



Lew Trenchard C of E Primary School

Weekly Newsletter – 19th July 2019



Together We Grow in Wisdom and Serve with Joy

Uniform Sale - All new uniform is now available online from Wovina. We will be keeping a small stock of the new pe t-shirts at school, available to buy via schoolmoney. We have reduced the price of the old logo stock we have at school, please purchase this via schoolmoney.

Sweatshirts £9.50 now £6.00

Polo shirts £8.00 now £5.00

Old style cotton pe t-shirt £5.25 now £3.00

Fleece jacket £13.00 now £8.00

Beanie hats £3.95 now £1.50

Book bag £3.10 now £2.00

Back Pack £8.00 now £6.00

Toddler Group – Toddlers next week will be **ORANGE AND LEMON – SENSORY TRAY PLAY**. Please see the website/Facebook page or ask Justine for the activities list for the rest of the term. This is a lovely group of parents and toddlers/babies, which meet on Mondays during term time with the fantastic Justine, with a love of messy play, it is usually a good idea to bring along a change of clothes! Each session is £2.00 and takes place in the school Hall between 9.00am and 11.00am. Please bring your own snack.

Parking – Please can we ask parents and carers to be mindful of where they are parking at drop off and pick up. We have had a few local residents mention that people have been parking in front of driveways and gates, meaning that they are then unable to leave their own property. Please also be sure not to park on the zig-zag lines outside the school gate, as this can often mean that the school bus is unable to get to a safe place to drop children off.

Guitar lessons – As we said last term, Mark Wilson will be unable to take on Guitar lessons due to a clash of commitments. We have another Guitar Teacher from Okehampton, who will be coming in to introduce himself in the next week or so, watch this space!

Drop off and Pick Up – Thank you so much for everyone's support with the routines in the morning and afternoon. Just to clarify, once you have collected your child from their class teacher, they are in your care so please be mindful of the gate as it is likely to be open and as we are all aware, the road is extremely busy. Please make sure that the gate is shut properly at all times, thank you.

Early Bird Readers – As of next week, parents of children in Reception to Year 6 are invited to join their children for Early Readers from 8.50am in their classrooms on a Thursday morning. On these days Early Readers and parents can enter via the main door of the school. All parents will be asked to sign in on arrival at the classroom so that in the event of a fire we know who is in the building. The school bell will still ring at 9.00am, so that any children not attending Early Readers can line up and will be taken into school with a teacher.

SchoolMoney Payments – A reminder that all payments for School Dinners should be made in advance, or paid off in full **as soon as possible**. The next instalments for the Year 6 Residential and Pre-School fees are now due as well. If you have any issues with payment or access to the website, please see the office and they

will help where they can. Please note that there should be no amounts outstanding during the summer holidays. Thank you.

Free School Meals – A quick reminder that Free School Meals not only entitle your child to Free School Meals, but can also provide the school with extra funding for your child to go towards other areas of learning. If you think that you may be entitled to Free School Meals, even if your child brings a packed lunch every day, you can follow either of the links below:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals>

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live

Okehampton Rotary Club Photographic competition – Children have been invited to participate again in this annual competition for budding photographers. The theme this year is “Through My Eyes”, with a closing date of Monday 7th October 2019. If you would like to enter or would like more information, please see the office. Entry forms are in the office if you would like one.

Class Dojo – Letters have gone home this week with information regarding the new Class Dojo system. We hope that once this is up and running successfully, we will be able to send home newsletters using this system.

P.E Kit – Please can parents support their children in remembering their P.E kits for P.E. This takes place on a Wednesday (Zumba) and Thursday (Argyle). Children will need shorts/leggings, a t-shirt, trainers and a jumper if the weather is cooler. It is also a good idea for children to have a bottle of water at school, especially on P.E days.

Branches in the field – Trees were pruned in the playing field and there is probably a trailer load of branches that need removing, would anyone be interested in having them for a bonfire or just to help us clear the playing field.

One Million Step Challenge – Bex has very nearly finished her challenge of 1,000,000 steps by the end of September in aid of Diabetes UK. If you would like more information or would like to sponsor her, you can visit <https://step.diabetes.org.uk/pages/rebecca-26>

Pilates – Wednesday 6.30pm with qualified instructor Elize in the school hall. £5 per session no need to book. Please note this is not an after school club but is for adults.

Clubs – Thank you for your patience regarding clubs, we are currently in discussions about which clubs will be running and we have asked the children for their ideas. We will let you know as soon as possible.

School Dinners – Please can all Dinners be paid in advance of at least a week via School Money * **Sickness and diarrhoea** - If your child experiences an upset stomach, they should be kept off school for a **minimum of 48hrs**, in order to minimise the spread the illnesses * **Morning drop-off** - Children should be at school in time for the bell at 9am. If your child is ill, or will be in late, please could you make sure that you contact school (**01566 783 273**) so we can inform class teachers. If your child is not in school by 9.30am, and we have not received a message, they could be registered as late, and this will affect their attendance * **Wet Weather Coats** - please ask that all children come to school with appropriate outdoor clothing – water proof coats for all children please, and wellies for Yes Tor **Parent Advice Slots** – Our family support advisor, Sue Fairgrieve has parent advice slots on Mondays from 3pm. Please see Tracey or Bex if you would like any further information * **Comments for Governors** - If you have any comments or suggestions for the school Governors these can be placed in the red box outside of the office



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