

Newsletter 30 Friday 4th May 2018

### MISSION STATEMENT

We seek to follow the example and teaching of Jesus by:

- ensuring every member of the school is valued and cared for as a member of God's family;
- providing the best education possible so that all pupils are enabled to reach their full potential in every aspect of life.

# Help Needed

We are currently having problems with one of our classroom telephones due to internal cabling. Is there a parent who could help us? Please contact the office as soon as possible if you can help. Many thanks.

### Wanted

Can Year 1 have any plastic yoghurt pots, margarine tubs and small cardboard boxes please. Thank you.

### 'Royal Wedding Picnic Lunch'

If anyone still wants to have a Royal Wedding Picnic Lunch please bring in the completed slips by Tuesday 8th May at the very latest.

### **Year 6 Parents**

There will be a meeting for Year 6 parents about the 'End of Year Party' at the Boot and Shoe on Monday, 14th May at 7.30pm. All Year 6 parents are welcome.

### Year 5—Lockerbie Manor

Please note the balance is due by Friday, 8th June. This can be paid using Scopay or bringing a cheque/cash to the office.

### Cake Sale

Another £22.00 has been added to the amount raised bringing the grand total to £129.00. Again, congratulations to Gracie and Yvie for organising the event.

### **Summer Fair**

Thank you to all the parents who came to the Summer fair meeting. We have lots of new ideas. If any parents know someone who would like to hire a stall let us know. At the office there is a list of companies that we are approaching for raffle prizes. If you feel able to help with contacting any of them please sign up on the sheet.

### **Junior Reading Challenge**

Before Easter the children in Years 3-6 were given a reading Bingo Challenge sheet. These are due back by **18th May**. There will be prizes for anyone who can complete at least 10 of the challenges! (See the office if you want a replacement sheet.)

### Linda 'Lollipop'

Good news! Linda is recovering from her period of illness and will back with us on Monday 14th May.



Name	Nominated by	Nominated for
Ania Green Ben Smith Tanith Evans	Mrs Cross	Fabulous effort and improvement in tables trail
Gigi Couchman Holly Walker	Miss Armer	Excellent work on doubling numbers
Theo Helme Jessica Hill	Mrs Mayor	Designing a brilliant stained glass window
Bobby Leack Riley Thomas	Mrs Mayor	Being enthusiastic in orienteering
Daniel Hoyle	Mrs Mayor	Excellent effort in maths
Aimee Sutcliffe	Mrs Aylott	Being a loving, caring person cheering Mrs Aylott up

### **Kitchen Trophy Winner**

"For Good Manners at Lunchtime"

Congratulations to Leila Greenwood. Well done

### **Team Awards**

Red Team are the winners week ending Friday, 4th May. Well done!

# Awards will be presented during our celebration assembly on Friday, 11th May at 2.45pm

### All welcome.

Celebration Topics for this term:

11th May - Class 22nd June - Arts/Sports 18th May - Uniform groups 29th June - Uniform

25th May - Class 6th July - Class

8th June - Sport/Arts 13th July - Sport/Arts

15th June - Class 20th July - Church

### Reception

In Maths we will be focussing on sharing into equal groups. In Literacy we will be focussing on the story 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and we will write instructions for making sandwiches. We will make our own sandwiches on Wednesday so if your child has any allergies please let me know what alternatives I will need to get.

### **Mad Science**

Last week Years 3-6 took part in the 'Mad Science' Assembly and information leaflets handed out. In order for this club to take place a minimum of 15 children need to be signed-up. If you wish to participate please follow the instructions on the leaflet by **Tuesday, 8th May** otherwise the club will not be able to run as at present there are only 11 children wishing to take part.

<u>Diary Dates</u>		
Monday 7th May—school closed		
Week beginning Monday 14th May		
Friday 25th May school closes		
Monday 4th June school open		
Monday 18th June (school closed)		
KS1 Tuesday 19th June 9.30 am		
KS2 Wednesday 20th June 9.30 am		
Friday 6th July 5-6.30 pm		

### **LOST PROPERTY**

A huge thank you to the mums who helped clear our lost property today—we had accumulated rather a lot!

Going forward we will only keep un-named items for a maximum of 2 weeks and then if not claimed they will be passed to charity. It is therefore essential that ALL items of clothing or any other property brought to school is named. Many thanks.

### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

Please see attached posters for various activities around the area.

### **Minutes: FODWPP meeting 25 April 2018**

Present: Abi Mills, Sharon McCulloch, Hilary Smith, Pauline Burgmans, Sue Bradshaw

Apologies: Paul Horton

### Progress with existing work/ plans

- 1. The design for the noticeboards is a bit delayed as Carolyn has been too busy. She'll get in touch as soon as she is able with a date for completion.
- 2. Work on boarding the edges of the paths is also a bit delayed as Hilary, our woman with the expertise, has also got a lot on at the moment and can't commit to it for the time being.
- 3. Piccadilly Gardens are not currently in a position to offer help in the woods. Ecohub may be able to if we have definite dates.
- 4. The administrator of the Wind Turbine Fund has reassured us that we don't need to worry about not having used the grant money yet, since work has clearly been done (thanks to our amazing path-clearing volunteers) even though we've not spent any money yet. In light of the above, we've decided to wait a little until everyone is back on form before doing major work in the woods.
- 5. The hazel trees that we had intended to have coppiced are too big; it would have been a job for a contractor, involving two workers and ropes, so we'll have to just live with them and hope that the new trees get enough light.
- 6. About 40 new trees were planted in the spring thanks to Hilary, Andy, Paul and family for their hard work with these.
- 7. The scouts had offered to make bird boxes, but haven't got back to us with dates, so Abi will raise this in her next meeting with them.
- 8. Abi has tried and failed to get further with tracking down the money that should be somewhere in council coffers, having been left over from a previous project involving the play park. No one can tell us where that money went, so we have no choice but to give up.

### Other issues in the woods

1. Sharon/Hilary to ask Bella if she, and perhaps her friends, would be able to design a new dog poo poster for the woods, since the old design has gone awol. We think the posters do work!

2. There is an on-going issue with fires being lit in the woods. There isn't much we can do about people lighting small, safe fires, but if they leave rubbish or use canisters or fuel such as gas, it becomes potentially hazardous and anti-social. One option might be to set up a camera from the allotments to see if we can work out who the culprits are. Abi will contact the council and PSCO to ask for advice.

### Planned work for the coming months

- 1. A bat walk is pencilled in for Thursday 23 August at sunset. Details nearer the time.
- 2. A tree trail is planned, on a date to be confirmed possibly to coincide with the summer picnic (see below).
- 3. The summer fair seems a bit onerous to organise and risky weather-wise, so we've decided to keep an eye on the weather forecast for the 7th, 8th, 14th, and 15th July and if it looks likely to be dry, organise an informal popup picnic, where we just publicise it by email and Facebook, people just bring their own food and whatever games they might have, and then we get together in the play park if we can.
- 4. Next year in the spring (mid-late April), we could organise an afternoon bluebell tea. Tea and scones from the scout hut, followed by a wander round the woods to admire the bluebells, which are currently beginning to bloom.

### **AOB**

- 1. New data protection laws come into force soon, so Sharon will write to everyone on the mailing list asking them to confirm that it's OK for us to keep their email addresses and send them mail now and again.
- 2. Next meeting is planned for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 18.30, probably at Sharon's (TBC).

### Dear Parent

I write to offer you an opportunity for you and your family to enjoy a special experience with the wider worldan opportunity that will offer your child a sense of connectedness with other young people from around the globe.



"It's a great way to learn about other cultures and particularly for our children to learn that others are just like them but might look or do things differently."

Joanna, Berkhamsted

HOST UK serves to offer an international student studying here in the UK the opportunity to visit a British family for a day or a weekend. Our volunteer host families offer a welcome, shared meals, joint activities and conversation that often lead to long term friendships through sharing cultural experiences and developing invaluable understanding. Students enjoy a break from studies, a home from home and a chance to experience the lives of ordinary British families, insights they cannot gain on campus and which they invariably treasure. Hosts gain awareness into another country and culture and make new international family friends.

It makes the world a friendlier place and helps the next generation better understand their international neighbours.

To meet demand, we are always looking to enrol new hosts. Offers of hospitality are entirely at your convenience, as often or infrequently as suits. The rewards are great, with both host and guest having the best of time together.

For further information please consult

### www.hostuk.org

Should the role of a volunteer host interests you, please go to <a href="https://www.hostuk.org/hosts/">www.hostuk.org/hosts/</a> and leave us a message with contact details. After this we will be in contact with you very soon and we look forward to inviting you on board.





# Lancaster Royal Grammar School Half Term Cricket Camp

Tuesday 29 May to Thursday 31 May

With coach Ian Perryman from Barbados

All aspiring cricketers aged 8 - 11 welcome

- Days to consist of cricket skills and games and a mini tournament on the last day
- Please bring a packed lunch with you; drinks
- for 3 days Camp will run from 10am until 3.30pm; £80
- 580600 ext 241 (9.30am to 4.30pm) To sign up please contact Di Gibbon on 01524

Maximum 45 places - first come first served!





## Lancaster Royal Grammar School

State Day and Boarding School for Boys 11 to 18
Coeducational Sixth Form from 2019

Come and experience for yourselves what makes LRGS such a successful, happy and welcoming community.

Visit our exhibitions in the Assembly Hall and take a tour of the school with one of our pupils.

The last tour will leave at 12.15pm

Headmaster Dr Pyle will give a welcome talk in the Assembly Hall at 10, 11 and 12 o'clock.





Please read our Admissions Booklet on our website for full details of how to apply www.lrgs.org.uk

If you have any queries about admissions please contact Mrs Simmill 01524 580629

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# Admission arrangements for entry in September 2019 (Year 5 parents)

Saturday 23 June: Open Day 9am-1pm (last tour at 12.15pm)

Thursday 6 September: 11+ Information evening 7pm—8pm

Monday 10 September: Deadline for application to LRGS

(Apply via www.lrgs.org.uk)

Saturday 29 September: 11+ Assessment test 9am—12.30pm

Wednesday 10 October: Results of 11+ assessment sent to parents

Wednesday 31 October: Closing date for parents to return the

**LEA Common Application Form (this** 

should be returned via your son's primary

school)

Friday 1 March 2019: Allocation of schools sent to parents (by LEA) and 11+ results sent to parents (by LRGS)

For more information please visit our website: www.lrgs.org.uk

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