

Old Leake Primary & Nursery School

Term Dates for 2018/2019

Term 5:

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 - Friday 24th May 2019

Monday 6th May 2019 - Bank Holiday

Term 6:

Monday 3rd June 2019 - Tuesday 25th July 2019

Term Dates for 2019/2020

Term 1:

Monday 2nd September 2019 - staff training day

Tuesday 3rd September 2019 - Friday 18th October 2019

Term 2:

Monday 4th November 2019 - Friday 20th December 2019

Term 3:

Monday 6th January 2020 - Friday 14th February 2020

Term 4:

Monday 24th February 2020 - Friday 3rd April 2020

Term 5:

Monday 20th April 2020 - Friday 22nd May 2020

Monday 4th May 2020 - Bank Holiday

Term 6:

Monday 1st June 2020 - Wednesday 22nd July 2020



Newsletter

May 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

We are well into a rather wet and miserable summer term but we are not allowing the poor weather to dampen our spirits. The whole school is currently engrossed in our new Kings and Queens' topic and I am enjoying seeing the children's work. Even though all year groups have the same theme, what is being undertaken is quite varied. Reception have been looking at castles and the story of The Queen's Spaghetti, resulting in them writing their own versions of the story. Years 1 and 2 are focusing on what monarchy is and what qualities are needed to be a good king or queen along with looking at royal building and portraits of monarchs.

Years 3 and 4 have begun their studies by focussing on the three English queens and the qualities they need, whilst Year and 6 are concentrating on Henry VIII and the Tudors. This topic gives lots of scope for the children to learn about the british values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect for and tolerance. As ever though, we aim to combine learning with fun - year 1 and 2 are visiting Lincoln castle to enhance their studies and years 3 -6 are going to Burghley House to find out more about the Tudors.

Next week is SATS week so the year 6 pupils will be very busy. I'd like to take the opportunity to wish them luck and just to say that all we ask of you is to try your best. If you are the parent of a child in year 6 then you should be very proud of the way they have conducted themselves in the classroom and beyond this year. They are sensible, mature and hardworking. I sincerely hope that none of them are feeling too anxious about the tests as we really do try to keep things as low-key as possible and have never been the sort of school to heap undue pressure on them. Please encourage them to get plenty of sleep, and eat a good breakfast before they come to school.

There will be a number of events in school before the summer holidays with dates and details to be finalised and I am looking forward to seeing you all then.

Many Thanks

Susan Rayner

Date	Subject	Test paper
Monday 13th May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling	Spelling Punctuation and grammar (including vocabulary)
Tuesday 14th May	English Reading	English Reading
Wednesday 15th May	Mathematics	Arithmetic Mathematical reasoning
Thursday 16th May	Mathematics	Mathematical reasoning

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school every day. All children are provided with a water bottle, free of charge, when they start at Old Leake Primary.

If your child needs a replacement bottle they can be purchased from the school office for £1.50. We sell smaller bottles that will fit into lunch boxes, they are the same price as the large bottles and use the same lids.



Spare lids can be bought for 75p.

This newsletter will be sent via email. If you do not receive a copy please let the school office know so we can check that we have the correct email address.



Easter Service 2019



Dates for the Diary:

Monday 13th May - Y6 SATS Week.

Friday 14th June - Fathers Day Sale

Friday 24th May - End of Term 5.

Monday 3rd June - Start of Term 6

Monday 3rd June - Information evening for new Reception class (more information to follow)

Wednesday 12th June - Class & Leavers Photos.

Monday 17th June-Friday 21st June - Y6 Whitby Trip.

Monday 1st July - Y5&Y6 trip to Burghley House (more information to follow).

Wednesday 3rd July - Moving on Day (more information to follow).

Friday 5th July - Sports Day



Club News

A new clubs letter went on the first week of term. If you need another copy then please collect one from the school office or download it from the school website to avoid disappointment.

*****Clubs started w/c 29th April.*****

Coats

Please ensure your child has a coat with them everyday. The weather is very unpredictable at the moment.

Hats and sun cream

Could you please ensure your child has a named hat/cap to wear when they are outdoors in the warmer weather. If they require sun block where possible please apply the long lasting variety before they come to school. However if your child bring it into school, could you please ensure it is clearly marked with their name and handed to the teacher at the beginning of the day. Please note children will be responsible for applying their own cream.



Reception

In Reception the children have been very enthusiastic about our whole school topic. They have been finding out about the royal family and comparing them to their own family. They have looked at different homes, made many castles and dressed up during role play activities. The children have used various media to make castles, swords and shields. We will be getting ready for our royal banquet for the queen at the end of this half term.

Year 3

It has been an exciting start to the term for Year 3! We are embracing our whole school topic of 'Kings and Queens'. The children are fascinated to be learning about different monarchs in history lessons. The children completed an interesting piece of writing about what would happen if they were King or Queen for the day and came up with some very interesting new rules and laws for the country.

In literacy, we have been learning all about discussion texts. We have been having some interesting debates in class about different subjects such as 'Should children do housework?' and 'Should boys learn cookery?'. We are looking forward to reading the children's own discussion texts.

Year 4

Last term ended with the amazing trip to Wildwood Craft, where we all learned how to build shelters, make fire and gut fish. What a fantastic adventure it was! Children and adults alike loved it!

Our last term will be an exciting one. We will be learning all about Kings & Queens in our topic and will be visiting Burghley House in Stamford at the end of the term. In Science, we will be learning about Light and Electricity and for Book Study we will be reading 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' by C.S. Lewis.

Year 6

Year 6 are currently focusing on preparing for their SATs, which begin on Monday 13th May, with extra grammar, punctuation, reading and maths lessons!

Some children also attended our annual Easter school where we worked on maths and English in the morning and undertook arts based activities in the afternoon which included creating small chicken wire sculptures and visiting the Escape Rooms in Skegness where we managed to break out of our 'prison' using some smart problem solving skills. The children also enjoyed playing tennis and cooking tasty pizzas for our lunch!

Although we are currently working especially hard on academic subjects, we have also enjoyed some more creative events in the past couple of weeks, including the Year 6 Lunar Buggy Challenge. The children finished constructing their electrically powered small lunar buggies which had to carry an 'egg- stonaut' safely through a number of challenges. The buggies were fantastic, with many of the children adding some brilliant finishing touches over the Easter break - congratulations to Lucy Collins who was the overall winner!