

# Landscope C of E Primary School

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## Welcome back!

I hope that your children have all enjoyed their first few days at school and are settling in happily. For every single one of them it is different. They are either in a new class, simply in the same class but in a new year group with new expectations, or perhaps at Landscope for the very first time. Whichever, the staff and I are all fully rested after the summer break and look forward to doing the best that we can to help every single child to be the best that they can be during the next 12 months. I'm sure that we will have lots of delightful adventures along the way as the year progresses!



### **WELCOME!**

The new school 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.

Seven children have joined Class 1 as our new Reception year group and they are: Archie, Isla, Rosa, Isobel, Ruby, Scarlett and Izaak.

We also have Jessica, Saffron, Angus and Taren who join Class 3 and Charlie and Menna who join Class 4. I hope that they all enjoy their Landscope days whilst learning lots and playing full roles in the life of the school.

### **PE, TRAINERS & KIT IN GENERAL**

The start of the new year is a good time to remind you that children do need "proper" kit for PE lessons. Please would you check that your child does have the correct kit and that it is in school every week, all week, from Monday to Friday. The correct kit varies according to age but certainly includes shorts, t-shirts and trainers supplemented by jogging bottoms and warmer tops for when the weather gets cooler (all named please). Children in KS2 will also benefit from football boots when using the field during Autumn and Spring. If this kit is in school, in a smallish bag it creates a "fail safe" situation that allows weather related changes to be accommodated when required.

Thank you.

## **ACCELERATED READER**

We have begun to introduce Accelerated Reader to the children this week. Please bear with us as it will take 2 or 3 weeks to get reading books coming home, but the children will be reading in school. Accelerated Reader is a computer program that will help to develop your child's independent reading. It works in quite a simple way; your child will pick a book at their own level, and when finished will take a short quiz on the computer. The quiz will be a new feature of how we change books at school, but is a really important addition. If your child can pass a quiz about what they have read then this tells us that they have fully understood the content of their book. **To give you a better understanding of Accelerated Reader, Mrs Woods is holding a meeting on Monday 11th September at 3pm in the school hall to explain what it's all about.** Please do join us.

## **FOLS**

We are hoping for another successful year of FOLS events with a happy mix of fundraising, social events and children's entertainment. Our AGM will be held at school on Monday 18th September at 7.30pm. Please come along.

Our first event of the year is a children's fashion show which will be at school at 6pm on Thursday 28th September. Names for models will be collected at school soon. Please encourage your children to sign up and keep the day free to come along and watch them. This is for all children from Reception to Year 6 and boys and girls are needed.

Those of you who shop in Tesco Newton Abbot may have noticed that we are now there asking for blue tokens. We could get £4000, £2000 or £1000 depending on how many tokens we have by the end of October. Please support us and encourage any family and friends you have who shop there to do so too. Any money received will go into the play trail fund. We are hoping to be able to start work on the new play trail quite soon.

As last year, FOLS events will be publicised, where possible, in the school newsletters which are always available on the website. Sometimes we need to send out FOLS e-mails separately. If you received FOLS e-mails last year you will remain on the list unless you ask to be removed. Those who are new to the school please e-mail [fols@outlook.com](mailto:fols@outlook.com) to be added to the list if you haven't already.

For Facebook users there is a school Facebook page and there are 2 Facebook groups. We have a FOLS Facebook group which is used for FOLS business and there is a Landscope parents and carers group which is used to communicate with other parents for things such as lift shares or requests for help.

## **AUTUMN PARENT CONSULTATIONS**

These will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. This is a good opportunity for you to have a chat about your child and the year ahead with their teacher. Paula will send out the booking information in the coming weeks.

## **SCHOOL WEBSITE**

Do take a look on our school website, the latest information on the Rolling Programmes for each class this year and topic webs for this term can be found in individual Class folders.

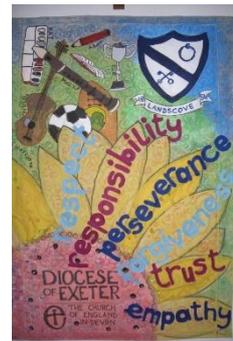
## **SCHOOL DINNERS**

Please remember to send in your pre-order for school dinners by Thursday every week so we can let Riverford have provisional numbers in advance. If you would like a copy of the booking form please ask Paula.

## ETHOS AND VALUES

Within the School Values Folder you will find new activities linked to our school values for you to enjoy sharing at home.

After discussion at one of our School Committee/Ethos meetings, it was agreed that it would be helpful to parents to flag up the Christian value currently being focused on during our Collective Worship. This fortnight our value will be Friendship and you can follow this link <http://landscove.thelink.academy/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/FRIENDSHIP.pdf> to open up a Home school Values page which will give you stories, facts and fun to enable you to explore this value further, (it will usually have been introduced/shared previously at School.)



Alongside this, we have created a 'Living out Landscope values' slip which we would love you to fill in, with an example of your child putting that week's value into practice at home! The slips can be popped into a box in the Foyer and will be celebrated fortnightly as we seek to support and nurture the children in their spiritual, social, moral and cultural development. You will find a copy of the slip attached to this email, spare ones will always be by the box too – thank you in anticipation of your support!

This morning in school we also flagged up our 'wow' moments book which lives in the hall and is waiting for any holiday 'wow' moments your child may have experienced! These are moments when you've seen or experienced something amazing in this world of ours, that just makes you go... 'Wow!' Sunsets, mountains, an encounter with an animal, sharing a festival, dew on a spiders web, you get the idea! A photo would be lovely, or there are speech bubble slips which the children can write on by the book. We look forward to sharing some of these moments.

## SAFEGUARDING AND ATTENDANCE

### Every School Day Counts

Every school day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning. Attendance percentages can be misleading. If we took a maths test 90% would be great; but do you know what it really means when considering attendance at school?

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

In each academic year there are 190 statutory school days, leaving plenty of time for family holidays, weekends away, meeting up with old friends and attending family events.

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

Please help us to make every day count for your child; if we can help in any way do let us know.

### **SCHOOL ARRIVAL / END OF DAY PROCEDURES**

Just a reminder that the school day starts at 8:45, when member of staff will be on duty in the playground to receive the children. Please do not bring them in before this time as they will be unsupervised.

We would also like to remind everyone that children should not be taken out of school early to attend extracurricular activities.

Thank you for your support with this.

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

If your child was a school councillor during the last academic year and they were issued with a school council badge could they please return it to Mrs Field or Paula so they can be given to the new school council members. Many thanks.

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

Jill Ryder  
Head of School

## BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We currently have the following available from Monday. The Go Active Street surfing sports club (Mon & Tues) has been postponed whilst the company sort out a staffing issue, but we do plan to run this later this half term and also a netball club.

	Before school clubs available	After school care with Tasha Kearle Snacks & drinks available 3:30- 5:30 Booking essential ~ please see Paula £3 per hour	After school clubs
Monday			Autumn 1 Cooking club with Hayley for Yr4. Max 8 children  Afterschool care 3:30-5:30 with Landscope staff
Tuesday	Breakfast Club with Tasha Kearle 7:45-8:45 £2:50 To include drinks, cereal and toast	Tasha Kearle: Crafts & junk modelling Films available for quiet time	Afterschool care 3:30-5:30 with Landscope staff
Wednesday	forms available in office for registration.	Tasha Kearle: Board games and computing Homework help	
Thursday	Booking essential but do talk to us for 'one offs'	Tasha Kearle: Fun on the field!  <i>Termly review of activities</i>	Shear Soccer 3:45-4:45
Friday			

