

GREAT LINFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NO. 7 JULY 2010

GOODBYES & HELLOS

We are very happy to welcome Sarah Watts to our staff; Sarah will be joining the Key Stage 1 team. Liz Jackson will be taking early retirement from full time class teaching at the end of this term; however she will still be working with us in September to provide regular cover for Sarah Watts.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We are grateful for your excellent support this year for school trips, Sports days and performances. Children have thoroughly enjoyed sharing their learning with you and we hope you will come into school on Thursday 15th to celebrate their work with them.

ATTENDANCE-Important Changes to Holiday Requests

Following discussions with our OFSTED inspection team and our Education Welfare Officer, with effect from September 2010 we will **no longer be granting authorised absence for holiday requests** during term time due to the detrimental impact on children's learning and attainment.

The occasional authorised day of absence may be granted in exceptional family circumstances but this must be sought in advance by completing the absence request form, available from the school office.

SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERS

We are pleased that the vast majority of children in all Year groups are adhering to the school dress code. If you would like details of the dress code or to order new items for September, please see office staff.

LOST PROPERTY

As usual at this time of year, we are overwhelmed by lost property! The lost property box is situated in front of the school office, please come and check for items before the end of term as any unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the start of the school holidays.

PICNIC ON THE LAWN

Following the success of last year, we will be holding another Picnic on the Lawn on the children's last day; Thursday 22nd July. If you haven't ordered a packed lunch for your child from Cygnet, please ensure they bring a packed lunch on that day.

SCHOOL GROUNDS

We are concerned about the misuse of our school field including dropping litter, walking dogs and using the school's facilities, by members of the public and the wider school community. We would be grateful if you could remind friends, family and neighbours that no-one, adult or child, should be using the school field either during or after school hours without the permission of the Headteacher. If you see anyone trespassing on our grounds after hours or during school holidays, please contact the police immediately.

Secondly, we have been asked to remind everyone that in line with MK Council Policy, our entire site is a No Smoking area, even during social events and that dogs other than those registered as guide dogs are not allowed anywhere on the grounds and should not be tied up at the gates. Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation.

MEET YOUR CHILD'S NEW CLASS TEACHER

As your children get older and start to walk to school by themselves, we appreciate that it can be difficult to put a face to the name of your child's class teacher. So in addition to our open afternoon from 3.15 to 4.15pm this Thursday, the staff from Years 3-6 will escort their class onto the playground for the first week of the new school year- September 6-10th.

This is an opportunity for you to introduce yourselves to the staff and let them know how your child is settling into their new Year group.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 15 July | Open afternoon 3.15 - 4.15pm. |
| 16 July | Year 6 Leavers Assembly |
| 16 July | Summer BBQ 6 - 8pm |
| 21 July | Foundation Stage trip to Woburn Safari Park |
| 22 July | Picnic on the Lawn |
| 22 July | Last day of term |
| 23rd July | School closed - teacher training |
| 6th September | BACK TO SCHOOL |
| 6 - 10 September | Teachers on the playground |
| 30 September | School photos |