

LARKSWOOD NEWS

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to inform you that Miss Bruce gave birth to a beautiful baby girl last Friday. She has named her Bethany, and both mum and baby are doing well.

I would like to remind all parents of our uniform policy that can be found on our school website;

www.larkwoodlime.london/school-uniform/

We pride ourselves on being 'Larkwood' and therefore promote this pride through our uniform. It is imperative that all children have the correct uniform for school. If any parent is struggling to finance this then please come in and speak to us - we are here to help.

Finally, we are remodelling our school library and look forward to unveiling this to the children in the coming weeks and putting photos on our website for you to see too.

We hope that you have a fantastic weekend.

Best wishes,
Clare Reynolds

Library Update & Book Amnesty

Next week the school library will be relocating to a bigger area and undergoing an update.

To accommodate this we urgently need all school library books to be returned by Monday 15th January. This is to ensure that all our books are categorised and uploaded to the new school library system. We appreciate your support in the update of our school library and are excited for the children to start using this improved space.



PE Kit

Please remember to bring your PE kit back to school.



ATTENDANCE CONGRATULATIONS

Week 1 – 5th Jan 2018

Whole school attendance – 93.2%

1JA 97.8%

Well Done!

Classes with 96% and above:

1JA / 2ND / 2CZ / 3JG / 4CF / 6JM / 6JW

Celebrating Punctuality

Lowest number of late marks:

KS1 – RLW / 1MW / 2ND

KS2 – 3MG / 4CF / 5KS / 6BC

EVENTS AND VISITS

6 th Feb	Year 5 visit to Young Voices
18 th June	Year 6 Residential / Activity week 2018

WEEKLY EVENTS

Under 5s stay and play - Monday 9.30-11.00am
Drop in with Members of SLT - Tuesday 7.30-9.30am



Please do keep your child's ParentPay account in credit at all times.

Midday Assistants

We are currently recruiting to a number of Midday Assistant positions. If you are interested in applying, or know someone who maybe please visit our web site for an application form.

www.larkwoodlime.london/vacancies/

CLASS ASSEMBLIES 2017-18			
Sign in at main reception - 2.40pm			
TUESDAY		THURSDAY	
16 th Jan	5KS	18 th Jan	2CZ
23 rd Jan	4NB		
30 th Jan	4GK		
27 th Feb	4CF	1 st Mar	1MW
6 th Mar	3DW	8 th Mar	1JA
13 th Mar	3JG	15 th Mar	1KJ
20 th Mar	3MG		
24 th Apr	3ED	3 rd May	RLB
1 st May	RLB		
8 th May	RLW	10 th May	RAE
5 th Jun	6BC	7 th Jun	6JM
12 th Jun	6JW	14 th Jun	6KP
NURSERY ASSEMBLIES			
Will be held in the Nursery Unit			
19 th Jun	Nur AM	21 st Jun	Nur PM
	9.05am		12.50pm

Music Demonstration

This week we had the Music for Schools foundation come into the school and demonstrate a mix of brass and woodwind instruments to the children. Music for Schools offer music lessons for children which are held during the school day, at a cost to the parents / carers.

If your child is interested in learning how to play a brass or woodwind instrument there will be able workshop held on Thursday 18th January – 3.30pm, so parents and carers can find out more about how to sign up and to give the children a chance to play an instruments.



Attendance Matters

There is a link between good school attendance and high level attainment within children. Whatever the reason, the fact is if your child is absent from school they are missing out on learning time.

Our aim is for all children to achieve 100% attendance and arrive on time every day. Children should be lining up with their class by 8.40am, to start learning at 8.45am.

Punctuality

It is important that your child arrives at school on time every day. Arriving late to school can be unsettling for your child and also disrupts the class and their learning. The school gates close at 8.50am, children arriving after this time must go to the school office and will be marked as late.

Reporting Absence

Parents/carers are responsible for informing the school of any absence in advance of the start of the school day. When leaving messages on the absence line please confirm your child's name, class and the reason for absence.

Medical Appointments

Where possible all medical appointments should be made out of school hours.

When this is not possible the school must be informed in advance and evidence must be provided. Please keep the amount of time missed from school to a minimum.

If medical evidence (appointment card / letter) is not provided the school will mark the appointment as unauthorised leave.

Exceptional Leave Request

All requests for leave during school time must be made to the Headteacher in writing. These are rarely authorised, excepted in exceptional circumstances.

There are **190** days in a school year which leaves **175** days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.

