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NEWSLETTER Tuesday 23rd July 2024

I am sure you are all looking forward to putting the school uniforms away and getting out your children's summer clothes, ready for some time to slow down and relax.

It has been another very successful year. I am so very pleased and proud of all our pupils and staff for their hard work & kindness and their consideration towards learning and to the family ethos and relationships, we hold dear here.

MINI FIRST AID WORKSHOPS

Huge thanks to FOLS for enabling the whole school to experience Mini First Aid training. Every class completed workshops and children were taught about first aid and how to call for emergency help if needed. In key stage 2 children were also taught how to put someone in the recovery position, administer CPR, what you do if someone is choking, or if someone has a burn, head bump, broken bone or a fracture. Such brilliant life skills!



SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE

Attendance:	
(Our school target is 96.8%)	
Whole school	96%
Class 1	94.8%
Class 2	96.2%
Class 3	95.3%
Class 4	97.1%
Well done to Class Class 4!	

Digital Family Agreement (Igfl.net)



With the summer holidays upon us, now can be a great time for parents/carers to talk with their children and set ground rules, boundaries and expectations around tech use. The easiest way to do this is via a digital family agreement and London Grid for Learning have a really useful template which is great to use as a starting point.

If you are concerned about a child's wellbeing, please contact the school or in non-school hours contact MASH on 0345 155 1071. Our designated safeguarding officer is Mrs. Ryder and the deputy safeguarding officer is Mr. Ansermoz

UNIFORM & PE kit ready for September

Talking of next year...After fruitful discussions with some parents and staff we felt it would be a good idea to ensure everyone had time to consider uniform and what would be needed for the start of term. The wearing of school uniform is actively encouraged, fostering an identity with and pride in the school. School Logo Jumpers, sweatshirts, cardigans, fleece jackets and PE shirts are available from www.myclothing.com

Children should wear:

- Navy sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece. (Bearing the school logo is useful for when we take trips as the logo helps to easily identify us.)
- Blue/grey skirt or pinafore
- Blue/grey trousers/shorts
- White or Blue Polo Top / shirt with collars not round neck
- White socks, navy tights or blue leggings worn under a skirt as tights
- Sensible and smart black or blue shoes. Trainers of this colour are also suitable, but a second pair must be available for sport/PE.
- Summer wear with blue check
- Sun hats should be worn in the Summer
- Joggers and hoodies are acceptable for PE only.

This list is not exhaustive but represents the main items, which can be found in most high street supermarkets. It's also worth noting that FOLS has second hand uniform available. I am aware that this is not new information and is part of every new intake parent meeting, but we felt it was worth revisiting. We really do appreciate your support with keeping our children smart.

DATES FOR AUTUMN:

Non-Pupil Days on 3rd & 4th September

Children back to school Thursday 5th September

Parent meetings September 2024

We know that parents are key educators in their child's life and we see the link between parents and teachers working closely together, impacting on positive outcomes in all areas for your children.

With this in mind, each class has a meeting in September for you to come and meet your child's teacher, find out about the expectations for the year, and get to know more about the curriculum on offer here at Landscove.



We would like to give parents as much notice as possible with the aim that every child has a parent at these meetings where possible. Please see below for the dates and times of these meetings.

Monday 9th September: 2.45 Class 2 meeting

Tuesday 10th September: 2.45 Class 3 meeting

Wednesday 11th September: 2.45 Class 4 meeting

PowerPoints will be available on class pages on our website for any parents unable to make these meetings.

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

Please book school dinners before returning in September – everything is on ParentPay 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
- All bookings as normal.

Other clubs:

- Monday 3.30-4.30 Mr Tanner's club TBC
- Tuesday lunchtime: Song Machine Choir
- Thursday: 3.30-4.30 Saints Southwest Football club. Parents/Guardians need to simply follow the link below and find the correct school and day they would like to book on to.- https://saints-southwest.classforkids.io/term/97

Guitar Lessons - Simon Scott





Recorder Lessons

Recorder lessons are offered in school to give children a range of musical skills that will give them a foundation for lifelong musical enjoyment. These include reading music, understanding note values and rhythm, developing listening skills, and singing to pitch, as well as finger coordination and dexterity. I teach to the standard of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) examining board, which opens up the option to gain the ABRSM grades 1-8. These grades carry UCAS points, which are helpful for securing university places after secondary school. I also teach flute to children who have already begun to read music. If you would like your son or daughter to take up recorder lessons (minimum age 6), or flute lessons, please contact me to discuss:-

Hesther Somerville ALCM, CTABRSM

Flute & Recorders Tel: 01803-762 703 / 0777-950 0905 Email: info@hesthersomerville.co.uk





Gabi Mills BSc, Hons, PG Dip, EYT, Mont, Dip gabriellemills@hotmail.co.uk



Piano lessons with Gabi

Learning to play music should be fun and so we will use games and challenges to focus fingers and ears, Your child will learn how to read music as well as developing their knowledge about different types of piano music and the technique of playing the piano, I encourage children to compose and create their own music too, because music is a language for everyone.

Available for children in Year 1 and above.

☐ One-to-one 20-30 minute sessions cost £15 per lesson,

Invoiced half-termly.

Beginners to more advanced.

Requirements at home; a keyboard or piano, and encouragement to practice.

Benefits of learning to play the plano

- builds concentration improves finger and wrist muscles helps hand-eye coordination aids ability to express emotions requires careful listening
- encourages creativity
 activates multiple brain areas
 boosts spatial reasoning and maths skills
 provides chance to progress and creates self-esteem
 offers the chance to play in groups which supports social skills,



I am a Montessori and Early Years qualified teacher, and I have taught early years and primary children for over 11 years, I am first aid trained and I have an enhanced DBS. Music is my first love and I have been playing the piano since I was 5 years old, I also play the violin and the recorder in local music groups, and I compose music too, I am excited to bring piano lessons to your school and look forward to meeting you,

To book please email: gabriellemills@hotmail.co.uk



FOLS



As the school year comes to an end, I would like to remind everyone what a great job FOLS do. We have had a number of very successful fundraising events as well as some fabulous community events. All of that has only been possible with the support of a small group of people so thank you all, but especially to Michelle, who never tires of supporting us in any way she can! You're a star!

A message from Michelle: A massive thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the Summer Fair. It was great that we pulled it off despite the weather, and we raised over £750 for FOLS funds. There were many people who helped out in many ways and I thank all of you. There are too many to name individually, but you know who you are.

As the school year comes to an end I would like to remind everyone what a great FOLS year we have had. We have had several very successful fundraising events including Movie Nights, mufti days, 'Break the Rules', the Santa Run, 'fund raisin', decorate a cupcake, ice lolly sales, Bags2school, Christmas cards, Christmas Fair, Easter Treasure Hunt, and the Summer Fair. In total this year we have raised in the region of £3200 from our fund raising activities, with around another £800 from the 100 club. However we have given back to the school £4223, I think this is the first year that our outgoings have exceeded our income so it's even more important next year to please keep supporting FOLS!

Big thank you to team FOLS – Lisa, Hayley, Katherine and Danielle, I couldn't do it without you all.

Please make sure you have the FOLS AGM date in your diary and come along if you can. It is on 24th September at 3.30pm and children can use the After School Club. We will be electing a new committee. If you would like to be part of the committee, please let me know as soon as possible via fols@outlook.com

Tuesday 24th September – FOLS AGM 3:30pm at school, children can go into after school club free of charge.

We really hope you have a great summer break.

Many thanks, Michelle.

CHAIR'S REPORT 23/24

Another successful and fun year for all things FOLS!

This was my 2nd year as Chair of FOLS following a year where I was treasurer. I think it's been another good one, we have had some great new ideas as well as continuing those which have become Landscove traditions.

It is a really hard job, which for the most part I enjoy, but I have to keep in mind the reason why I do it and that is for our children. With that in the forefront of my thinking, I always said I would do two years as Chair. This was so I could enjoy my last year with Molly at primary school, however I feel that there is nobody who would be willing to take over as Chair (step forward and correct me if I am wrong).

This year it has felt even harder than ever to get volunteers, I know everybody has their own busy lives, myself included but please think again if you can offer even a small amount of time. With the school budgets getting tighter every year and prices going up, I fear without the support of FOLS there would be very few extra opportunities open to our children.

So, I have a plea to ask if I stay on as Chair, I am happy to still do the brunt of the work and run the majority of the events throughout the year, but I would really appreciate it if somebody would take over the Christmas and Summer Fair's so I can actually enjoy them with my daughter for her final year at Landscove. Please email fols@outlook.com if you think you can help.

Back to this year, we have had successful Christmas and Summer Fairs plus Film nights, Mufti days, 'Break the Rules', the Santa Run, 'fund raisin', decorate a cupcake, ice lolly sales and lots more. I would like to thank everyone who has supported any of our events over the past year whether as a helper, contributor or buyer. The events run by FOLS are intended to be both fun for the children and families and money makers to enable FOLS to buy those extras for the children which the school budget will not allow.

I am proud to say that we raised in the region of £3200 (we will have accurate figures at the AGM) we also have around £800 from the 100 club. We have spent £4223 on Arts week, the science day, class trips and residentials, whole school first aid training, picture news, forest school, Christmas hats, Easter Iollies, leavers gifts and much more.

Alongside the events run by FOLS we have various means of bringing in easy money without too much effort. Please support as many of these as you can. They include 100 Club, Easy Fundraising, Seamoor Lotto and Stikins name label purchases. Although these may seem like small amounts individually, if everyone in the school was involved they would each bring in some substantial sums. If you are not sure about any of these please ask a member of the committee who can give you more information.

Please keep supporting FOLS it really does make a huge difference to all our children.

Michelle Pearse

Chair

AND FINALLY...

Our leavers service has been, as always, poignant. We say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Watson as she leaves us for pastures new – we wish her lots of luck and know we will miss her and all she brings to school – laughter, fun and 100% commitment to us all.

Year 6... May the sun shine on all your tomorrows.

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face,

The rains fall soft upon your fields, And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.



Mrs Rx

Whilst it is onwards and upwards for each Class of 2024, so it is also with our school. We never stand still, and we are always looking at how we can improve and 2024-25 will be no different. The dedication, care and commitment of the Landscove staff is something that we take great pride in; alongside our vision and values it will continue to be the bedrock of our special little school.

Before I sign off, I would like to offer a BIG THANK YOU to parents on behalf of all the staff, for your generosity and thoughtful comments - we really do appreciate your messages and gifts!

I hope that you all have a good summer break. September will soon be here, and I truly look forward to starting up another brilliant year when the fun will begin all over again in the autumn.

Best wishes to you all.





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