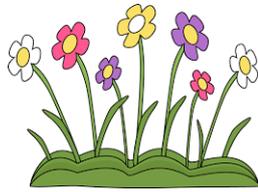




Lansdownne News April 2018



Spring Bonnet Competition

After the success of previous events, the Lansdownne Academy Supporters Association are holding another Spring Bonnet Competition on **Thursday 4th May**. The children may come to school in a Spring Bonnet (they will still wear their normal school uniform).

Entry is £1 per child and there will be prizes for the best hats.



School Uniform

We would like to remind parents, as Spring approaches, that summer dresses are not part of our school uniform.



Has your child borrowed any school clothes after illness or an accident at school? If so, please may we ask for them to be returned to school.



Farewell

We say a very sad farewell to Mrs Cammack, our Office Manager, who will be leaving Lansdownne after nearly 12 years of dedicated service. We will be sorry to see her leave and wish her every success in the future.



Head Lice

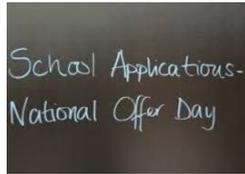
Unfortunately, head lice are an ongoing problem in school. Please remember to check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary.



REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK

National Offer Day

Parents will be notified of the outcome of their application for **Reception**, and **Year 3** places for September 2018 on **Tuesday 16th April**.



Parents who have applied for a **Nursery** place for September 2018 will be informed on **Monday 7th May**.

Parents will be notified by Staffordshire County Council. Those who applied online will receive an automated email. Parents who applied using a paper form will be notified by post. Letters are normally posted on National Offer Day, however, please be aware that as 7th May is a bank holiday, letters may be slightly delayed.

Unfortunately, Lansdownne is unable to advise parents of the outcome of their application prior to National Offer Day.

Year Two Canal Lock Visit

On Monday 23rd April our Year Two children will be visiting a local canal lock, as part of their studies on locks designed by James Brindley, and they are hoping to build their own version of a canal lock in class. If you have a child in Year Two and are available to help walk the children to and from the canal lock, please speak to your child's class teacher.



Silly Sock Day

On Friday 27th April children can come to school wearing whatever socks they wish for Silly Sock Day, in support of Autism East Midlands' 50th Anniversary. We are recommending that they each bring a donation of £1, with all proceeds going to the charity. Children should wear school uniform, as normal.



Appointments

Please inform school as soon as you are aware that your child will need to be absent from school due to an appointment. We also ask that a copy of the appointment card is provided, where available.



E-safety Tip of the month

Encourage your child to go online and explore with you by their side! There is a wealth of age-appropriate sites online for your children. Encourage them to use sites which are fun, educational and that will help them to develop online skills.



Keep up-to-date with your child's development online. Children grow up fast and they will be growing in confidence and learning new skills daily. It's important that as your child learns more, so do you.

Set boundaries in the online world just as you would in the real world. Think about what they might see, what they share, who they talk to and how long they spend online. It is important to discuss boundaries at a young age to develop the tools and skills children need to enjoy their time online.

Tell your child to speak to you if someone makes them feel uncomfortable, whether that is someone they know or someone they don't.



Diary Dates

Monday 16th April

National Offer Day—Reception and Year 3

Tuesday 17th April

Miss Brown's class start swimming lessons

Monday 23rd April

Year Two visit to the canal lock

Friday 27th April

Silly Sock Day



The de Ferrers Trust

Friday 4th May

Spring Bonnet competition



Monday 7th May

School closed for May Day Bank Holiday
National Offer Day—Nursery

Thursday 24th May

Book Swap



Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June inclusive
Half Term Holiday

Monday 4th June

School re-opens



Tuesday 5th June

Class photographs for Pre Nursery, Nursery and Year Two

Monday 11th to Friday 15th June
Phonics Week

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Friday 22nd June

Reception and KS1 Sports Day at Eton Park Junior School



Thursday 12th July

Book Swap

Friday 13th July

Reports sent home
Year Two Visit to Conkers



Tuesday 17th July

Transition Day at Eton Park

Friday 20th July

School breaks up for the summer



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