



Four Lanes Community Junior School

NEWSLETTER

September 2015

'Inspire and Achieve Together'

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year at Four Lanes Juniors and in particular our new families. I hope you all had a lovely summer and managed to get some time off work to enjoy some quality time with the family.

Good progress was made with the internal work on the roof over the holiday. We are expecting the last two classes to be back in their rooms next week and thereafter the majority of the work will be taking place outside. Although we expect there will still be noise to contend with, there should not be too much disruption to learning.

This academic year we are focusing on children's motivation and achievement. Over the last week we have considered how our school learning values of Respect, Responsibility, Aspiration, Resilience and Creativity can help us to achieve anything we want. We are developing a 'growth mindset' in our children, helping them to embrace challenge, keep going and overcome obstacles. Children are already putting the 'YET' on "I can't do it" and reminding each other that if they keep trying they will succeed. I look forward to hearing any changes you begin to notice in your child's attitude to challenge.

I can't do it YET!

This year is also the start of 'Life after Levels'. The new National Curriculum, which was introduced in September 2014, is organised around clearly described expectations in every year group, in every subject. Children will now be assessed as to whether they are meeting these expectations, not yet meeting them or exceeding them. This information will be shared with you at Parents' Evenings and you will no longer be given a level at which your child is working. Further information will be distributed to you as we embed this across the school.

You will notice our new school motto at the top of this letter. We arrived at this after much deliberation with staff, children and governors. I believe this sums up exactly what Four Lanes Junior School is striving for and encompasses our school values. Hopefully you saw my letter last week inviting the children to design a logo that reflects this motto. The competition winner will have their design used in all future publications. Feel free to add your creative ideas!

Please look below at the diary dates – this term is very busy!

Mrs C Martinez

ATTENDANCE

At the end of last year you were sent the new Attendance Policy and related booklets which explained the new attendance guidelines, including Penalty Notices. This is available on the website. Please particularly note that:

- * Approval must be sought prior to a child leaving the school premises
- * Evidence must be provided for medical appointments
- * A written explanation is needed following an unforeseen absence eg. illness

Water Bottles

We encourage children to drink water regularly throughout the day and therefore ask all children to bring in a water bottle. We give all Year 3 children a free water bottle initially to encourage this habit.

All water bottles should be **CLEAR** and of a sensible size in order that contents can be easily checked and that any accidents are not too disastrous if near work. We ask that bottles are no larger than the 75cl.



This year we are once again taking part in Jeans for Genes on 18th September. Children are invited to wear their jeans and bring a pound in for Genetic Disorders UK. They are required to wear their school tops. To find out more about the charity visit: www.jeansforgenesday.org

Harvest Festival

We are going to hold a Harvest Festival for children in school on Friday 25th September. We will be asking children to bring in dried and tinned food that will be distributed by Vicky Ellis from Christchurch to a local charity.

Parking

Please can I ask parents once again to refrain from parking in the disabled spaces in the car park, particularly when dropping children off at Breakfast Club. This includes parking on the lines between the spaces. We have registered disabled members of staff and children who need these spaces throughout the day. There have been several occasions already this term, where they have been unable to park due to parents parking in these spaces to drop off children. Thank you for your help.



DIARY DATES

September		October	
14 th	5I - QMC Science trip	2 nd	Individual School Photographs
15 th	5D & 5M QMC Science trip	8 th	Yr2 Prospective Parents Evening – 6pm
18 th	Jeans for Genes Day	9 th	Second Hand Uniform Shop – 3.40pm
22 nd	Yr3 & Yr4 Meet the Teacher – 2.45pm	16 th	FFLS Disco 7.45pm - 8.45pm
23 rd	Yr5 & Yr6 Meet the Teacher – 2.45pm	W/C 20 th	Topic outcome afternoons Yr3 & Yr5
24 th	FFLS AGM – 7pm	23 rd	Inset Day
25 th	Harvest Assembly – Children only	26 th -30 th	Half Term
	Logo Competition closing date	2 nd Nov	Back to School
29 th	The Vyne School Open Evening – 6pm		