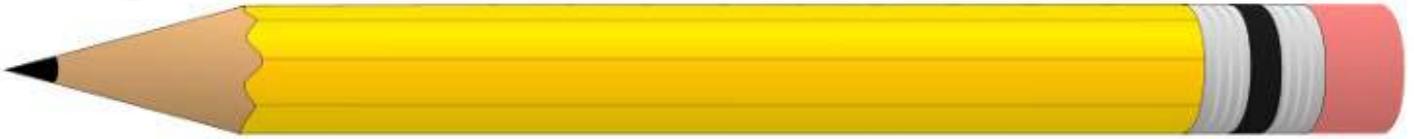




# Lethbridge Primary School Newsletter

April 2017



## Welcome to our latest newsletter

### Dear All

#### Events this term

It has been another busy and exciting term. Year 4 went to Cineworld to see Beauty and the Beast after Arthur Chisnall in 4JM won the colouring competition. Well done Arthur! After our children took part in a fire drill while they were there, and behaved impeccably, Cineworld have offered us an opportunity to take our other KS2 year groups to the cinema too as a thank you!



Some of our EYFS children took part in the Make a Noise Festival and had a wonderful time singing songs about travelling. They were absolute stars.



We have had a lovely response from parents to our Mothers' Day Wrap event. Thank you very much all the Friends of Lethbridge who made the event happen. I'm sure there were lots of happy mums on Mothers' Day morning opening their lovely presents, chosen and wrapped by the children.

Our school quiz teams had a fantastic time at the Swindon heat held at Lawn Primary this term. They came first and third at the heats and so our winning team now goes to represent the Swindon area at the South West Regional round in Taunton. Both teams performed brilliantly, combining excellent general knowledge with skillful tactics to both place in the top three.



#### Safety before and after school

We are having some issues at the moment with children climbing on the play equipment, fences and KS1 trellises before and after school. Obviously the fences and trellises were not built for climbing and we really don't want the children to get hurt or school property to be damaged. We have unattended children climbing, especially on the KS2 climbing frame, before and after school. This isn't safe. Please can you remind your children not to climb on this unless school staff are supervising? Similarly football before school in the KS2 playground is becoming a bit of an issue as families walk through this area to get around to the KS1/Early Years playground. We will let the children know which area of the playground they can play football in so we can keep a safe space for families to walk through. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

### **Key Stage 2 fencing**

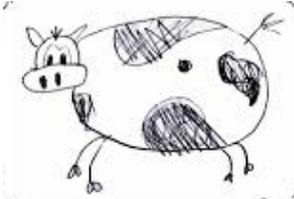
You have probably noticed that there is still Heras fencing around the pillars outside of our new fencing around the KS2 playground. We had asked for permission to have these pillars removed as part of the planning permission for the fencing work but this was refused. Unfortunately because the pillars are now not joined to anything (as detailed in the planning permission that was granted) they are unsafe. After Easter we will be reapplying for permission to remove the pillars and we may need your support in getting permission granted. We cannot afford to repair the pillars and we also want to make sure the alleyway is safe to use and wide enough for people to get around. We will let you know in the new term how you might be able to support us in getting the projected completed.

### **Toilet Refurbishment**

We know from feedback from children and parents that you would very much like us to be able to improve the quality of our playground toilets. We have been working hard to try and secure some funding to be able to take on this project and we are delighted that our funding bid to the government's Conditions Improvement Fund has been successful. This means that we will receive £122,000 towards refurbishing the toilets in Squirrel classroom, the outside EYFS/KS1 toilets and the outside KS2 toilets. This project will also increase the space we have inside the school when these areas are reconfigured. We are really pleased to have been successful in receiving this grant but a proviso of the project is that we contribute £5000 ourselves in addition. We may need help in raising some of this money and we will let you know more about this next term.

### **Ruby's Musical Garden Singathon**

As you already know, we are planning to install a musical garden at school in memory of Ruby Shakespeare, who was a pupil at the school until she died from a brain tumour, aged 10, in July 2011. Ruby's younger sisters attend Lethbridge and we'd like to complete this project before the oldest leaves year 6 this summer. You will have received an email and a sponsor form to allow you to sponsor your child in a School Singathon on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Ruby's family and friends have done a huge amount of fundraising for this project and we just need a final push to ensure we can have our wonderful, musical garden installed this year. Please take advantage of the two week break when you might be visiting friends and family to collect as many sponsors as you can. We would really love to be able to create this fitting tribute to Ruby and fantastic resource for the children of the School.



### **Dates for your diary:**

#### **April**

24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Mock SATs week for Year 6

26<sup>th</sup> – Pirate Day-EYFS classes

#### **May**

2<sup>nd</sup> – Year 3 Ufton Court trip

2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 Braeside residential visit

4<sup>th</sup> – 1NS class assembly

8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>- SATs week Year 6

11<sup>th</sup> – 4JM class assembly

16<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Thorpe Park trip

17<sup>th</sup> - Whole School sponsored singathon

18<sup>th</sup> – Squirrels class assembly

22<sup>nd</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup> – International Dance Week

### **Safeguarding**

If your child is in Key Stage 1 or 2 you should have received a copy of the Digital Parenting Magazine. This is a really useful resource for information about keeping your child safe and happy when they are online. You will also find some really useful information at the link below.

<https://www.commonsemedia.org/parent-concerns>

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