



Newsletter



May 2018

Recently at Lake Farm...

Spring has definitely sprung! What glorious weather we have been enjoying – I do hope you made the most of the Bank holiday weekend. When the weather is shining – what do you do? Gardening of course – well that is what we have been up to at Lake Farm!

The year one classes have all visited the Rural Activities Garden Centre (RAGC) this week. The RAGC is run for and by adults with learning difficulties to support them in the community. This project is not far from us, but did require a bus journey, so that's what we did. All children walked to the bus stop and travelled very sensibly to the RAGC where they were met by Geoff who taught them all about their new topic – Food. The children learnt important facts about our food choices: where eggs come from, why growing locally is better for the environment, what helps gardeners, as well as key knowledge such as what plants need to grow. They all found out about how to grow cabbages, beetroot and herbs, and in fact all tasted a few of the herbs- chives were particularly popular. Geoff then introduced the children to animals that help gardeners, and the children were fascinated to meet the frogs and millipedes – I think they were more shocked that Geoff was actually holding them! This trip was only possible due to the number of parents that volunteered to help accompany the children. Thank you so much. Extra special thanks goes to Geoff and all of the staff at the RAGC for

making us all so welcome.

Hedgehogs too have been busy planting in their garden seeds donated to us by the RAGC. They too have been learning about what plants need to grow, and how important it is to look after living things with water, food and sunlight.

The most hardworking gardeners have to be found in Nursery though. Using our newly revised curriculum and under the enthusiastic eyes of Mrs Barrett, nursery children have dug their own flower beds and have been growing sunflowers and vegetables from seed. They are doing an amazing job, and really are showing everyone how great they are at being independent learners. The children are thriving just like the plants. This week they have learnt that plants need bigger pots to grow as they get bigger, and that to be healthy they need space to let their roots grow – just like the children! A huge thanks must go to Mrs Barrett for developing our outdoor area to allow the children these opportunities, and for having such drive and tireless energy. We are looking for a full sized old rowing boat if anyone happens to know someone who is looking to get rid of one – long shot I know! If you do though, please let the nursery team know.

Enjoy the sunshine!

Kate Day

Attendance and Punctuality



We continue to improve slowly on attendance, so thank you to all those classes who have turned green this week. Badgers are consistently top 3 it seems. Last week I handed out our attendance awards in assembly for the Spring term, and it was great to see so many children doing well with 100% attendance for the term – Bronze award. A small group collected 100% Silver awards for no time off so far. I really hope I have some gold awards to give out in July! Please let's keep this up.

App Notifications

On the App you can limit what you see. To do this; go into the app and hit the MORE button. You are then shown a list of tabs starting with Home >, News > etc.

Choose the SETTINGS tab which allows you to select your Alert Notification channels. If you press the word CHANNELS > you will be taken to a screen which allows you to choose Urgent, Reception, Nursery AM / PM, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 as well as specific classes.

Choose the year groups which are specific to your child/children only and the Urgent channel to limit all of the notifications.

Please be aware that you need to update this in September when your children have moved up year groups.

We will only post urgent notifications when they are urgent or are letters for home. General news, photos and information will still come through, but this will not come with a notification and you would need to look in the news section for anything general.

I hope this makes using the App simpler for you all. Please come in and ask if you need any help with applying the above to make it easier for you.

Ladybird	97.3%	Badger	99.3%
Butterfly	94.5%	Otter	95%
Grasshopper	97.3%	Fox	95.3%
Squirrel	98.5%	3MS	87.9%
Rabbit	98.3%	3NP	96.2%
Mole	94.8%	3KW	91.1%
Whole School to date: W/E 27.04.18		94.8%	

Dates for the Diary...

14.5.18	Year 2 testing window starts
17.5.18	CENSUS DAY special lunch Year 3 trip to Verulanium
24.5.18	Asthma Nurse Coffee Morning
25.5.18	SCHOOL CLOSED – STAFF TRAINING DAY
28.5. to 1.6.18	Half Term
11.6.18	Year 1 Phonics Check week
13.6.18	Hillingdon Music Concert
14.6.18	Nursery Farm Visit
15.6.18	Father's Day celebration – gam
19.6.18	LFPA Summer Fair
28.6.18	Nursery Sports Day
2.7.18	Y3 Sports Day
3.7.18	Reception Sports Day Welcome to Nursery talks 9am/6pm
4.7.18	Nursery Bear Hunts Year 3 Rainforest trip
5.7.18	Years 1 and 2 Sports Day
6.7.18	Lark in the Park – Federation Fundraising Day – see separate letter
10.7.18	Meet the (new) teacher day
11.7.18	Nursery Assembly
13.7.18	Reception trip to Chiltern Open Air
20.7.18	Last Day of the Year

Mislaid Items

Over the past few weeks several items have been mislaid in the classes. On occasion these items have turned up in other rooms, and occasionally in the wrong book bags. Please could I ask you to be extra vigilant, and if something comes home in a book bag that does not belong to you or your child, could you please return it to school the next day and give it to the class teacher.

It is very easy for the children to pick up the wrong jumpers and items of clothing, especially after PE lessons, so please could I remind all families to make sure that everything is clearly labelled with your child's name.

As the weather gets warmer, please ensure that jumpers and cardigans have your name on very clearly, as these are frequently taken off and left on the school premises - same goes with hats!

Please remember that toys, other than those for use on the playground, are not allowed in school at any time.

Many thanks for your support.

Tennis Superstars

Yesterday 4 of our year 3s took on all of the other schools in the Federation in the Year 3 and 4 Tennis Tournament, despite only having picked up a racquet a few weeks ago. The served and held rallies throughout the matches, most which we against year 4 children. Despite showing brilliant nerves of steel, and some really good skills we did not win, but participated with aplomb.

Well done to Amin for winning 2 matches and drawing 1, Saif for winning 1 and drawing 1, Aliyah for drawing some matches and Lariah for taking part.



SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2018-19

Autumn Term 2018

Staff Development Day- Monday 3rd September 2018

Staff Development Day - Tuesday 4th September 2018

Term Starts Wednesday 5th September 2018

Staff Development Day - Friday 19th October 2018

Half term

Monday 22 October – Friday 26 October 2018

Term Ends - Friday 21st December 2018

Spring Term 2019

Term Starts - Monday 7 January 2019

Half Term

Monday 18 February – Friday 22 February 2019

Term Ends - Friday 5th April 2019

Summer Term 2019

Term Starts - Tuesday 23 April 2019 (Bank hols Easter Monday)

Bank Holiday (May Day) - Monday 6 May 2019

Half term

Monday 27 May – Friday 31st May 2019

Term Ends - Friday 19th July 2019



Tuesday 19th June

3.30pm – 5.30pm

KS2 playground and around the school

We already have booked:

Drive Fiat 500

Bouncy Castle

Candyfloss

Usborne Books

Handprints Stall

Children's Games

Henna Designs

Face Painting

Sweet Cart

Gymnastics Show

Choirs

We are looking for:

Food Stalls

Raffle Prizes

Hair braiding

Other Stalls

Contact Carla or Victoria via the Friends of Lake Farm Facebook group, or come into school to speak to Carla