



# Lapal

## Primary School

Newsletter

July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we break up for the summer holidays, I want to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful last few weeks we have had at Lapal Primary School. It has been a truly memorable end to the academic year.

Last week, we celebrated our Early Years Graduation. Each child from Reception shared their memories from the past academic year, highlighting all the wonderful experiences they have had since starting at Lapal. It is incredible how quickly the year has gone by and how much the children have grown and flourished.

On Wednesday, we had the much-anticipated Lapal's Got Talent. Wow, didn't the children showcase their many talents! Congratulations to Zoe Bowen, who came first with her dance performance, Cara Stanley for her amazing singing, and our Year One gymnasts Summer Price, Oakley Wardle, Orin Stopher-Murray, Nyra Kadara and Bella-Rose Jones who came third. Thank you to everyone who auditioned and performed; we loved watching you all.

Miss Toland was thrilled to take the winners from the Lapal School Science Fayre to Birmingham University last week as part of the Ogden Trust Science Fayre. The pupils were fascinated by the exhibits and enjoyed the hands-on activities that deepened their love for science. They also had the opportunity to present their own science projects to other school children in attendance.

We would like to say a big thank you to the Friends of Lapal for arranging the recent Family Fun Day, and the support of the staff also involved. £2,511.00 was raised to go towards the school fund.

Yesterday, we had a wonderful Year 6 Leavers Celebration. The children showcased their acting, dancing, and singing skills with a fantastic performance of The School-O-Vision Song Contest. We absolutely loved all the categories; we cried and laughed together before heading out onto the playground for our traditional balloon launch, joined by parents, grandparents, and carers. Year 6, you have been amazing, and we are going to miss you. Thank you also to all the parents and carers for the support you have shown and your partnership between home and school. We say goodbye to some of you this year after trusting us with your children over many years.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Walford and Miss Sharpe from our teaching team, and Mrs Price from after-school club. Mrs Atkinson commences her secondment, and our Year 6 pupils move on to high school. We wish them all the best for the future.

The sun has started to shine, I do hope it continues throughout the summer. I wish you all a safe, happy, and restful break.

Kind regards

Mrs Turner  
(Executive Headteacher)

### Diary Dates

#### **Summer 2024 Term starts**

8th April

#### **Half term**

27th May –31st May

#### **Term ends**

19th July

#### **INSET DAYS**

Monday 22nd July

**Friday 19th July—2pm finish**

#### **Autumn 2024 Term Starts**

2nd Sept 2024

#### **Half Term**

28th Oct-1st Nov 2024

#### **INSET DAYS—2024/2025**

**Monday 2nd Sept 2024**

**Tuesday 3rd Sept 2024**

**Monday 4th Nov 2024**

**Friday 14th Feb 2025**

**Monday 21st July 2025**

**Please see our online calendar on our website for all our event Information.**

## End of Year Uniform Reminder

- Pupils in EYFS and KS1 only require a **book bag** to transport their reading book and planner to and from school. Pupils who bring a packed lunch can bring a **small lunchbox/bag**.
- KS2 pupils may bring their **own bags** and **stationery equipment**. Please be mindful that bags and coats all need to be stored in drawer space provided so we recommended that bags are **not excessive in size**. Children only need a **small pencil case**, if they are too large then they take up too much desk space and prevent the children from being able to work effectively. Children will be asked to leave pencil cases at home if they are too large. If you do choose to provide your child with stationery the following items are used in school, glue stick, HB pencil, small plastic ruler, pencil sharpener, rubber, highlighter pen, colouring pencils (no felt tips). Blue pens will be provided to children once they have achieved their pen licence.
- **We do not allow hairstyles with lines or patterns cut into the head or bright, artificial colours.** If your child has had this type of cut/colour during the holidays, then can you please ensure school policy is met upon their return to school.
- For children who have had their ears pierced during the holidays they need to be able to **remove any stud earrings for P.E, including swimming**. Please can you practice this with the children as it is not acceptable for them not to take part in P.E. If they are unable to do so we will require them to be removed on the morning before coming into school or an adult to visit school to do this at lunchtime. **Staff are not allowed to do this for the children.**
- P.E lessons will commence from the first full week back in school. Swimming for Year 6 will begin on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Further details regarding P.E days will be communicated by the class teacher. We will continue to ask children to come to school dressed in P.E kit on their P.E days. This ensures that we make maximum use of the allocated P.E time.

Children can return to school in September in their summer uniform up until October half term (weather permitting).

Please see the below a copy of our uniform policy.

<u>Summer Uniform</u>	<u>Winter Uniform</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• White Polo t-shirt (logo or plain)</li><li>• Grey shorts/trousers/skirt/pinafore</li><li>• Gingham dress</li><li>• <b>Logo</b> jumper/cardigan</li><li>• Sensible black shoes (no trainers or open toed shoes or sandals)</li><li>• Grey or white socks</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• White shirt/blouse</li><li>• School Tie (from Year 1 up)</li><li>• School <b>Logo</b> sweatshirt/cardigan</li><li>• Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore</li><li>• Sensible black shoes (no trainers or open toed shoes or sandals)</li><li>• Grey or white socks</li></ul>
<p><u>P.E.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Red <b>logo</b> t-shirt</li><li>• Black shorts/cycling shorts</li><li>• Pumps/trainers</li></ul> <p>During the colder months you may wish your child to also have <u>plain</u> black tracksuit bottoms or leggings and a red <b>logo</b> fleece.</p>	

Our school website lists full school uniform should you wish to check anything before purchasing.

## Reception

Reception celebrated their successes at the end of year graduation ceremony. We are so proud each and every one of them for their achievements this year and loved hearing them share their favourite memories of Reception.



## Year 1

Year 1 children have worked super hard this half term, looking at making buildings out of clay. We looked at the sculptor Rachel Whiteread and made sure we included these three techniques: imprinting, carving and relief.

Look at our amazing buildings.





### Year 3/4

Four of our KS2 children were selected to take part in a science trip at the University of Birmingham. The children had to present their science projects they had created during the science fair to other school children and they did Lapal proud! They presented their projects with enthusiasm, confidence and were able to articulate themselves extremely well. I think these photos sum up what a great day they had!



### Year 6

Our creative Year 6 students have been hard at work, transforming their artistic visions into tangible masterpieces through an exciting gargoyle sculpting project. Using paper mache as their primary medium, the students meticulously crafted their own unique gargoyles, each brimming with personality and detail.

To bring their sculptures to life, they employed various painting techniques, including the intricate dry brush method. This technique allowed them to highlight the textures and features of their gargoyles, adding depth and character to their creations.

The enthusiasm and dedication of the students were evident throughout the project. They relished the opportunity to express their creativity, and their hard work paid off with some truly stunning outcomes. The gargoyles not only showcase their artistic skills but also reflect the fun and enjoyment they experienced during the process.

Well done to all our Year 6 artists! Your gargoyles are a testament to your talent and imagination. Keep up the fantastic work!

To my amazing Year 6 cohort, It has been a pleasure to work with you this year. Your enthusiasm and hard work have been truly inspiring. I wish you all the best of luck as you move on to your next chapter. Keep shining and reaching for the stars!



Mr Rizzo



Dance Classes After School on Mondays  
at Lapal Primary School

September 2024

Call Lynne—07805227952  
To book your place and more information

#### July Attendance

<b>RHall</b>	96%	<b>3/4JD</b>	96%
<b>RHopkins</b>	92%	<b>3/4G</b>	95%
<b>1M</b>	97%	<b>3/4SD</b>	97%
<b>1RW</b>	95%	<b>5M</b>	96%
<b>2C</b>	92%	<b>5SB</b>	93%
<b>2CG</b>	93%	<b>6R</b>	97%
		<b>6W</b>	98%

#### Safeguarding

If you are concerned about a child then please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead who is Mrs Atkinson, or our Deputy Safeguarding Leads Mrs Turner, Mr Maynes, Miss Gillon or Mr Rizzo.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of us all. If we are concerned about a child we have a duty to contact Children's Service, if you are concerned about a child, outside school, then you can call 0300 555 0050 with your concerns and seek advice. Our safeguarding policy can be found on our school website.

## New children's play area at Himley park now open!



We're thrilled to announce that our new woodland children's play area at Himley Hall and Park is now open!

"The highly anticipated play area at Himley Hall & Park is now open for children to enjoy, just in time for the school summer holidays."

Located near the former tennis courts and pavilion at the rear lefthand side of the hall, this immersive, natural-themed play area has lots of fun features for children and young people to enjoy.

Kids will be able to climb up a large wooden play tower and zoom down the spiral slide, spin around on rotating carousels, bounce on seesaws and rocking horses, and whizz down the zip line. There is also smaller equipment for toddlers to use.

In keeping with its leafy surroundings, this woodland play area is constructed using mostly timber with a mix of grassland, a loose mulch surface, and natural wood chip paths separating the various pieces of play equipment. It also echoes the history and architecture of Himley Hall through its play structures.

The play area is a perfect place for games and problem solving, making new friends, getting outdoors and experiencing the natural surroundings of Himley Park!

The installation of the play area follows a successful public consultation in 2021 and planning permission from South Staffordshire Council, whose boundaries cover the park.

Visitors to the park are welcome between 7.30am and dusk. Admission to the play area is free, but car parking charges apply.

Families visiting this summer will not only have the pleasure of the new play area, but the popular dinosaur and princess and pirate themed trails will return from Monday 22 July.

There's also the fairy 50 activity where children follow coordinates on a map in the search for 50 hidden fairy doors. This activity is available all year round.

Activity sheets for the activities will be available from the coffee lounge in the main hall.

The coffee lounge is open every day from 9.30am to 4pm and offers a range of refreshments, including hot and cold drinks, light lunches, and sweet treats.

For more information please visit: <https://www.himleyhallandpark.co.uk/playground>