



Four Lanes Community Junior School

NEWSLETTER

October 2015

'Inspire and Achieve Together'

Dear Parents,

This half term is coming to an end already and it has been extremely busy as usual! Unfortunately we have suffered lots of illness amongst the children and the staff but I am pleased to be able to tell you that all the staff are now back, fit and well.

I have been completing our School Development Plan over this half term. Our focus for improvement this year is to further develop the whole school curriculum to ensure it is engaging and challenging for all. We are also continuing the drive to improve communication with you and we are developing our new assessment system under the Government's 'Life Without Levels' agenda. Look out for the assessment leaflet coming out soon. This will help you to understand how teachers are now assessing your child's achievements ahead of parents' evening in November.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our 'design a logo' competition. The standard of entries was very high and I could see that adults as well as children had fun designing! A decision will be made next week and I shall tell you the results next half term.

Don't forget it is an INSET day on 23rd October followed by half term. We will be using this day to set staff's performance management targets for the year. If I do not see you before then, I hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable break – time for the Christmas shopping to start!

Mrs C. Martinez



JEANS FOR GENES

Thank you to all our children who wore their jeans and brought in a pound to support children with genetic disorders. We raised a total of **£291** which is an increase from last year

Thank you Councillors and Captains!

A big thank you to all our School Councillors and Team Captains who gave up their time last Thursday evening to show prospective parents around the school. They were fantastic ambassadors, speaking enthusiastically about their school, answering questions, and representing our amazing pupils. The prospective parents were very impressed with their 'tour guides' and we are all very proud of them!

Harvest Festival

Thank you to all our families who contributed to our harvest table. Vikki Ellis, from Christ Church, kindly led our assembly and took all the food to the Camrose Centre.



Parent's Drop-In

Mrs Docherty, our Inclusion Manager is now holding a parent drop-in on the first Wednesday of every month from 8.40-9.40am.

This is an opportunity for you to discuss any issues or concerns you may have such as supporting your child at home, emotional issues, SEN, parenting or any other concerns. No appointment is necessary but if you can't make it, please ring the school office to make an appointment at another time.

Children on the School Site after School

There have been a number of incidents recently where children have been playing with tree branches and sticks outside the lower school area after the school day has finished. At times this has been quite dangerous to other people walking in the area.

Could I please remind parents that all children must be supervised after school and no child should remain on school grounds at the end of the day. As a community site children may come back after they have changed. This helps school staff and parents know children are home safely. There are also times when our After-School Twilight Zone are on the playground and at these times members of the public are NOT allowed on the site for the safety of these children. Thank you



DIARY DATES

Oct			Other Notable Dates
19 th	Year 3 outcome afternoon 2.30pm	Dec	
23 rd	INSET Day	1 st	Yr6 Fire and Rescue – Fire safety
26 th – 30 th	Half Term – School Closed	2 nd	Parent Drop in with SENCo 8.40am-9.40am
		9 th	Yr6 Fire and Rescue – Road safety
Nov		12 th Dec	FFLS Christmas Party
4 th	Parent Drop in with SENCo 8.40am-9.40am	16 th	Yr5 & Yr6 Topic outcome week
5 th	Special Bonfire Lunch Menu	16 th	Yr3 & Yr4 Christmas Lunch
11 th	Parents' Evening 4.00-6.30pm	17 th	Yr5 & Yr6 Christmas Lunch
12 th	Parents' Evening 5.30-8.00pm	18 th Dec	Last Day – Carols on the Playground. Finish at 2pm.
13 th	Children in Need (more info to come)	2016	
13 th	FFLS Happy School Bags	4 th Jan	Back to School
23 rd	Yr4 QMC Science visit	6 th Jan	Parent Drop in with SENCo 8.40am-9.40am
24 th	Yr4 QMC Science visit	22 nd Jan	Second-hand uniform shop 3.40pm
25 th	Yr5 visit to Ashmolean museum	12 th Feb	INSET
27 th	Second-hand uniform shop 3.40pm	15 th –19 th Feb	Half term
28 th	FFLS Christmas Fayre		