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NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th September 2024

Dear Parents/carers

It's good to be back and the school has got off to a good start. As the term begins, we are all eagerly anticipating the "adventures" that lie in wait for the children as the teachers turn their plans into reality and the children begin a new chapter in Landscove's life! I hope that all the children will have a great time whilst developing new skills & talents as the year goes by. And the staff? Well, I hope they are looking forward to working with me to continue to make each day happy and fulfilling in our special little school.

WELCOME!

The new academic year always brings new faces into school, and it is always a pleasure to greet the children coming to school for their first "proper" day. Fourteen children have joined Class 1 as our new Reception year group.

We give a big Landscove welcome to you all!



SCHOOL WEBSITE - Landscove Church of England Primary School - Home (eschools.co.uk)

Do take a look on our school website, the staff have been busy updating it. The latest information on topic webs for this term can be found in individual Class folders under the Children tab. Within the School Values Folder you will find activities linked to our school values for you to enjoy sharing at home. If you were unable to make the parent class meetings this week, please look at your child's class page on our school website where PowerPoints will be available and give you all the most up to date information.

ETHOS & VALUES

In collective worship we are currently exploring 'Responsibility', one of our core Christian Values. When establishing class charters and routines, the children have thought carefully about the responsibilities they have towards themselves, each other and across the school.

SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE

| Attendance: | |
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| (Our school target is 96.8%) | |
| Whole school | 96.5% |
| Class 1 | 97.6% |
| Class 2 | 95.8% |
| Class 3 | 97.9% |
| Class 4 | 95.1% |
| Well done to class 3! | |

In line with our Trust policy no holidays will be authorised this year and penalty notices will be issued.

Every School Day Counts

Each day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning. Do remember that we can support your

children in school if they have sniffles and snuffles rather than keeping them at home.

APPOINTMENTS: Please, where possible, book these outside of school hours.

| % attendance | Days lost in a year | By the end of primary school (Y1-Y6) this could mean |
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| 95% attendance | 9 days of absence 1 week and 4 days of learning missed Up to 45 lessons | 10 weeks and 4 days of learning lost Up to 270 lessons |
| 90% attendance | 19 days of absence 3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed Up to 95 lessons | 22 weeks and 4 days of learning lost(almost 2 terms) Up to 570 lessons lost |
| 85% attendance | 28 days of absence 5 weeks and 3 days of learning missed(½ a term) Up to 140 lessons | 33 weeks and 3 days of learning lost (almost a full year) Up to 840 lessons lost |

We know that attendance monitoring causes concern, but we are required to monitor and report all attendance data each week.

This remains a priority for our school~ I really would appreciate your support in meeting the attendance targets set for us!

Can we please remind parents that we do not allow dogs on the school site (this includes our school field). Thank you.



FOLS

For those who are new to Landscove, our PTFA is called Friends of Landscove School (FOLS). We are an active group and over the past few years have raised significant funds to support the school and buy those extras which school budgets do not allow. We also help to fund Arts week and Science week in the school, amongst many other things throughout the year. You will see a FOLS section in most of the regular newsletters but also from time to time we send out FOLS e-mails too. We also have a Facebook group; search FOLS Friends of Landscove School and request to be added as a member. We have our AGM on Tuesday 24th September at 3:30pm at school. Everyone is invited to come along and join us for a cup of tea, a biscuit and to meet the committee. Children can go into after school club free of charge. If you would like to join the committee let me know, but there is no pressure to do so. There are many ways you can

support FOLS without being on the committee. The 100 club is a great and easy way to do that, email dscamp@hotmail.co.uk for more information. We have a few fundraising ideas for this year already planned but will be happy to hear any new ideas too. Please don't hesitate to grab me in the playground or email fols@outlook.com. Hope to see as many of you as possible on the 24th. Thank you all for your continued support.

FOLS Dates for your diary -

- 24th September AGM 3:30pm at school.
- 8th October BAGS 2 SCHOOL ~ We all have clothing in our wardrobes that we haven't worn in ages, but when it comes to a clear out what do you do to make sure the environment comes off best? Bag2School has the answer – Collect all your unwanted clothing and drop off at school first thing on Tuesday 8th October. The more the bags weigh the more they will pay. All monied raised go to FOLS.
- 18th October Silent Disco more details to follow.

Many thanks, Michelle (Chair)

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS AND ATTENDANCE LETTERS from Mrs Grant

Please can you ensure you complete the online form via the link in the email you will receive shortly.

WRAP AROUND CARE & CLUBS - what's on and when

Please book wrap around care 2 weeks in advance— everything is on parent pay and ready for you to begin.

- Breakfast Club will be running Monday-Thursday 7:45-8:45
- Afterschool Club will be running Monday- Thursday, 3.30-5.30



Other clubs:

- Monday 3.30-4.15 Mr Tanner's fitness club for KS2 children and adults (bookable via ParentPay)
- Tuesday: Song Machine Choir (lunch time) KS2 children
- Thursday: 3.30-4.30 **Saints Southwest Football club.** Parents/Guardians need to simply follow the link and find Landscove on Thursdays: https://saints-southwest.class4kids.co.uk/

COMING UP- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| 17 th Sept | KS2 Cross Country event @ Stover |
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| 27 th Sept | Rev Gina visiting for collective worship |
| 2 nd Oct | School photographer – individuals and siblings |
| 4 th October | Harvest festival 9:15-9:45 @ St Matthew's. Parents invited. Donations of non-perishable goods for Buckfastleigh foodbank gratefully received. |
| 9 th Oct | Art Workshop for Class 4 ~ Courtney Arnold |
| 16 th Oct | Art Workshop for Class 3 ~ Courtney Arnold |
| 14 th - 18 th Oct 15 th Oct | We are authors week. Simon James visiting – author workshops for all classes |
| 23 rd Oct | Hindu speaker- sessions with classes 3&4 |
| 25 th Oct | Break up for half term |

Advance notice!

| | 3:00-6:00 – Parent consultation evenings – Bookings will be available later this half term via eschools |
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| 4 th December | EYFS/KS1(classes 1&2) Nativity @ St Matthew's 2pm |

| | 6pm KS2 Christmas performance 1 for Class 3 families |
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| 5 th December | KS2 Christmas Performance 2 for Class 4 families |
| 20 th Dec | End of term carols in church – bring your singing voices and join us at 2:45pm for a good old sing song! |

I think that's it! In the meantime, if you have any questions about anything to do with the school or your child please come in and talk to us or get in touch by phone or email. Our door is always open. Have a good weekend.

