



# Locking Primary School

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## Newsletter 15

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019

As we rapidly move towards the summer, a gentle reminder please to name all school jumpers / cardigans (anything which may be removed). One week into the term and our lost property box is already overflowing with unnamed items of clothing which are difficult to reunite with their owners. Huge congratulations to the very "fit" Miss Lynn and other parents, who completed the London Marathon on Sunday. We look forward to watching many more of our pupils running this in the future with the opportunity now to run a daily mile with Mrs Carter at both 8:30am and 3:30pm.



### Easter Parade and challenge

Many thanks to everyone who took part in the Easter Challenge. We had some spectacular crashes with a lot of mopping up to do after! It was a real shame that the weather didn't enable us this year to parade around the village, however we made the most of our indoor space, showing off our hat and mask creations to each other. Thank you to Ryan from Balfour Beatty who agreed to be our judge this year.

### Play Leader and SMSA vacancies

We currently have vacancies for a lunchtime play leader and School Meal Supervisory Assistants. The hours of work will be 6.25 per week – 11:55 – 1:10pm term time only. The pay works out at £9 per hour. Please contact the school office for further information.

### Handling anger within the family

Positive Parenting are offering a 4 week course for any families with children aged 5 – 16, who wish to learn more about handling anger within the family. The course takes place at Locking Castle Church from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July. For more information please contact Cathy Bond on 07875442139 or [parentinglcc@gmail.com](mailto:parentinglcc@gmail.com)

### Holidays during term time.

Headteachers are not permitted to authorise leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application and evidence to validate the request. The expectation is that term time holidays should not be planned or booked as they are likely to be unauthorised and could lead to the **Local Authority issuing a penalty fine.**

### National Online Safety

Children are using devices from a much younger age than ever before. It is essential that together we help children to use them safely. There are so many positive benefits to the new technology at our disposal, however there are plenty of downsides too! As a parent, it's important you understand these risks and how you can take steps to protect your family against them. The National Online Safety site offers information and support on how to put yourself in control, protect devices, check social media settings, monitor screen time etc.



### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Wear Beach Clothes

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June, for a small donation, pupils are invited to wear beach clothes to school. All money raised will be used to contribute towards the use of an ELAN beach hut on Weston sea front.

### Head Lice

Head lice and nits are very common in young children. They don't have anything to do with dirty hair. Head lice are small insects, up to 3mm long, which are very difficult to spot. Head lice eggs are brown or white and stick to the hair. If you spot head lice you should start treating straight away. This could be with a very fine comb and lots of conditioner. You do not necessarily need to use medicated products. Please inform the school so that we can advise all parents to check hair, minimising the spread. It is really important that you continue to fine comb wet hair with conditioner for at least 2 weeks to catch any newly hatched head lice.

### Swimming

A reminder to all Foundation parents to complete the swimming permission through ParentPay as soon as possible. Children will be swimming for the first time on Friday. Thank you



### Auction of Promises Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 6:30pm start – a reminder

Many thanks to everyone who supported the very popular Auction of Promises this year. Special thanks to the FOLs team who gave up their time to organise, to the kind donators and to Mr Adams who acted as the auctioneer. The evening raised over £2000, which will be used to support outdoor learning. I am looking forward to putting my feet up on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, when the Head Teacher and Teacher for the day will be taking over. Further updates to follow regarding decisions they have made about the organisation of the day.

A reminder please to return any Locking Primary Sports kit which you may have at home. We have lots of competitions imminent which we need our matching kits for. Thank you.

### Dates for your diary

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Key Stage 2 SATs.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Head Teacher and Teacher for the day. Details to follow.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	End of term 5.
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Start of term 6.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Wear beach clothes for summer beach hut – details above.
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Race for Life
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 residential
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fair
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day – reserve date Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July.
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 residential
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Party. 2pm – 4pm.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Assembly 10am. End of term 6.

**Inset days for 2019 / 2020 – 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020.**

