



Les Landes Newsletter

29th April, 2016



Dear Parents,

House Charity non-uniform day

We would like to hold a non-uniform day on **Friday 13th May**, to support our 2016 House Charities. These are: Water Aid, CLIC Sargent, WWF and Channel Islands Air Search. We would like to suggest a £1 donation.

Children's Triathlon

We will be sending out details of this annual event, which supports the charity Bloodwise. Last year, Olivia Ferguson and Luke Paxton-Garnier entered and spoke to the school in assembly about it. It generated much interest and we would like to encourage a few more children to give it a go.

Sports Day time change

Please be advised that, following discussion at Parent Forum, Sports Day will now be held during the afternoon of **Friday 8th July**, from 1pm. This year we hope to increase the running race part of the afternoon and maybe include a parent race if we have time - no pressure!

School Walk and Community Picnic

This will take place on **Friday 10th June**. The school walk is our largest fundraiser for the school and in the last few years we have used the money to buy Lego We-Do kits to support coding, and part-funded our well-being room and community kitchen. We will send home sponsorship forms in the next few weeks. We appreciate that asking people for sponsorship is not always a possibility and any donations are appreciated. The walk usually takes around two hours and is a considerable challenge for some of our youngest children. However, one of the strengths of the walk is the support from older children, who encourage them along the way. The Community Picnic is a great opportunity to bring our whole school together. Families are welcome to join us on the field with picnics and rugs. We will have games set up for the children, a cake sale, face painting and tattoos. More details to follow but please keep the date free if you can.

Film certification and inappropriate language

It has come to our attention recently that several children are watching films with a guideline age well above their actual age. This can impact on the language they use, particularly in the playground, and we have noticed some wholly inappropriate vocabulary in the last fortnight. Often, the children do not understand the meaning of the words they are using, although they understand they shouldn't be using them at all! Please support our zero-tolerance policy on swearing and name-calling by challenging it at home too. Your support with this is appreciated. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you would like to discuss this further.

Dogs on the field

Now that we are keeping the gate open out of school hours, we have noticed an increase in dog mess on the field. We do have a sign to remind people that the school has a 'no dogs' policy. Please help us to keep the field clean for the children by challenging anyone you see using the field to exercise their dog.

Dates - there are a few additions this week!

Please remember that the next two Mondays are holidays and the school is closed.

Monday 2nd May - BANK HOLIDAY, school closed

Wednesday 4th May - First Parenting Services session, 7-9pm, running weekly for 8 weeks

Monday 9th May - LIBERATION DAY, school closed

Thursday 12th May - Visual screening for Reception children

Friday 13th May - Mrs White's last day before her maternity leave

Monday 16th May and Tuesday 17th May - Year 3 at Crabbé

Thursday 19th May - French Trip meeting for current Y5 parents, 3pm. Children welcome.

Tuesday 24th May - French children from a school in Coutances visiting Y5 and Y6

Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June - HALF TERM

Wednesday 8th June - Whole school photograph

Friday 10th June - School Walk and Community Picnic

Sunday 12th June - Parish of St Ouen event to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday

Friday 17th June - Reserve School Walk

Wednesday 22nd - Friday 24th June - Y5 at St Aubin's Fort

Thursday 30th June - Friday 1st July - Y6 at secondary schools

Friday 8th July -Sports Day - 1pm

Monday 11th July - Annual school report sent home

Wednesday 13th July - Reserve Sports Day

Friday 15th July - Last day of term.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Charlesworth