



LJS Update

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First half term

Wow I can't believe that the first half term is coming to an end - what a busy one it has been. I would like to thank you for all support and engagement we have had in all the different events including Roald Dahl day, school trips, Macmillan cake sale (which raised £514.32) and numerous others. Having a wide and varied curriculum is important to learning and gives the children the opportunity to excel in a wide range of areas.

I am starting to get to know the children and have especially enjoyed teaching them and being able to celebrate their successes as part of our Achiever assembly.

Next half term will be equally as busy with lots of Christmas events planned including our year 3/4 production, carol singing, panto visit and Larkfields Got Talent!

Parent Working Party

I am also looking to set up a parent working party to give you a voice in what happens in school and take ideas and suggestions you may have for the school. Possible discussions might include communication, trips and events and other ideas you might want to bring. The first meeting for this will be on 15th November 2016 at 9am. I will try to hold the meetings at different times so as many of you as possible can attend.

I look forward to seeing many of you at these events.

Jess Scott

Football match reports



We have had an excellent start to the season
With both the girls and boys remaining undefeated!

Scores as follows

Larkfields Boys vs Gilthill 4-2

Larkfields Girls vs Gilthill 3-2

Larkfields Boys vs Brookhill Leys 11-1

Larkfields Girls vs Brookhill Leys 20-1

Larkfields Boys vs Holywell 24-0

Larkfields Girls vs Holywell 5-2

Larkfields Boys vs Springbank 7-1

I would like to thank Miss Johnston and Mr Barber for their excellent coaching skills and spare time.

Thank you for all your support.

#nextEnglandteamhere.

Friends of Larkfields

The Friends of Larkfields is made up of a small committee of approximately 15 mums who meet up once a month to discuss and plan a variety of activities to help much needed school funds. Whilst we appreciate very few parents have the time to dedicate to playing a role on the committee, we all know that the most important drive in our fundraising events comes from a much larger group of parents and grandparents that complete the Friends of Larkfields and makes all the planning and ideas come alive.

Here's just a few ways you could help:

- many large companies allow their employees to do match funding for local community events (Friends of Larkfields is a registered charity) do you work anywhere that offers this?
- do you have any equipment, large gazebos, or just strong dads and grandads to help in the set up of the Christmas and summer fairs
- could you help set up, wrap gifts, sell raffle tickets, man a stall or help clear up, even one event per year helps
- or would you simply like to be on a circulation list so you know what is happening and just dip in and out to suit you?

Thanks to everyone's support, help and generosity the Friends of Larkfields raised a fantastic £7,354 last year. All of this money is spent directly on the school and your children, helping to subsidise trips for each class, including the pantomime as well as educational days, subsidise leavers hoodies for Year 6 and also to help buy playground equipment requested by the school.

As we start a new year of fun for our children the fundraising begins... here are some dates for your diary:

- School disco - 10th November after school - entrance £1. Hotdogs, drinks and sweets available to purchase (all between 5p and £1)
- Christmas Fair - Friday 9th December after school
- Movie night - Thursday 1st December after school. A Christmas movie to be shown which we will confirm nearer the time.

Can we also remind you that Friends of Larkfields is signed up to [The Giving Machine](#) and you can help us raise money just by joining and then shopping on line. It is simple and at no cost to you. You can find printed information at the school office or check out <http://www.givingmachine.com>. All you do is register and then when doing your Christmas shopping click through the site first and you are helping raise funds every time.

If you want to be part of the social and fun side of the school, whether it's once a year or by using your connections in the background to boost funds please email your contact details to friendsoflarkfields@hotmail.co.uk or pass to the school office.

Take Care

Each half term our school council Reps in conjunction with the class teacher will pick 4 children from each class who have shown that they have particularly 'Taken Care' around our 4 areas of Ourselves, Our Learning, Each Other and The Environment.

These children will be given a certificate to celebrate this success.



School Council

The new school council is up and running. The first job they did was to select our winning Achiever badge entry, which they did using a detailed criteria and they were very fair! The new badges should be in school ASAP.

The school council's next challenge is to devise a campaign to Broxtowe council to improve the pavements outside school which are in a terrible condition and dangerous!

We will publish what the school council have done once completed.

Mid-day Supervisor

We are currently looking for a mid- day supervisor to join our Larkfields Family.

If you are interested then please pop into the office and ask for an information pack and application form



Building Learning Power

Building Learning Power is about:

Helping young people become better learners
Developing their portable learning power
Preparing young people for a lifetime of learning

What is BLP based on?

An extensive body of research into learning and the brain
Recent research into the key dimensions of learning power
Practical trials in schools across the country
The pioneering work of Professor Guy Claxton, who is programme consultant, and chief inspiration the Building Learning Power programme

What effect will BLP have?

Raised achievement
Improved behaviour
Increased motivation
Increased enjoyment in learning
Established habits of lifelong learning
Enhanced creativity

Digital Leaders

We have successfully recruited 8 digital leaders – congratulations to those children. The digital leaders are part of a brand new campaign to improve e-safety both in school and at home. The digital leaders will take part in on-line training and once they have “qualified” they will then work with Mrs Scott to teach the other children, produce assemblies and posters to support the safe use of the internet both in school and at home.

For more information on the scheme go to:

<http://www.childnet.com/new-for-schools/childnet-digital-leaders-programme>



School Admissions Consultation

Nottinghamshire County Council are running a consultation and you are invited to give your views about the proposed admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools in Nottinghamshire for 2018-2019.

Anyone can comment on the arrangements up to 27 November 2016 by:

- completing the online response form on the public website: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/2018admissionsconsultations
- emailing admissionsconsultations@nottscc.gov.uk
- writing to School Admissions Consultation, Admissions Working Group, Support to Schools Service, Meadow House, Littleworth, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire NG18 2TA



Focus on...

The Non-Negotiables

As part of our new behaviour system we have introduced the Non-Negotiables, these are a set of school rules which must always be abided by. The rules have been discussed with the children and they understand why they are in place. The non-negotiables are also displayed in all classrooms and around school to remind the children of what they are.

Now that the children are familiar with these rules and how it works we thought it might be useful for you, as parents, to have a copy as well. If you have any questions please feel free to ask myself or your child's teacher.

Behaviour Non-Negotiables

- We always behave, no matter who the adult is.
- We raise our hands when we want to speak – we don't shout out or interrupt when another child is talking. We don't talk when the teacher is talking and we listen to our teacher.
- When an adult asks us, we stop, listen and respond the first time.
- We always say positive things to each other, never making nasty comments.
- We keep our hands, feet and objects to ourselves at all times.
- We respect all property, always putting it back in its correct place.
- We line up in a straight line, one behind the other and facing forwards.

Learning Non-Negotiables

- We write the date and learning objectives.
- We underline them neatly with a ruler.
- We write using our neatest, fluent handwriting.
- We draw with a pencil.
- We draw all lines using a ruler.
- If we make a mistake we rub out pencil or put a neat, ruled line through mistakes.
- We do not scribble or doodle on our work.
- We colour in neatly and accurately.
- We cut out neatly and accurately.
- We use a line guide if we are writing on plain paper.
- We always use capital letters at the start of our sentences and for proper nouns (names of people or places).
- All our sentences finish with appropriate punctuation.
- We spell the words we know correctly and we use resources to help us spell unknown words.

When we have striven for accuracy and have created an impressive piece of learning following the non-negotiables, we will celebrate and share our success with other members of Larkfields.