

LARKSWOOD NEWS

Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

The festive season has begun at Larkwood! The whole school really enjoyed recording the Larkwood Christmas CD last week; make sure you get yourself a copy in order to enjoy the teachers and the children singing their favourite Christmas songs! Also, next week on Friday we invite the staff and children to wear their Christmas jumpers!

Year 6 really enjoyed their visit to Harry Potter world this week which was linked to their literacy learning; the children were exceptionally well behaved and were thoroughly engaged in learning about how the wonders of the Wizarding World were brought to life in the films by visiting the sets and exploring the authentic props and original costumes.

A big thank you to all the parents who have attended the volunteer inductions this week, as well as the KS1 parent curriculum session on reading. Please find the handouts and the powerpoint from this session attached to the newsletter. On Thursday next week, we will be holding a KS2 parent curriculum session on reading. We look forward to seeing you then!

Please be reminded that attendance in our school is really important and needs to improve. Attendance not only means being here every day, but also on-time. Too many of the children are late every day and are missing valuable learning time. The school gates open at 8.30am and must close promptly at 8.50am. Your efforts to be here promptly are greatly appreciated.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Brendan Plunkett
Headteacher

ATTENDANCE

Week 3rd to 7th December 2018
Whole school attendance - **95.9%**
Whole school target-

100%

Celebrating Attendance

Best class attendance this week goes to...

KS1 2AF - **97.5%**

KS2 3YI & 6JM - **99.1 %**

Best class Punctualities this week goes to...

KS1 - 2CF **0 %**

KS2 6KP - **0.43 %**

EVENTS AND VISITS

Date:	Title:
12/12/18	Nasal Spray Vaccination
13/12/18	Whole School Christmas Dinner
14/12/18	School Nurse Drop in 14/12/18 from 9-10am
14/12/18	Wear Your Christmas Jumper to School Day
18/12/18	Reception Nativity 10am Parents Invited
18/12/18	Year 1 Christmas Performance 2.30pm Parents invited.
19/12/18	Rock Steady Concert – 2pm Parents invited
25/01/19	Yr 4 The Ragged Museum
28/01/19	Yr 5 Young Voices at the 02
31/01/19	Y4 4 The Ragged Museum

TEACHING AND LEARNING WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

13/12/18	8.45-10am: KS2 Reading
Under 5s Stay and Play – Monday 9.30-11.00am Drop in with Members of SLT – Tuesday 7.30-9.30am Last session date 17th December	
Little Larks Stay and Play Session First Session Monday 28 th January 2019 Monday morning – 9:30am – 11:00am. Please see below for more information	
SPORTS EVENTS	
08.12.18	KS2 Orion Harrier Invitational Cross Country

Verna Denny

This week we have celebrated with the wonderful Verna Denny as she has been working at Larkwood for 30 fantastic years! Verna has been positive and cheerful on each and every day that she has worked here, and we know that the staff, parents and children look forward to seeing her each day. We thank her for her never ending energy and kindness. Thank you Verna!



Rock Steady Concert

The Rock steady performance will take place on Wednesday 19th December in the wooden hall at 2pm. Please sign in at the office. We look forward to seeing you there!



On Friday 14th December we invite the staff and children to wear their Christmas jumpers!

Nativity Performance

We are excited to announce our Reception Nativity! All children will have either a speaking or singing role in the performance. We will send out this information in the next few weeks. The performance will be on Tuesday 18th December at 10am.



Parents please sign in at main reception.

Year 1 Christmas Performance 2.30pm

'Whoops-a-daisy Angel'

Tuesday 18th December
Parents please sign in at main reception



Policies

All of the school policies are on the website for parents to view. We kindly ask you to please take a read of the 'Dropping off and Collection' policy so that you are fully informed of what our procedures are for the beginning and end of the school day. We have the right to charge parents for any late collections and this policy will be monitored moving forward. The link for the policy is: <http://larkwoodlime.london/useful-information/policies/>

Missed learning time

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Little Larks Nursery

Opening
January
2019

For children aged 2–4 years old
Monday to Friday, 8am–5.30pm



We offer:

- Paid and non-paid (government-funded hours) places
- School day and extended day places
- Term-time and all-year-round places (50 weeks a year)
- Free 15 hours for 2-year-olds
- Free 30 hours for 3-year-olds
- The opportunity to top up your government-funded hours to receive wrap-around care

We provide a high-quality, nurturing, learning environment that is child-centred and with full support from our experienced team of staff.

For further information, including fees, please contact:
littlelarks@larkwoodlime.london

Little Larks Stay and Play Session

In the new year, Lime Academy Larkwood will continue to run the toddler stay and play session in the hall on a Monday morning – 9:30am – 11:00am.

The first session will start on Monday 28th January 2019 and will be run by our experienced school nursery team.

The session will include: a range of stimulating play activities, healthy snacks, storytelling and singing, at a cost of £1 and 50p for siblings.

We do hope to see you then.



Have you had your 5 today?