



# Luxulyan School Newsletter



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**Please note some activities/events are not connected to Luxulyan School and parents should undertake their own checks as to the suitability of the providers/activities.**

## **BEHAVIOUR—HOUSE POINTS AWARDS**

**Behaviour Awards w/e Friday 11 Sept. 2015**

### **Class points winners:**

We will start house point awards next week

### **Headteacher's Awards**

Class 1 - Daisy Tonkin: a really responsible Y1

Class 2 - Mason Reynolds: an absolute superstar this week

Class 3 - The whole class deserved this award this week because of the great way they settled in.

### **Team House Points**

We will start to publish these next week.

## **STAFF ILLNESS**

Miss Bromley Fox was taken ill on the Sunday before the children were due to start back at school. She is recovering well but she will probably be away for two weeks. We wish her a very speedy recovery and, in the meantime, are coping as best we can.

## **NEW BUILD**

The staff and children are delighted with their new classrooms, which are now almost finished. We would like to hold an official opening on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October. PALS intend to have a BBQ and provide refreshments from 18:00.

## **THANK YOU**

The children and staff of Luxulyan School would like to thank Cath Grey for an amazing £500 contribution towards furnishing the new classrooms. Cath would like to say a massive THANK YOU to all the people who supported her. She has been overwhelmed by the support the local community of Luxulyan, who have 'really done her proud!' This money together with the contribution from Julie Fox and the sum raised by PALS in the Summer Fayre will go a long way to furnishing the new classrooms.

## **PARENT PARTICIPATION/AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

If any parent or parents are interested in using their skills to provide after school clubs for the children, please drop us a note. We also have training opportunities if you would like to update your skills or knowledge.

On the evening of Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September there is a **High 5 netball coaching workshop** in Truro, which the school would be happy to fund for you. Please let the office know ASAP if you are interested.

## **BEAM HOUSE**

Staff going on camp with Class 3 will be Mrs Hosking and Dr McCaldin. We will sort out any remaining details such as transport costs when Miss Bromley-Fox is back. In the meantime, we would like to hold an information meeting after school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Sep when your concerns will be addressed and your questions answered.

## **SUMMER DIP**

Several children showed a large dip in levels over the summer last year with some coming back one or two years below where they previously were. We will be doing an initial assessment in the next couple of weeks to see if the use of RMeasimaths and Lexia has helped the children through the summer.

## **SWIMMING**

Swimming will take place on Friday afternoons as in previous years and will be for all the children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Last year we covered the cost of swimming from our sports funding, but we will not be allowed to this year. For this reason we will have to pass on some of the cost to parents. Other schools in the area are charging £40 for 10 sessions. We are trying to keep the costs as low as possible and swimming letters will go out to parents early next week with the final details.

## **CRYING THE NECK**

We think it is important for children to be aware of their links to the past and, for the past 2 years, the children in Year 3 have taken part in the traditional Cornish celebration of 'Crying the neck'. This takes place at Gunven Chapel. Parents who are interested can view an example of 'Crying the Neck' on YouTube. The children had a great time last year and after the ceremony made models and learned Cornish songs.

## **INTERNET USE**

We are aware that many children have access to tablets and smartphones. New apps and websites are springing up all the time and it is difficult for anyone to keep track. We have received the following information from the experts and hope it might help you.:

**Tinder:** a photo and messaging dating app for browsing photos of potential matches

within a certain mile radius of the user's location. This is a 13+ App and reflected in the Terms and Conditions. Commonsensemedia rating = No-Go for teens!

**Yik Yak:** a free social media app that lets users post anything and everything anonymously!  
This is a 17+ App and reflected in the Terms and Conditions. Commonsensemedia rating = Not appropriate for kids!

### **Advice and help on IT matters**

For answers to your App concerns and sound advice on how to deal with them, visit Net Aware. It's a dedicated resource to help parents understand the Apps their children use in today's ever-changing digital world. Net Aware reviews nearly 60 sites, Apps and games currently popular with children and young people:  
<http://www.net-aware.org.uk>

### **FOUNDATION WELCOME PACK**

PALS have given all of the Reception children a welcome pack from PTA UK, which contains an art competition. Could parents please return any completed competition entries to the school office by Sep 25<sup>th</sup> so that we can send them all off together?

### **DIARY DATES (DTF = Details to follow)**

#### **SEP**

- 15 Sep Penrice Information evening for parents
- 16 Sep Poltair Y6 taster day
- 17 Sep Crying the neck Y3 (DTF)
- 18 Sep @ 2.00 PALS meeting at school
- 21 Sep Den building Class 2 (DTF)
- 24 Sep Penrice open day for Y6 pupils and open evening
- 25 Sep KS1 MacMillan coffee afternoon
- 28 Sep Beam House information meeting (DTF)

#### **OCT**

- 1 Oct Open evening in the new build (DTF)
- 6 Oct Football/netball v St Dennis away (DTF)
- 12 Oct Hearing screening Y1 (DTF)
- 13 Oct Football/netball v Roche home (DTF)
- 14-16 Oct School camp at Beam House (DTF)
- 20 Oct Football/netball v Nanpean away (DTF)
- 26 Oct Half term holiday begins