



Friday 15th September 2017

Diary Dates:

September:

- 18th Stanley open evening
- 19th Greenbank & Birkdale open evening
- 20th Governors' AGM
- 21st Y5 Bikeability
- 21st School Council Elections
- 21st Tarleton open evening
- 22nd 1/2C Sport skills academy
- 25th - 27th Robinwood residential
- 25th FOL meeting 7.00pm
- 26th Meols Cop open evening
- 29th 2G Sport skills academy
- 29th School council assembly

October:

- 5th Mad Science club starts
- 6th 3L Sport skills academy
- 13th 34R Sport skills academy
- 20th 6D Sports skills academy
- 23rd - 27th HALF TERM
- 30th Staff training day
- 31st Children back in school
- 31st FOL Halloween Disco

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year and a particular welcome to our new teacher, Miss Lovelock, and to our new children, who have made a great start to their Larkfield careers.

Parent communications / Class Dojo:

As I mentioned in my newsletter at the end of the Summer term, we are moving all our communication over to the **School Spider App**. Although lots of parents have downloaded the app, it doesn't become functional until you have actually logged in as a parent. Log-in information should be on the inside cover of your child's reading record. By way of a small incentive, every parent who has logged in to the app by next Friday will be entered into a prize draw for a £10 shopping voucher. This app links to our website and will enable us to communicate with you for **FREE**. It will be the main method of communication as we will shortly stop using Class Dojo.

Please make sure you download the **SCHOOL SPIDER APP** to your phone so that you are ready to go. As the new school year progresses we will also be making use of other features of the app, for example booking parents evening appointments and online payments. If you cannot find your log in details, please let your child's teacher know, so that we can provide

replacements. NB Those parents who are already connected do not need new log ins - this is a once-only operation and you keep the same log in as your child moves through school. If you have more than one child, the oldest child should have the log in information.

Friends of Larkfield:

The friends do fabulous work to support our school and raise additional funds for us. You have the opportunity to get involved in their work - no matter how much or how little time you can offer, we would love to see you, especially new parents to the school, at our first meeting on Monday 25th September at 7:00pm at Larkfield.

Lunch Money:

Please note that lunch money is due on Monday morning in advance. The weekly cost is £10 per child. Children in reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to receive free school meals but Y3 to 6 have to pay for meals unless they have an exemption due to low income. We cannot provide free meals until we have notification of exemption from the council pupil support office. If you think your child may be entitled to free meals, please call: 0151 934 3456 to check. We cannot provide credit so will require a packed lunch to be brought from home if meals are not paid for in advance.



Cars:

Please remember that parents' cars are not permitted on site unless you have a disability permit.

Dropping off / collecting children:

Please help us by ensuring your children are dropped off on time and collected promptly at the end of the school day. Breakfast club starts at 7:50 and we cannot supervise children before that time. Children not attending breakfast club should be in school by 8:50. The school day ends at 3:20 for reception, Y1 and Y2 and 3:30 for everyone else.

Morning routine:

We are currently trialling a slightly different morning routine whereby children in Y3,4,5 and 6 can come into school from 8:40, without waiting on the yard for the whistle. This eases the pressure on the entrances and cloakrooms. Reception, Y1 and Y2 will wait on the yard and will be collected by class teachers as normal. We will, of course, continue to bring the younger children in early if the weather is bad.

Governor Vacancies:

We have two vacancies for parent governors. I will write to parents with further details of what particular skills we are looking for after the Governors' AGM next week, but if you feel you may be interested and want to know more about it please feel free to approach me for an informal chat.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. J. Ward
Head Teacher

