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NEWSLETTER 20th SEPTEMBER 2019



Dear Parents,

I hope everyone is settling in well to the routines of our new term. There certainly seems to be a 'buzz' in the air!

SCHOOL VALUES

We have just completed our focus on the value of Friendship and have moved on to the value of Respect for the next two weeks. We have seen lots of examples of the value of friendship being lived out in our school. Please support us with "Living out values at home" slips over the next fortnight~ these will be celebrated in our Friday celebration assembly.

Please follow the link below to take you to activities you can do at home linked to our current value. www.landscape.thelink.academy/website/our_ethos/388266

FOLS

Team Landscape would like to say a Huge thank you to Kate Burch who has worked tirelessly over the last few years to support school and raise a phenomenal amount of money, which really has enabled us to do some amazing enriching activities as well as acquire fantastic resources including a mini bus! She has handed over the reins to Justina Summerfield & Vicky Foskett ~ and we wish them as much success ~thank you for stepping up ladies!

FOLS from Vicky

Introducing our new Chair and Vice chair of FOLS, Justina Summerfield (Chair) and Vicky Foskett (Vice Chair), we will be working jointly to try to accomplish some of the success that has been achieved by FOLS over the years. We both have children in Class 2 (Orla, Scarlett and Laria) we can always be found in the top playground at drop off and pick up, we welcome any thoughts or ideas you have and we are happy to receive emails via the FOLS email address FOLS@outlook.com

Events:

Over the coming months we will be running a few events to start the fundraising ball rolling and will be desperately seeking volunteers to help make these happen.

- **4th October Xmas cards** – More information on these will be going out in the book bags over the next week
- **4th October Bags 2 School Collection**
- **Christmas Fair Planning meeting – Wed October 16th 3.30pm @ the school**, everyone welcome to attend even if its just ideas, offers of help, find out how it works, offer donations! (after school club will be on for anyone who needs cover for children whilst in the meeting) *Biscuits will be provided as an extra bribe!!!!
- **Movie night** – Open to all and held after school on Friday 15th Nov

Starting Early: It's approaching....slowly but surely the hectic time of year is coming...."**CHRISTMAS**" so we are trying to plan early for the Christmas fair and gather some amazing prizes for the raffle. If anyone has any contacts with local businesses that they can use their negotiation (and a bit of manipulation) skills on we would love to hear from you. The better the raffle the more funds and the more our children benefit. Just email with any ideas or grab either one of us at the school and let us know.

Operation Tablet: All fundraising for the autumn winter term will be going towards buying 15 tablets for the children to use at school, it would be great to achieve this for the New Year.

PE UPDATE:

Mr Tanner has asked that you take a look at the Trust's PE page ~ he's been busy uploading some great photos of PE lessons.

<https://www.facebook.com/LinkAcademyTrustPE>

THURSDAY FIT CLUB: 7:45-8:30 ~ any interest?

Mr Tanner would like to explore the possibility of running an early morning fitness club for children and parents including circuits and fitness games. The session would cost £2. A great way to start the day! If you are interested please contact Mr Tanner on: Matt.Tanner@thelink.academy

Photos from PE this week



ART WEEK "Our Natural World" 30th September – 4th October

The staff have been busy planning our annual arts week. We have many fun activities planned including mosaic art, sketching, painting, printing, Wild Woodland Learning art and photography.

We have booked exciting workshops with mosaic artist, Anita Batson, who will be working with each class to share techniques for designing and creating mosaics. The aim is for each child to have a coaster to take home and to make an additional piece for our spiritual garden.

John Walters, wildlife artist, photographer and leading entomologist (& friend of Miss Barlow) will be working with class 4 for a morning.

Thank you to FOLS for helping us reduce the cost of this event and allowing us to have tiptop art resources and work with an artist!

Letter to follow with further details next week.



CLASS 4 MORWELLHAM ADVENTURE

Miss Barlow and class 4 had a fantastic time this week as they stepped back in time with a visit to Morwellham Quay. Everything they experienced helped to bring their Victorian topic to life and was topped off with a lesson in the Victorian classroom – Miss Barlow reports not being too sure on how long the children would have lasted back in the day!



WILD WOODLAND LEARNERS AREA

Please could we request that if you allow your children to play in this area after school can you ensure that it is left as you found it and resources are returned. This area is used as part of the children's learning on a weekly basis by a number of classes.

DAVID HILL – PARALYMPIAN

Next Friday morning our children will be really active, trying to do as many: Spotty Dogs, Leg Drives, Star Jumps and push ups as possible in 1 minute time periods. They should have brought home Sponsor forms and have been encouraged to ask for sponsors from family and friends. We hope to raise funds to enjoy a really special PE Day in the Summer Term, as well as to help our future paralympians. All children will need their PE kits in school for this event.

SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE

Just a reminder that the school day starts at 8:45, when a member of staff will be on duty in the playground to receive the children. Please do not bring them in before this time as they will be unsupervised.

Thank you for your support with this.

Our designated safeguarding lead is Mrs Ryder and the deputy safeguarding lead is Miss Barlow.

Attendance: (Our school target is 96.8%)		Number of sessions missed per class: (session = a whole morning or afternoon)
Whole school	97.39%	
Class 1	99.11%	2
Class 2	97.96%	10
Class 3	97.32%	15
Class 4	95.91%	18
Well done Class 1		sessions

THE NEXT STEP – SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

This is just a reminder to parents of children in Years 5 & 6 that we are now approaching “the open day” season where the secondary schools open their doors to show you round and explain why their school might be the perfect place for your child to attend. Please let Mrs Colwill know if you’re taking your child to any of these events. Thank you

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ~ this half term

30 th – 4 th October	Arts Week: Our natural world
Wednesday 9 th & Thursday 10 th October 3:00-6:30	Parent consultations ~ a chance to talk about the year ahead for your child. Mrs Colwill will be sending out booking information shortly
Tuesday 15 th October	Classes 1 & 2 Educational visit to the Rare Breeds Farm and a visit to South Devon Railway for a steam train ride. Info to follow
Friday 18 th October	Break up for half term 3:30

COMING UP... after half term

- **Open Evening & Art Exhibition:** Tuesday 29th October 3:30-6:00. A chance for parents to see the wonderful artwork your children will have created during Arts Week and for Prospective parents to see what Landscope is all about.
- **Love Your School Day: Saturday 9th November.** We will need support / volunteers to:
 1. Tidy bottom of school car park, including using a ‘chipper’ to tackle some of the large pieces of wood.
 2. Build a seat around the willow tree in the school garden.
 3. Dig out the roots of brambles/shrubs in an area designated for a small patio for our spiritual garden.
 4. Make a willow fence to screen the pathway into school from our spiritual garden (does anyone have the willow/skills to be able to do this?).
 5. Jenny Farrel has already offered to repair existing mosaics in the school garden.
 6. Mend a water feature.
 7. Lay a patio (if we have the resources by this time).
 8. Weed and generally tidy the borders in the playground. Plant spring bulbs here.

Please let us know if you’d be willing to help with any of these jobs as we need to get a team together and allocate jobs. Matt Matthew has offered to man a BBQ and ensure we’re all fed and watered! These days are generally fun as well as getting some jobs done and your support would be much appreciated.

That’s it for now. Have a great weekend.
Jill Ryder