



TERM DATES

2018
29th August:

 INSET Day: Staff Training;
 (((NO CHILDREN)))

30th August:

1st day of Autumn Term

22nd October - 2nd
November:

Autumn Half Term

21st December:

Last day of Autumn Term

24th Dec - 4th January 2019:

Christmas Break

2019
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First Day of Winter Term

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Last Day of Winter Term

8th April – 22 April:

Easter Break

23rd April:

First Day of Spring Term

6th May:

Bank Holiday

27th – 31st May:

Spring Half Term

19th July:

 Last Day of Spring Term and
 Academic Year

Start & Finish Times

SCHOOL STARTS:

@ 9.00am EVERYDAY

SCHOOL FINISHES:

MONDAY - THURSDAY

@ 3.20pm

FRIDAY @ 2.20pm

Larwood

LOWDOWN



Another year has flown by and we are very close to the start of the holidays. I am sure we are all hoping that the lovely weather continues!

I would like to thank you all for supporting our recent sports day and our review meetings. Having read and commented on all the annual reports for pupils, it is really pleasing to see and reflect upon how much progress many of your sons/daughters have made. I will always be just as keen to notice and celebrate the 'softer skills' that cannot be meas-

ured via a test, such as holding a door open for others or by offering a caring gesture to a friend in need. We are lucky to see so many magic moments during the year and although there are always challenges that we face, we will always remember those magic moments.

STAFFING

For September, we do welcome some new staff, as part of planned expansion and associated activities (please see below). Therefore, we have already inducted Mrs Patey, Mrs Friedrich and Miss Steer to join our team of Learning and Support Staff. We also welcome Mr Rooke and Miss Wood to the teaching staff and they will join us at the start of the new term.

We say a fond farewell to Miss Minster who will be starting a teaching role, closer to home. We also wish Mrs Crocker good luck in her new role at another school from September.

YEAR 6

As always there will be a few tears when we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils on Friday. They have undertaken transition activities with staff and have visited their new schools. I have really enjoyed seeing so many of them develop during the last few years and I really do wish them well in their new schools.

2018 - 2019

There will be some critical changes to our school as we go into next year. These include:

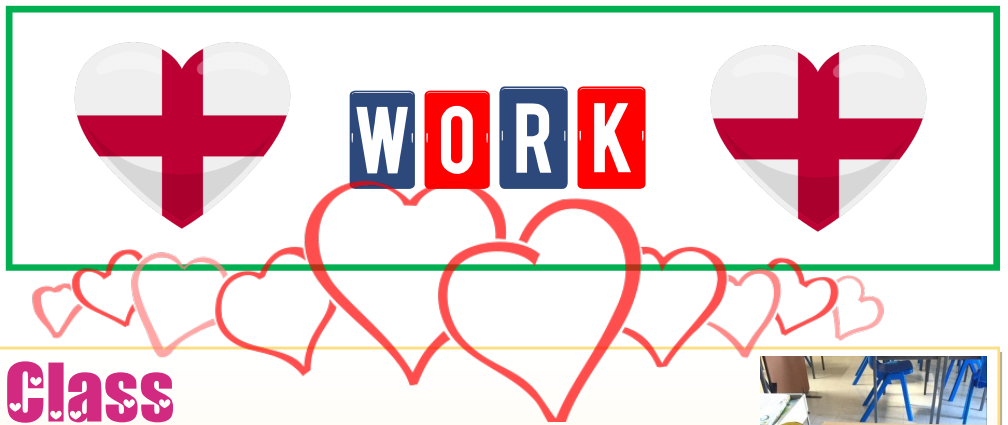
- The conclusion and final decision in relation to the residential review consultation and potential expansion of day school numbers
- The start of provision that will see our school supporting Stevenage primary schools and their pupils/staff with aspect of behaviour management and meeting the needs of some pupils.

Finally, my thanks are extended to all the staff and governors who have made this year such a positive one at Larwood School. The staff do an amazing job with huge dedication and our governors continue to challenge and support us to try and create the very best learning environment for your children.

All the best for summer!

S D Trimble - Headteacher

BACK TO SCHOOL
THURSDAY 30th AUGUST
USUAL START TIME



Miss Kimpton's Class

For topic this half term Miss Kimpton's class have been looking at Russia. We have researched the cities hosting the world cup including Moscow and Sochi. We looked through Miss Kimpton's scrap book of when she visited Moscow.

We have made matryoshka dolls and learned to say and write our names and basic greetings. We also learned how to count to 10 and some colours. We have spent time looking at Red Square and St Basils Cathedral. In art we have painted our own version on St Basils Cathedral.



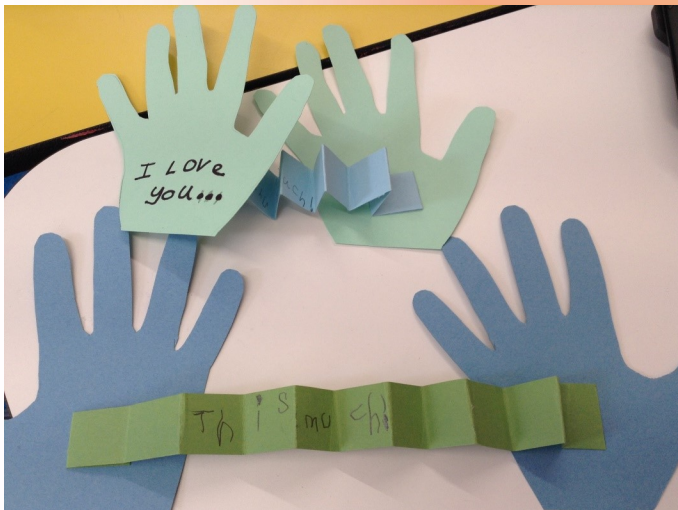
FOX CUB



This half term we have had lots of fun being very creative for our Father's/Grandad's/carer's day gifts. It was very touching listening to the boys all say 'what they loved' about the special male role models in their lives. We were all impressed with the final outcome of our art work, and hoped you liked them.

The children spent a week going over the importance of self-care; regular brushing of teeth/hair and personal grooming.

As part of our road safety week, we decided to take the boys to the Old Town in Stevenage to practice our newly learnt skills. They showed how sensible they can be crossing and being around roads. We couldn't miss the opportunity to pop into Simmons Bakery to buy a cake. We were so proud of how the boys behaved and their manners were impeccable. All were a real credit to the school and their families





Mrs Williams' class

Mrs Williams' class visited Jubilee Court, and had a great time playing and talking to some of the staff and residents. Dylan and Lennon even taught George about Pokémon Go!



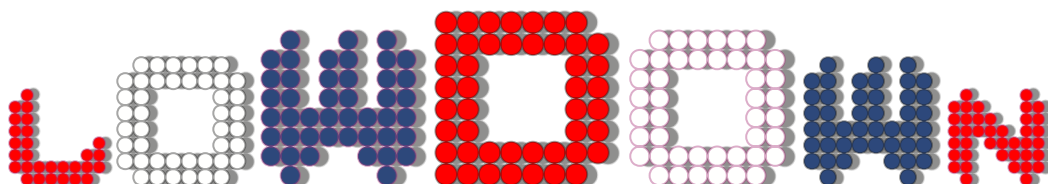
Our class achieved their horse riding awards. Well done to all of them.

We've also made full use of the glorious Summer weather and took the classroom outside. We did careful measuring work to investigate capacity.

MISS GWYNNE & MR JACOB'S CLASS

In Miss Gwynne's class we have been looking at animals including humans. In science we got messy making a digestive system.

We also had the opportunity to see the animals at Shepreth Wildlife Centre with Mr Jacob's class.





Summer Time



WHOLE SCHOOL

The children of Larwood Primary School in Stevenage recently came up with the wonderful idea of a 'plastic awareness' project. The children challenged themselves and their teachers to collect every piece of single use plastic they used during the day for a period of three weeks and place every item in the recycling bin. Over 10,000 items of plastic from drinks bottles, to straws, yoghurt pots and food packaging were collected and accounted for.



The children were encouraged to take part with the title of 'Captain Plastic' awarded to the individuals in each class who collected the highest number of plastic items. Artist, James Perrett, has supported the school project by offering to create a Captain Plastic hero figure based on the winning child from each class.

Every class collected over 1,000 items with the winners from each class pictured displaying just one week's worth of plastic waste. This includes the waste in the bins pictured behind the children!

The children have been learning about the harmful effects plastic waste is having on our planet and they wanted to make a difference. This project has helped open our eyes to the danger of plastic waste with everyone stunned by how many plastic items we use as a school and learning how we can recycle over 90% of the plastic we use.

THE Comet

Mr Scales' Class

As part of our Abracadabra topic we have been looking in to the wonderful world of Wizardry. This new topic approach took place across ours and Miss Trott's classes. It began with a 'stunning starter' where the children took part in a potion making workshop. During the workshop they created a whole host of potions using a range of ingredients.

This whole topic approach has been used as a tool to teach the majority of the curriculum over this half term and the children have managed to conjure up some spellbinding poems, informative potion recipes, wonderful wand designs and creations in addition to playing Larwood's own version of Quidditch to name but a few! Their creations are all stored safely in their Abracadabra topic boxes and I think it's fair to say that their enjoyment for this has been bubbling over!





*An opportunity to win
£100 of Supermarket
Vouchers*

**SEPTEMBER 2018
TO JULY 2019**

100% pupil attendance
could win you £100 of
supermarket vouchers

98% + pupil attendance
could win you £50 of su-
permarket vouchers

95%+ pupil attendance
could win you £25 of
supermarket vouchers
((2017 - 2018))

WINNERS

100% Attendance

Joseph Year 5

98%+ Attendance

Harry Year 3

95+ Attendance

Jake Year 6

All qualifying names were put into a hat
and picked by Mr Van.

Congratulations to this years winners!

#AttendanceIsImportant



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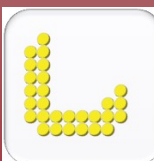
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The Larwood Lowdown

effective
communication



*Achieve, Believe, Expect
& Enjoy!*

Mrs Kamene's Class

For their Topic work on Modern Europe, the children in Mrs. Kamene's class located Italy on a map and concentrated on its environmental regions. Did you know that it is easy to recognise Italy on any world map, as the country is shaped like a high-heeled boot? It looks like the boot is kicking a ball. The area shaped like a ball is the island of Sicily.

The children's art work below also consists of The Leaning Tower of Pisa, The Mona Lisa of Leonardo Da Vinci and Pizza which was "invented" in Naples around 1860s.



Miss Trott's Class

In Miss Trott's class we have been trialling our new topic of Abracadabra. The children started the topic with an exciting potions lesson where they tried out magic spells to change the colour of their potions, as well as make them bubble and smoke. The children have been studying Harry Potter in Literacy, learning Quidditch in PE and creating their own personalised wands in DT.



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Larwood School recognises that the welfare of the child is paramount. The school takes its responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of the young people in its care seriously, and is proactive in ensuring this. Governors, staff and volunteers at Larwood understand the importance of working in partnership with children, their parents/carers and other agencies in order to promote children's welfare. We constantly review the way that we work and look to improve upon this whenever we can.

Our DSP; Designated Senior Person for child protection is Mrs Bianca Osobu: Assistant Headteacher, supported by our other DSP's Mr Sean Trimble: Headteacher & Mrs Sian Ford: Family Support Worker
Our Safeguarding Governor is Mrs Sandra Barr - Chair of Governors.



Larwood Residential Care

2018 OUTSTANDING

CALENDAR DATES

2018-2019

TERM/HOLIDAY DATES 2018

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OTHER DATES 2018/19

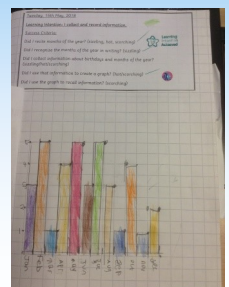
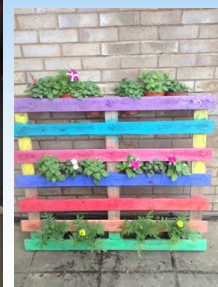
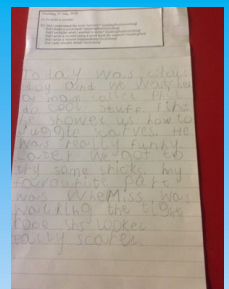
- 21st September 2018: Jeans for Genes Day: £1.00 to CHARITY
- 21st September 2018: Adopt a Fluffy: £1.00 to CHARITY
- 28th September 2018: Macmillan Cancer Support: Parents Coffee Morning (Donations towards Macmillan are welcome): Hosted by Sian Ford
- 19th October 2018: Halloween Day: £1.00 to CHARITY (Children can dress up in non-violent Halloween fancy dress)
- 16th November 2018: Children in Need: PJ Day £1.00 to CHARITY (Children can bring in £5.00 for our bake sale and charity wrist bands)
- 29th November 2018: Meet the teacher
- 14th December 2018: Christmas Jumper Day: £1.00 to CHARITY (Children can wear a Christmas Jumper)
- 14th February 2019: Valentine's Day: £1.00 to CHARITY (Children can wear the colours red, white and pink)
- 7th March 2019: World Book Day: £0 to CHARITY (Children can dress up as their favourite book character. Children will receive a £1 book token)
- 15th March 2019: Red Nose Day: £1 CHARITY (Children can dress in sports gear)
- 22nd May 2019: Bell Boat Race Day
- 23rd May 2019: Dragon Boat Race Day
- 8th – 10th July: PGL: Bawdsey Manor – Residential Trip



MRS OSBORNE'S CLASS

This has been a busy half term, with children working hard inside and outside of class. Circus day was enjoyed by the children who had great fun learning 'circus skills'. Back in class, children wrote about this experience.

In science we have been looking at animals, including humans, and plants. Children have made human skeletons from straws and matched young animals to their mothers. We have talked about how seeds are dispersed by nature and made plant seed heads of our own. We have grown beans and planted flowers in the small playground to brighten it up. In RE, we have been learning about the creation story. Children made creation wheels to show what happened on each of the different days whilst God was creating the world. During maths sessions, children have been collecting data to create graphs. They have practising their times tables and learning about $\frac{1}{4}$ turns and right angles.





MR V – HE DOES P.E. & MR NEWMAN



What a great Summer it has been for sport! As a partner school with Stevenage Sporting Futures Team, we've been able to take part in a whole manner of sports this term. If you remember from the last Lowdown edition, I promised to give you the feedback from our Bell and Dragon Boat races that took place in May.

During the beginning part of May, both our Bell and Dragon Boat Teams did a couple of practice rows at Fairlands Valley Lakes. The staff at Fairlands were very impressed with our good behaviour, the children's listening skills, sensible appropriate questions and their determination to do well in this event, like we have over the past few years. Our practice race times were very good and on the day, both teams put their full effort in.

DAY ONE: THE LARWOOD BELL BOAT TEAM: YEARS 3 & 4

As usual, we arrived first at Fairlands, pitched up our marquee, our sports flags, and our very loud music box! Once all setup, Mr V put some music on, the children started their warm up exercises, and we waited for the other 21 Primary schools to arrive. We were second to race and the first school we went up against was St Nicholas School. We headed to race control, the children got their life jackets on and the race began. We managed to beat Woolenwick School with a fantastic lead, and once back at base, and obviously a victory dance! We settled down for lunch, and we were joined by some of our parents, who came to support us and cheer us on. After lunch, we went into our second race against Peartree School. We didn't win this race, but from the pictures you can see how far they had to row and how well our team did to keep up with them, Peartree School crossed the line 0.66 of a second before us. The children were in good spirits, they shook the hands of the other team and congratulated them and we then cheered on and supported one of the other partner schools; Broom Barns! We all had a great day, the children enjoyed themselves and the year 4's from this group will now be part of the 2019 Dragon Boat team! Well done Larwood Bells, you were all AMAZING!

DAY TWO: THE LARWOOD DRAGON BOAT TEAM: YEARS 5 & 6 – ENTER THE DRAGONS

We arrived at Fairlands Valley Park nice and early again to claim our spot, pitch up our marquee and our flags, before the other 21 schools arrived. Mr V then got all the children together and started a warm up dance exercise of 'Musical Statues', this put everyone into good spirits.

Over the years, our Dragon Boat Team have either won this event or at least finished in the top three and this year was no different! The children all worked very well with each other, their behaviour was exceptional, excellent communication skills with each other, great leadership skills, and all round good sportsmanship.

Our first race was against Walkern School, but before we hit the water, this year we all agreed we would try a different approach to Race Day. We had school colour (burgundy) face crayons, so the children had stripes on each cheek, and down the nose; all finished off with a headband! They looked brilliant! We had our race with Walkern School; they got a finishing time of 2.32.75 and we flew into the lead with a finishing time of 1.42.41, which put us straight into the quarter finals! In the quarter finals we then raced Gravely School who got a finishing time of 1.48.78 and again, we won with a great time of 1.33.47. Out of the quarter finals, we got the fastest time over all. We went into the semi finals against St Margarets School who got a finishing time of 1.32.31 and we achieved 1.27.47! Fastest time of the day so far! We were now in the finals, and racing against Codicote School! The children had a short rest period, not as long as Codicote had (I would like to point out) and we hit the final race! Our children had pretty much done three races in a row, their spirits were still high and they were determined to push themselves to the limit to win. The children rowed to the top of the lake, turned the boat around and faced the crowd, after a few minutes, the siren went and they were off! Both teams set off with a strong start, but early on, one of our rowers had their oar knocked out of their hand and we were down to 9 rowers, Codicote were still rowing strong with 10, but we kept up with them all the way to the finish line and then. . . . it was over! The finish was so close we had to wait for the finish time to come in for it to be official. Codicote finish time: 1.24.28 Larwood finish time: 1.26.75 Codicote pipped us at the finish line by 0.02.47 seconds. The children were disappointed they didn't win, but after a little 'pick me up' chat they were soon back in great spirits, congratulated Codicote on their win and we went on to the awards ceremony.

The competition at the Dragon Boat race between Larwood and Codicote each year, is on par with the Cambridge and Oxford Boat race! We told the team that considering they had done three races in a row, we were also a rower down, the end result was exceptional! Mr V and I were very proud of the team! Well done Larwood, a great two days of racing, fun and memories made!

#thankyoukitchen Thank you to our kitchen team, who provided us with a buffet of food and treats on both days, they always look after us. **#bestsausagerolls** and **#thankyouMissJarvis** **#thankyouMissHanam** for your help and support on both days.

DAY ONE: BELL BOAT RACE DAY



DAY TWO: ENTER THE DRAGONS



We've had a great year working along side the Stevenage Sporting Futures Team and the other local primary schools that are also in the sports partnership. The children across all year groups, have taken part in Rounders competitions, Cricket Tournaments, Trampoline skills, Basketball training, Mini Olympics, Sports Hall Athletics, Tag Rugby, Canoeing, and that isn't including all the sport activities Mr V has also had the children involved in, including a fantastic Sports Day. The children certainly have lived up to the Larwood School tag line Achieve, Believe, Expect and they've definitely Enjoyed! Well done to all of you, you've done Larwood proud!

Achieve, Believe, Expect & Enjoy!

HOUSE RUNS

WELL DONE TO HOUSE:



TRENT	TRAFFORD	HEADINGLY	LORDS
1297	1180	1135	1209
1ST	3RD	4TH	2ND



BACK TO SCHOOL: THURSDAY, 30TH AUGUST 2018

