



# Locking Primary School

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## Newsletter 9

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Happy New Year and welcome back to a very short but busy term 3.

This term we have many extended events, including sports, taking place which many of the children will be involved in. Please keep a close look out for additional letters informing you of events which will need permission.

A reminder please of the importance of wearing the correct school uniform and footwear. Trainers or shiny sandals are not appropriate school footwear and should be saved for out of school.

Please ensure all children bring a named coat during this cold weather and any hats, gloves or scarves are clearly named. Thank you.



### Poppy Appeal

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Poppy Day Appeal this year. Locking sent £247.19 to this worthy cause.

### Hygiene / Illness

Please could I ask that parents pay particular attention to our 48 hour sickness policy. We currently have a parent who has a suppressed immune system and is very susceptible to any form of illness. We are also very aware of possible flu and sickness virus's which maybe around at this time of year and are very anxious to avoid the spread of them within our community. It is therefore more important than ever that if your child is ill you adhere to the guidelines which have been put into place to protect your child at school.



### Online safety

If you have been lucky enough to have a new device in your home over the Christmas period a reminder please to set parental controls and to check privacy / location settings on newly installed apps. Watch out for new technology that might use the internet, does it have a chat element? Can children access independently etc. A reminder that games and apps may have an age limit, look out for a PEGI rating for more information on content guidance as well as age limits.

Remember the SMART rules:

**Safe** – Keep safe by not giving out personal information when you are chatting or posting on line.

**Meet** – Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous.

**Accepting** – Accepting emails or opening files from people you don't know can lead to problems.

**Reliable** – Always check information by looking at other websites, in books or with someone who knows.

**Tell** – Tell a trusted adult if something or someone makes you feel uncomfortable or worried.

### The last descent – Blue Nile Expedition

Locking pupils are excited to be part of the "Last Descent", following the expedition of two of the most experienced explorers in the UK as they paddleboard down the Blue Nile in Ethiopia. The children met with Ben and Charlie before they started their expedition to raise awareness of this historic river. The completion of the Ethiopian Renaissance Dam will change the free flowing state of the Blue Nile for ever affecting habitats and wildlife. We are enjoying following Ben and Charlie's journey as they send weekly information, photographs and videos of their activities. Ben and Charlie are currently at 36.38E and 10.21N and have had to contend with a lot of head wind as they progressed through the Black Gorge. We look forward to welcoming them back into school after their 35 days of living off of their boards and to present them with the money raised through the Christmas concerts.



### FOLs updates – a reminder

The next FOLs meeting is on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30pm, all are welcome.

Tickets are now available at a cost of £5 each for the next film night which takes place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018. A range of Disney films will be shown.

### Lunchtime Supervisors wanted

We are looking for reliable staff to join our team of hardworking SMSAs as part of our bank of SMSAs. The role involves supporting children at lunchtime whilst eating and playing. Cover is needed on a daily basis, 11:50 – 1:05 paid at £9.50 per shift. Please contact the office for further details.

Just in case anyone has overindulged over Christmas period and feels the

### Slimming World

need to attend a slimming class, I am pleased to say that Slimming World will be running classes at Locking School on a Tuesday evening from Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

The classes will take place in the KS1 hall from 7:30pm. Iona invites you to come along and join in to find out how easy it is to lose weight whilst enjoying all of your favourite foods.



### Weston Junior Park Run – a reminder

During the month of January the Weston Junior Park are having a competition to see how many children turn up from each of the schools in Weston. This event takes place every Sunday morning at 9am and is for Juniors only (4 – 14 year olds). It is a distance of 2km. The event takes place at Walford Avenue Neighbourhood Open Spaces, Walford Avenue, Weston super Mare, BS22 7RD. This is free, but in order to take part you need to register at the Weston Park Run link: <http://www.parkrun.org.uk/westonsupermare-juniors/>



### Dance your socks off – a reminder

Tickets are now available from the playhouse for the Dance Your Socks Off show which takes place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Tickets cost £9 for adults and £7 for children which includes the £1 booking charge from the Playhouse. Please contact [www.theplayhouse.co.uk](http://www.theplayhouse.co.uk) or 01934645544 for further details. Doors will open to the audience no earlier than 6pm. Enjoy.

### Road Closure

Please be aware that Elm Tree Road will be closed for one week from 15<sup>th</sup> January between 9am and 3:30pm. The council are hoping to be able to open the road from 3pm, but this will dependent on weather etc. Old Banwell Road will be open for access to the school.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January Start of Term 3

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January Parents Ski Meeting

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January FOLS – 7:30pm in the staff room. All welcome.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January Film night – details above.

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January Y4 camp meeting for parents. 6pm. Details to follow.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February Mrs Nolan and Miss Bramwell travel to Sri Lanka to visit our friends.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February End of Term 3

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February Start of Term 4.

Parents evenings Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Details to follow.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March End of term 4

