



# Four Lanes Community Junior School

## NEWSLETTER

November 2016

**'Inspire and Achieve Together'**

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a relaxing half term and maybe even managed some Christmas shopping! At school we have had a busy week this week with our Remembrance Assembly on Wednesday, Viking visitor to Year 4 on Thursday and some fantastic 'Strictly' characters arriving in school today. Years 3,4 and 5 still have trips to look forward to this term alongside preparations for all our Christmas activities – look out for invites to our Lower School production of 'Baubles'!

You will be pleased to hear that at long last we have solved our technical problems this week and we are thrilled to be able to provide regular updates about school events on our Facebook page. Search 'Four Lanes Community Junior School' to sign up to receive updates and look for the picture of our school. Be aware there appears to be another unofficial page that has been set up under 'Four Lanes Junior School' but is NOT the official school Facebook page.

Developing our Facebook page is just part of our drive to improve parental communication and involvement. Mrs Docherty, Inclusion Manager, is now holding a monthly parent drop in when parents are welcome to come and discuss anything in relation to their children. We will also be sending out a parent survey in the next couple of weeks to seek your views about ways we can further improve in this area.

It was lovely to see so many parents at our parents' evenings this week. Please remember that if you were unable to make these times, you are very welcome to make an alternative time that is mutually convenient for you and the class teacher. However, please also remember you do not need to wait until the next parents evening to speak to the teacher. Staff welcome the opportunity to talk to parents about any aspects of school parents would like to discuss as we believe it is a key aspect of supporting our children.

Mrs C. Martinez

### Logo Competition Winner

Thank you to everyone who entered our competition to design a new logo for the school. The standard was extremely high and our judges found it difficult to decide on a winner. However, after much deliberation I am thrilled to be able to tell you we have now decided on a new school logo designed by Mia Kostov in 6S. I am looking forward to being able to share the finished product. However, this is her winning design.

Each of our House Teams now also have their own logos.



### Christmas Tree Plea

**We have been invited to take part in the Christchurch Christmas Tree Festival. As part of this we are invited to take along a decorated tree.**

**If you are considering replacing your artificial tree this year and it is between 4-5ft tall, we would be very grateful if you would consider donating your old one to the school. It must be artificial, green and not decorated as the children will decorate it in school.**

**If you have a tree that you are able to donate, please contact the school office.**

**Thank you**



## A REQUEST FROM OUR ECO-COMMITTEE!

The Eco-Warriors would like to make our school more inviting by planting bulbs along the side of our entrance paths. We wrote to Homebase, Basingstoke to explain how we would like to brighten up the school now the scaffolding has been removed. They kindly donated bags of Daffodil and Narcissi bulbs.

Please would you or anyone you know be willing to lift patches of turf for each class with a spade? The rolled back turf would make areas ready so that each pupil can place their bulb in the earth. We will then cover the bulbs back over with the rolls of grass.

We felt it would be a lovely thing if everyone in the school planted their own bulb; all of them growing together will look incredible. If you feel able to help, please contact the school office.

The Eco-committee



### DIARY DATES

		Other Notable Dates	
Nov		Dec	
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Yr3 Woodland walk to Razors Farm	1 <sup>st</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 5 Bikeability
23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	4G visit to QMC	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Parent Drop in with Mrs Docherty 8.40-9.40am
24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	4D morning visit to QMC 4R afternoon visit to QMC	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Planetarium visit Year 5
25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Yr5 visit to Oxford	9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Lower School Christmas Performance
27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Second hand uniform shop 3.40-4pm	12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	FFLS Christmas Party
28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	FFLS Christmas Fayre	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Yr3 Topic Outcome
		15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Yr4 Topic Outcome
		16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Yr5 & Yr6 Topic Outcome
		16 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch
		18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last Day – Carols on the Playground
		4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Back to School
		12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	INSET
		15 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half term