

# Lambley Primary School

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# NEWSLETTER 1

## First Day of School

Welcome to the new school year! I want to start this newsletter by welcoming all of our pupils back to school and by extending a particularly warm welcome to our new starters and family members. We are looking forward to all of the opportunities, school events and achievements that 2017-18 will bring and to being a part of your child's learning journey.

In this first newsletter, I would also like to draw your attention to a few upcoming events. With this letter, you will also find a separate document containing the main school diary dates for the year. Further events and dates will be added to this as time passes for school trips, sporting activities and class activities for the year. Please pay particular attention to INSET dates and school holiday dates and work with us to help avoid any unnecessary absence in term time.

## The Start of the Day

We open the classrooms to the pupils at 8:50am for 'Open Doors'. This is an opportunity for pupils to settle in to the day, greet their classmates and teacher and get prepared for the day ahead. Since introducing this just over a year ago, we have noticed significant improved punctuality and a marked improvement in how focussed and settled pupils are for the start of the morning.

We ask that you drop your child off at their classroom entrance at 8:50am, ensuring that they arrive no later than 9:00am. Please say goodbye to your child at their entrance door, as we encourage them to independently hang up their own coat and bags before joining their class. If you ever arrive after 9:00am, please come with your child to reception to sign them in.

On occasion, you may have an important message to pass on to them for the start of the day. If this is the case, we ask that you either send in a note, make a phone call to the school office or have a quiet word with an additional member of the staff team who will pass on your message or, where necessary, make arrangements to release the teacher to meet with you outside the classroom. Class teachers are usually available at the end of the school day and will have time to talk to you then unless they have a prior arranged appointment.

## Wear Yellow for Dahl Day (Brilliant Books! Awesome Author!)

Throughout this year we are planning a series of events and activities to celebrate books and to promote a love of reading. A key element of our school improvement plan for the year is to further develop our approaches to support pupils in their reading and we look forward to this exciting chapter.



On **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** every class will take part in activities celebrating the books and work of Roald Dahl. Teachers have a number of Dahl Day activities planned for their classes and we are inviting children to come to school on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September in their usual uniform but ask that they wear an item of clothing or accessory that is yellow. We ask that they each child bring £1 to donate to the Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity. Money raised helps to make life better for seriously ill children in the UK. The charity's Roald Dahl Nurses provide medical and emotional support to children with serious and rare conditions, and their families. They

believe that every child has the right to a more marvellous life, no matter how ill they are, or how short their life may be.

## We believe that safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility.

At Lambley we are committed to keeping our children safe from harm. Vicky Dilnot, Rebecca Watson and Jen Swinburn have responsibility for safeguarding & child protection. If we have any concerns reported to us we will always take action to protect a child and inform the relevant agencies.



### Meet the Teacher on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm

Next week there is an opportunity to pop in at the end of the day for a brief informal meeting with your child's new teacher. During this time, they will share with you class arrangements and expectations and be available to answer any questions you may have. The teachers will also give you a copy of their first class newsletter and details of the curriculum content for this first half of the autumn term. If you are unable to attend, they will send these documents home with your child and you can pop in to say hello and ask them any questions at usual pick up time.

### Class Blogs

We encourage you to look on our school website throughout the term for your child's class **Blog** updates. These help to keep you informed and often include pictures and snippets of class information that are too good to miss! Please go to <http://lambleyprimaryschool.org.uk/news/>

### Swimming Sessions for Y3 and Y4

If you have a child this age, please look out for a letter in their book bag later this week giving details of the weekly swimming sessions due to commence on the morning of Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. From then until February Half Term, they must have their PE/ Swimming kit in school each Friday. If your child needs to swim with goggles, a goggles consent form needs signing and returning to school by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

If you have some time available on a Friday morning and would be happy to help out on our swimming rota as a safety observer, please speak to your child's teacher or return the slip attached to the swimming letter. We will be very grateful for any help, even if it is one session per term as the sessions can only go ahead if we have at least one helper weekly.

### Supporting Macmillan –Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Please put this date and time in your diary if you would like to support Macmillan. This charity does such a wonderful job of supporting the people and families we all know who are affected by cancer. At 2pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, pupils from our Charity Committee will be serving coffees, teas and cake in the school hall. We hope that many of you will be able to join us to support this good cause by attending the event or by donating cakes. Any remaining cakes will be sold at the end of the school day.



### Tennis Courts Development Work- MUGA

You have probably noticed that work is being carried out on the tennis courts. This is due to be completed by the end of the week so the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) will be available for pupils to use for PE, break times and after-school activities from the beginning of next week. Exciting!

### Extra-Curricular Activities

Our after school clubs are due to start up again next week. So far, this term's clubs include Art Club, Spanish, Girls Football Training, Gardening Club, Football Club & Squad Training and Young Voices Choir. Further clubs will be added in due course. For further information, please look out for a letter in your child's bag or contact the school office.



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