



Friday 6th May 2016

Diary Dates:

May:

9th-13th SATS
13th Sports skills academy 3R
16th Y5 Bikeability
16th Friends of Larkfield meeting
18th Reception health screening
20th Sports skills academy 34CL
25th Group photographs
25th Governors meeting
26th Cross country comp. Stanley
27th Mufti day for summer fete
27th Sports skills academy 4M
27th last day - finish normal time
30th - 3rd June HALF TERM

June:

6th Children back to school
6th Friends of Larkfield meeting
10th FOL Summer Fete
13th Y1 phonics screening week
17th Sports skills academy 5B
20th Y1,3,4,5 assessment week
22nd Y6 high school transition day
22nd Wally Cain dance festival
23rd **School Closed [referendum]**
24th Sports skills academy 56D
29th Y1/2 visit Stanley high

July:

1st Sports day KS2 am / KS1 pm
8th Sports skills academy 6F
8th Reports to parents
11th Y6 Bike ride
12th Y3/4 trip to Catalyst
13th Visit new classes
15th Awards assembly
19th Y6 Leavers' evening
21st **SCHOOL CLOSSES 2:00PM**

Dear Parents,

This has been a rather disrupted week in school with both a bank holiday and election shortening the week. Unfortunately we don't have any choice but to close when the school is used as a polling station, since we can't keep the building secure. I have asked the local officers to try to find an alternative location and will let you know if this is successful, in the meantime we will continue to use Election Day as one of our 5 annual INSET days to minimise further disruption. I would like to draw your attention to the closure on 23rd June due to the Euro referendum - our INSET days were all planned well in advance of this date being announced, so this will be an enforced closure. I have listed all the diary dates we have until the end of the school year, though there may be new dates added which will appear on subsequent newsletters.

Great British Dance Off:

Our Wally Cain dance team were selected to take part in a regional final for this competition. They travelled to Manchester last Wednesday to perform their pirate inspired routine and were awarded fourth place overall in a very strong field. On Thursday the school watched a video of their performance, which was absolutely stunning. Hopefully we will soon have this on the website for you to see. Thanks to Miss Tuft, Miss Davies and Miss Meadow for their hard work in getting the children to such a high standard; to Mrs Hoskin for costume support and Miss Vickers for accompanying the team.

Senior leadership appointment:

I am pleased to tell you that the governors have promoted Miss Geraghty to the senior leadership team. She will become our Key Stage 1 leader, with effect from 1st September. I know you will join me in congratulating her and supporting her in her new role.

Football:

Now that the season has come to an end, the Wednesday school football team training sessions have finished. I would like to thank Mr Mathias and Mr Flynn for giving up their free time to run the team.

Buddy benches:

You may have noticed we have new buddy benches on both KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. These have been kindly donated to school by the charity 'Jack's Journey', set up by his family in memory of Jack Webster, a former Larkfield pupil. I would like to thank them for these wonderful gifts, which will be well used by our children. You can see a photograph of the school council receiving the benches from Jack's mum and sister Hollie on the Southport Visiter website.

Southport Young Musician of the Year:

This competition takes place as part of the Trinity arts festival, running from 4th-8th July. There are classes for piano, woodwind, brass, strings, percussion and voice for children in school between 3 and 13. More details are available from www.trinityartsfestival.org.uk



Spring cleaning:

If you are having a clear out, our foundation staff would love to accept any outdoor toys, small world play equipment and role play / dressing up items that are surplus to requirements. Please speak directly to any member of the reception team.

Parenting 2000 uniform bank:

Parenting 2000 have a uniform bank facility available to parents. They can provide good quality used uniform items for families in need of them. More details from Parenting 2000 [Tel:380047](tel:380047) If you have any uniform items to donate we can collect them and pass them on.

Here comes the sun?

At the risk of speaking too soon, rumour has it we may be moving from Winter directly to Summer! If it is sunny, please apply sun cream at home before your child comes to school.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. J.D. Ward
Headteacher

