



# Lawns Park Primary School

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## October Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

The year is absolutely flying by and we are already nearing the end of our first half-term! There has been all sorts going on both in and out of school over the past couple of months including: some amazing learning throughout the school; a whole host of after-school clubs and sporting events; visitors teaching us about the stone age, the vikings, bonfire safety, Zoolab and Tri-golf as well as much, much more!

There is plenty more to come in 2023 too as, after half-term, we will be having parents evening, Friends of Lawns Park glow disco, a planetarium, Children in Need, non-uniform day, Friends of Lawns Park Christmas market and a large slice of Christmas madness. Plus, sandwiched inbetween all of that will be yet more incredible learning. Please check the key dates to see what else is coming up and when.

## Important Notices

### TRAINING DAYS FOR 2023-2024

We have four training days remaining for this academic year. Two are at the end of this school year so children will finish school on Friday 19th July 2024.

- Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – training day, school closed
- Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – training day
- Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 – training day
- Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 – training day

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

Congratulations to the children from Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 who have been voted in by their classmates to represent Lawns Park for the remainder of the academic year. The children produced some fantastic letters of application at the start of the school year and really sold their individual talents to the reader. The team have met with their own classes and then back together as a council to gather ideas as to what the school would like to implement over the next nine months. They have some very inspiring ideas which will be revealed in due course! Particular congratulations go to both Charlotte and Sam from Year 6 who have been named as the Chair and Vice-chair.





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## YEAR 5 HERD FARM RESIDENTIAL

Year 5 parents, please note that the meeting about the Herd Farm residential will take place in the school hall between 2.30pm and 3.15pm on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> November. In this meeting you will be able to ask any questions you may have regarding the trip and any specific requirements your child may have. The actual residential takes place between 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2024. Payments are now being accepted for this trip on schoolcomms. Should you have any difficulty with payment then please contact the school office or Mr Chapman to discuss.

## OFFICE REMINDERS

A few reminders from the office team. Please could all parents/carers check that they have done the following:

- Please sign up to the schoolcomms app to make school payments.
- Please sign up to the simmsparent app to change any personal details that are required.
- Please ensure that outstanding balances for dinner money/breakfast club/nursery fees are paid off by half-term.

Thank you, kind regards, the Office.

## SPORTING EVENTS

There have already been lots of sporting events at school since we returned in September. Year 1 took part in an Athletics competition at Dixons Academy. The Year 3 and 4 girls have been playing football and finished as runners up in their event. Some KS2 children have been involved in athletics at Pudsey Leisure Centre and Years 3 and 4 have done dodgeball at Dixons Academy. No matter what the event, our Lawns Park children have represented the school with dedication and sportsmanship and we are very proud of what amazing role models they always are.



## FLU PROGRAMME

The school nursing team will be in school on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November to carry out this year's flu programme. The information has been sent on schoop to parents and carers. Please follow the instructions to register your child. Or you can follow the link

<https://www.leedsimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> which closes three days before the nurses are due in school. Our school code is EE107973. Thank you.



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## What's been happening in school?

### Year 6

Lots of horrible history taking place in Year 6 as Mr Stone's troops took on the might of the Anglo-Saxons and Viking in history, English reading and writing. The children have learnt about how the first kingdoms were established in Britain. They used Anglo-Saxon tales as a stimulus to write about a mythical Beast of Farnley – just in time for Halloween!





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## Year 5

Year 5 have been doing A LOT of learning over the past eight weeks. Not only have they been deepening their understanding of the Anglo Saxons but they have also been cementing some amazing English and maths skills. There has been science learning based around forces and in music a visitor has been teaching the children how to play the ukelele!





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## Year 4

Year 4 have been working really hard with their maths and English so far this year and have been impressing the adults in their classroom. They have also been doing some fascinating learning about the stone age and enjoyed their cave experience in the dining hall as well as experiencing Tri-golf for the first time in PE.





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## Year 3

Year 3 have been incredibly busy this term, writing an advertisement for a stone age house in Skara Brae. A highlight from this term has most certainly been the Stone Age workshop day where the children worked with Luke from Alive and Kicking to immerse themselves into the life of a stone-age person. Next term they will be learning all about settlements in geography and what makes a balanced diet in Science.





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## Year 2

Year 2 have been amazing with their phonics, reading and writing this term and their maths has been pretty fantastic as well! There has been lots of fascinating work based around animals and the science topic about how animals, including humans, manage to survive. However, one of the highlights of the term has undoubtedly been the visit of Zoolab where the children were able to get their hands on a whole host of creepy crawlies!





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## Year 1

Year 1 have adapted to life in their new classroom incredibly well and have been fabulous in their lessons. Their phonics efforts are really starting to shine through and they have been writing some fantastic sentences in English and doing some brilliant maths learning. They have been really busy learning about the human body in science and, in their spare time, they've been learning music on the glockenspiel!





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## Foundation Stage

In Foundation Stage the children have been finding out all about each other and celebrating all the amazing things that make us unique. As part of this learning, the children painted some fantastic portraits. Leading on from this, Foundation Stage studied the artist Pablo Picasso. Using the inspiration from this learning, the children went on to create abstract portraits in the style of Picasso. Here are some of their amazing pieces.



## Key Dates up to Christmas 2023

Main dates for Autumn 2 half term – 6th November to 22nd December 2023 (7 weeks)			
Autumn 2 Week 1 November	Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm	
	Wednesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening 3.30pm-6.00pm	
	Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> November		Morning - Individual Photos for children.
			Glow Disco: Foundation- 2- 2:45pm Yrs 1, 2 & 3- 4:15-5:30pm Yrs 4, 5 & 6 - 5:45-7pm
	Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> November	SCHOOL CLOSED – training day	
Autumn 2 Week 2 November	Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 parents meeting – Herd Farm residential – 2.30-3.15pm	
	Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu vaccinations	
		Year 5 and 6 planetarium experience (in school)	



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	Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> November	New foundation stage parents open evening 4-5pm
	Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Years 3, 4, 5, 6 cross-country competition at Stanningley Rugby Club (rearranged from October)
<b>Autumn 2 Week 3 November</b>	Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> November	KS1 Gymnastics Festival at Gym Magic (10 pupils)
	Tuesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Year 3 and 4 Author visit – Andy Seed
	Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 and 4 after-school benchball at Dixons Academy
<b>Autumn 2 Week 4 Nov/Dec</b>	Monday, 27 <sup>th</sup> November	KS1 Gymnastics Festival at Gym Magic (10 pupils)
	Thursday, 30 <sup>th</sup> November	New foundation stage parents open evening 4-5pm
	Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 3 sharing assembly 9-9.30am Non-uniform day – donations of chocolate for Christmas fair please.
<b>Autumn 2 Week 5 December</b>	Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 and 6 basketball at Dixons Academy (8-10 kids)
	Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Friends of Lawns Park Christmas Market 2-4.30pm
<b>Autumn 2 Week 6 December</b>	Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Olympics at Dixons Academy 3.45-4.45pm
<b>Autumn 2 Week 7 December</b>	Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Concert at Farnley Cricket Club
	Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	School breaks up for Christmas holidays.

If you have any comments/questions/feedback, please do not hesitate to get in touch.  
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Have a lovely half-term.

Kind regards,

The Lawns Park Team