



# Lapal

## Primary School

Newsletter

May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, we have had a short, but action packed half term! Over the past few weeks we have had children going out on geography fields trips, visiting places of interest in relation to their topic work and participating in art and drumming workshops. We have also been proud of all of our year 6 pupils who worked so incredibly hard during SATs week.

We had a wonderful time celebrating the Kings coronation and the children were able to share so many facts that they had learnt.

Last week, three headteachers from other Dudley schools visited our setting to look at the teaching and learning of Geography at Lapal. They commented on the children's behaviour and their enthusiasm to talk about the knowledge and skills they have acquired within this subject - well done everybody.

Yesterday, the staff were still in school also engaging in their own learning and professional development. We were keen to develop our strategies in emotion coaching and look forward to sharing our next chapter in GREAT ways to wellbeing when the children return after half term.

It looks like the sunshine has finally arrived! I hope you all have a wonderful half term.

Kind regards  
Mrs Turner

### Diary Dates

#### **Spring 2023 Term starts**

3<sup>rd</sup> January

#### **Half term**

20<sup>th</sup> February - 24<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Term ends**

31<sup>st</sup> March

#### **Summer 2023 Term starts**

17<sup>th</sup> April

#### **Half term**

30<sup>th</sup> May - 2<sup>nd</sup> June

#### **Term ends**

25<sup>th</sup> July

#### **Inset Days**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Please see our online calendar on our website for all our event information.



### WARMER WEATHER



With the warmer weather approaching there are few things that we need your support with:

- Please can we request that all children have a sun hat in school.
- We ask if you can please apply sun cream before school, children can bring a small bottle into school if they can apply it themselves.

It is important for ALL children to have a water bottle in school. There are water fountains around school so they can be refilled during the school day.

## Reception

EYFS have become bug hunters this month, as we investigated the world of insects and woodlands. Our scientific enquiries have inspired some wonderful art work. Take a look.



## Year 1

As part of our Geography unit 'Our school and its locality' we carried out fieldwork of Lapal and its surrounding areas. We followed the route on our ariel maps and observed human and physical features within this environment. We also labelled various buildings on our maps with symbols using our key provided. Excellent map skills, Year 1!





## Year 2

Year 2 have had their trip to West Midlands Safari Park where we had an amazing time seeing all the animals and having a guided walk through the Lemur woods and the Meercat enclosure. We enjoyed every minute and even managed to escape the rain!

As part of our Africa topic, we had an Africa day where we learnt some African drumming, an African dance and explored African art and made our own shields.



## Year 5

In art, Year 5 have been creating clay sculptures inspired by dragon eye sculpture. They used tools to carve and sculpt to add shape, texture and pattern, then painted and embellished their pieces, finally glazing them. We are sure you will agree they look spectacular.



## Year 6

As part of our writing unit over the past few weeks, we have been discussing whether screen time is having a negative impact on pupils. As part of this process, the children have conducted interviews with both Mrs Atkinson and Mr Maynes. They prepared interview questions and practised taking notes to capture key words or phrases mentioned in the response. We have also experienced a debate within the classroom where pupils took up the roles and responsibilities of a range of professionals: Doctors, Governors and Pupils. To get a complete viewpoint within our writing, we also sent out a Google Forms questionnaire to the Year 6 parents to collate real data for the children to use in their balanced argument.

We look forward to sharing some of the positive writing outcomes with you on the website soon.





## Summer 2023 Event Dates

Please see below the dates and times for our summer activities, more details will be sent out for specific events.

**Half Term – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

**Timetables check for Year 4 pupils – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

**Year 6 Residential – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

**Year 1 phonics screening – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

**Sports Day (all year groups) - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June (reserve date – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June)**

**EYFS & Key Stage 1 10.00am – 11.30am**

**Key Stage 2 1.30pm- 3pm**

**EYFS Graduation – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am**

**Year 6 Leavers Assembly – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am**

## Nearly New Sale



We now have a nearly new sale in the school reception area, for any parents / carers looking to purchase school uniform items.

All we ask is for a minimum donation of £1 per item.



## DONATIONS

**We are currently asking for donations of:**

*Board games for children to use during wet play*



# INFORMATION

## Before & After School Club

Breakfast Club 8am-8:40am  
After School Club 3:20pm- 6pm  
Tel: 01384 812642

When collecting from After School Club please be aware of pedestrians when exiting the car park.

## Pupil Absence

If your child is ill or unable to attend school, could we please remind parents to either leave a message on the school absence line or call the main office before 9:30am on each day of absence.

If a call is not received by this time then the school office, will call key contacts for an update.

## Parking and One Way



Could we please remind parents / carers to please not park or mount the grass verges, especially in the wet weather when they can be easily churned up and become muddy, and also not park completely on the pavement or on the yellow lines outside the school entrance **which is illegal**.

We have also received complaints from residents regarding cars idling whilst waiting outside of the school at drop off and collection times, this creates a lot of pollution outside of the school gates. Please help to keep our children safe and residents happy - thank you.

## 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.