



NEWSLETTER

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	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
2 – 6 May	<p>PE: Years 2 & 3</p> <p>MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY</p>	<p>PE: Nursery, Yrs R & 1</p> <p>Yrs 1&2 after school meeting about SATs and Phonics Screening</p> <p>After School: KS1 Multi Sports 3.30pm – 4.30pm</p>	<p>PE: Years 4 & 5</p> <p>After School: KS2 Dodgeball 3.30pm – 4.30pm</p>	<p>PE: Years R, 3, 4, & 5</p> <p>After School: Football 3.30pm – 4.30pm</p>	
9 – 13 May	<p>PE: Years 2 & 3</p>	<p>PE: Nursery, Yrs R & 1</p> <p>After school KS1 Phonics meeting with parents</p> <p>After School: KS1 Multi Sports 3.30pm – 4.30pm</p>	<p>PE: Years 4 & 5</p> <p>Reception Children Heights & Weights</p> <p>After School: KS2 Dodgeball 3.30pm – 4.30pm</p>	<p>PE: Years R, 3, 4, & 5</p> <p>Informal Coffee Afternoon in the Hall. 3– 4:00pm</p> <p>After School: Football 3.30pm – 4.30pm</p>	<p>Year 5 Free Bikeability Course. Day 1 of 2.</p>

Key Dates

3 May	KS1 and Phonics meeting with parents after school
11 May	Reception children Heights & Weights
12 May	3:00 – 4:00pm informal tea and coffee afternoon with Mrs Wright
13 May	Year 5 Bikeability – consent forms must be returned to participate
20 May	Year 5 Bikeability – consent forms must be returned to participate
24 May	Intra Tennis Festival for Years R – 2
27 May	Last Day of Term
30 May – 3 June	Half Term
6 June	Back to school



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Dear Parents/Carers

What a fabulous first week to the Summer term. The sun has been shining and the children have returned to school ready and raring to learn. There has been a buzz of excitement about the school as the children have begun learning about their new topics.

I would like to thank everybody for making me feel so welcome in my first week. It has been an absolute pleasure to begin getting to know the children and they have been exceptionally helpful, reminding me of the school routines and helping me remember all their names!

Next Thursday, 12th May, I would like to invite parents and carers to school for an informal coffee afternoon between 3 and 4pm. This will be an opportunity for me to meet you and to hear about the priorities for the school from your perspective, so do please come along if you can.

This afternoon, Mrs Tanner and Mrs Drake will be holding an information afternoon for parents and carers of children in Year 1 and 2. They will be explaining all about the KS1 SATs and Phonics Screening Check which will be happening later this term. It would be lovely to see you there.

Mrs Wright

Robins and Fledglings

Robins Class came back to school to find a crime scene in our classroom! We found a broken chair, some empty bowls and a hair ribbon - who could have broken our chair? We soon realised that Goldilocks had been up to mischief in our classroom! We created wanted posters to try and find her, and wrote letters to tell her to do the right thing. We have been retelling the story in the woodland area, and exploring capacity with dry porridge oats. We will soon be making porridge and experimenting with taste (by adding different seasoning) and texture (during messy play).

In Maths we are continuing our work on combining groups to find a total, we are also looking at numbers 9 and 10 and different ways to make these numbers.

Our Science topic will be 'Plants and Growing' so we will be growing different types of plants over the coming weeks. If you have any spare seeds or pots at home please could you send them into school?

Skylarks

We cannot believe that it has been 5 weeks since Skylarks were last altogether due to COVID disruption at the end of last term and the Easter break! It has been magical to be reunited again and the children have certainly had big smiles on their faces about seeing their friends and being reunited.

We have started our English sequence on biographies and it has been interesting to hear what the children would like to become famous for - it seems there are many budding skateboarders, ice skaters and



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footballers! We are hoping to complete the sequence by writing a biography about our new Head of School, Mrs Wright, so why not get ready by thinking about some questions you could ask about her life!

In Maths we have been looking at money and trying to identify the coins and make varying amounts using different coins. Why not challenge your child to tell you what each coin is called and see if they can make the value of a coin using other coins?

Please can you try to remind your child to bring their reading book into school so that we can count up the reads that they are doing at home.

Jays' Class

Jays have started their new Topic called 'Magnificent Monarchs' and have already been learning about lots of important key words linked to kings and queens. Ask us if we can remember what a monarch is and what the difference is between a castle and palace? We will be doing lots of exciting learning over the next half term as historians, and will be learning about six of the most significant sovereigns in Britain since Alfred the Great, placing them on time lines and discovering what is so significant about each one.

In English, Jays have started their next unit of work on kennings poems. We have learnt that kennings poems are like riddles and the children have had fun creating kennings phrases about different family members. Some of the children have used the phrases 'bedtime snorer' and 'armchair hogger'. Can you guess who they might be describing?

In Maths, Jays have been learning about statistics and have used mini smarties as data to create tally charts, pictograms and bar charts to represent the different amounts of coloured smarties. We have compared our data and answered questions which have asked us to interpret and compare our data.

Kingfishers' Class

In Kingfishers class this week we have begun our new topic 'Ancient Civilisations'. Our first lesson focussed on what a 'civilisation' is. We discovered that to be classed as a civilisation, a society must meet certain criteria such as having cities, infrastructure, arts and culture, organised religion, and trade! We are looking forward to discovering more about the Ancient Sumer and the Ancient Egyptians over the next few weeks.

In our word processing computing topic, the children have been learning how to format text and images for different purposes. This week the children were able to edit an image using many different formatting tools. Well done, Kingfishers!

PE Kit Reminder

Please ensure that your child brings in their PE Kit for their lessons, and that all items are clearly labelled for a safe return, should they go for a wander!



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New After School Club Leader

A very warm welcome to our new After School Club leader, Mrs Hender-Curtis:



Welcome to Lapford Out of School Club.



My name is Mrs Hender-Curtis and many of you will already know me from working in The Nest. I will be running the Out of School Club from Mondays to Thursdays, 3:30pm to 5:00pm with flexibility to 5:30pm, if required.

This is a fun club, open to children from nursery to Year 5, where they will be cared for with activities and play until pick-up.

A snack of either fruit or toast will be supplied together with a drink.

The Club will be run from the Nest where we have lots of games, toys and activities for the children to do. We are very lucky to also have the use of the Squirrels Hyde (climbing frame) and our lovely outdoor space.

Should you wish to use our Out of School Club or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact admin@lapford-primary.devon.sch.uk, tel: 01363 83292, or drop by the school office for a registration form.

Let's Get Physical!

Each half term we will be setting the children (and grown-ups if you want to take part) a physical challenge that should link to their learning in PE lessons. The challenge can be completed during break times and lunch times when children have access to equipment, or they can practise at home.

This half term all children are learning how to play Tennis so we would like to know how many 'ball taps' your child (and you) can do in one minute. A ball tap is when you use a tennis racket and tap a tennis ball up and down on the racket without it touching the ground.

We would love to hear how many you can do!



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Parent Power Day – Thank you from the FLS

We would like to thank the parents who helped us to improve our outdoor area during the Easter Break - our playhouse and fence are looking very colourful and Mr Kovacic very kindly put new Perspex windows into the playhouse and laid new flooring for us.

A huge thank you to all involved.



FLS Update

Thank you to all those that attended our meeting at The Malt Scoop last Wednesday. It was wonderful to see so many parents/carers there, and to be able to share some exciting ideas for the coming weeks before Summer.

We would like to thank Mill Stream Care Farm, who kindly donated nine bags of compost for the outside area. Thank you so much – this is very much appreciated.

Upcoming ideas:

Fun Day in the Summer Term, to be held at LPS

A car wash fundraiser at LPS

A BBQ following Sports Day

Christmas Fayre on 3rd December

Please look out for further information on these events in the Newsletters!

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 26th May 3:30pm at the School

Wednesday 8th June at the Malt Scoop 7:30pm



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