an adult at home to spend time sharing and talking through the book with them and having quality time together.

We are currently in the process of completing the Salford Sentence Reading Test with all children from years 2 to 6. This will give us reading and comprehension ages as well as standardised scores for each child. We will then use this to inform the reading books we select to send home to practice reading and any additional support that we put in place. For Reception and Key Stage 1, reading books aligned to our Phonic scheme, Little Wandle, will also start to come home around week three of term, but individual year groups will communicate their routines for this with you. We are very much focused on continuing to improve our reading outcomes across the school and will keep you updated on progress and changes as and when these are made. Thank you for your support regarding this.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes

Tara Hopkinson



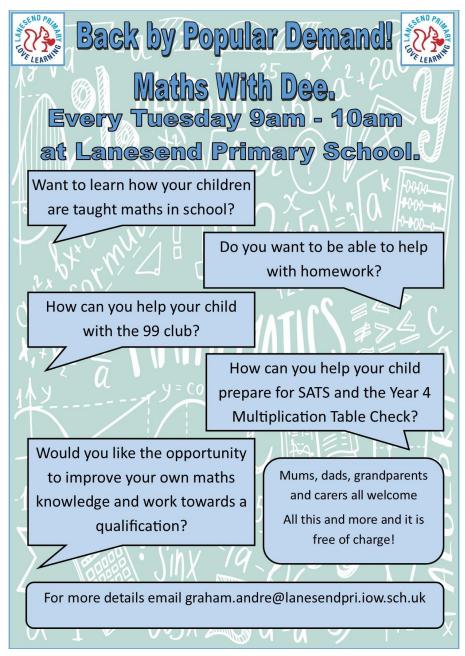
3 - Some of our Year 4 children enjoying their new reading area

Attendance



Thank you for sending your children with coming to school, on time, everyday. It is well recognised how important it is for children to be in school as much as they can for their wellbeing as well as their learning. Please remember that holidays in term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and we are expected to make use of penalty notices as a means to encourage high attendance. Thank you for your support.

Free Maths Workshops with Dee.



Dates for your Diary

Just a gentle reminder of our Lanesend Term Dates for this Academic Year 2023-2024: <u>Lanesend Term</u> <u>Dates 23-24</u>



Tuesday 12th September

8.40am - 9.10am - Coffee Morning with Mrs Sutton 2pm - 2.35pm - Coffee Afternoon with Mrs Sutton

Wednesday 13th September

Year 2 Swimming begins - every Wednesday for ten weeks Year 1 Ballet begins - every Wednesday for ten weeks

Friday 15th September

Whole School Individual Photos Year 4 Swimming begins - every Friday for ten weeks

Friday 22nd September

Test the Water - Rumpelstiltskin Class

Tuesday 26th September

Test the Water - Aladdin Class

Wednesday 27th September Test the Water - Hansel and Gretel Class

Community News and Events





ISLE OF WIGHT MUSIC HUB PRESENTS



Saturday mornings during term time 10.00 am - 12.00 pm

At Osborne House

York Avenue, East Cowes, PO32 6JT Annual membership £120

The Hub also supports additional music making opportunities and ensembles during the week. For further information please contact us using the details below

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