

# L.J.S. NEWS



## The Monthly Newsletter of Laxton Junior School

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### JUNIOR GAMES

*People are so worried about what they eat between Christmas and the New Year, but they really should be worried about what they eat between the New Year and Christmas.*

*Author Unknown*

*Dear parents, children and other members of our school community,*

*Welcome to January's edition of the LJS News. I do hope that you find the LJS News informative and helpful; should you have any suggestions or ideas for future articles, please let me know.*

*Wishing you all a very happy and healthy 2012,*

*Mark Potter*

### DATES AND HOLIDAYS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

#### **Easter Quarter 2012**

Quarter Commences: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January  
Long Exeat Commences: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February  
Quarter Re-commences: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
Quarter Ends: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

#### **Trinity Quarter 2012**

Quarter Commences: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April  
Long Exeat Commences: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
Quarter Re-commences: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June  
LJS Speech Day: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 5.00 p.m.  
Quarter Ends: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 12.00 p.m.

Boys will be playing Football and the girls Netball this Quarter. The uniform requirement for the girls remains the same, including skorts please. For boys, the gum shield can be locked away in a deep, dark cupboard to be replaced by shin pads.

At various points, both girls and boys will be Cross Country running. Each child should keep footwear in school for running across mucky fields. Trainers, football boots and running shoes are all suitable. During PE lessons, all Juniors will be participating in Gymnastics. For boys, PE kit should be worn, for girls a black leotard is required.

### FORM 2 STRINGS

We are all looking forward to the string concert on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January. The concert will take place in The Great Hall at Oundle School and will start at 7.45pm. The concert will start with the Massed Greig Holberg Suite 1<sup>st</sup> movement, followed by LJS Year 2 Strings as the 2<sup>nd</sup> item.

Form 2 will be followed by the Oundle School Junior and Intermediate Strings, who will then join the Royal College of Music strings to play Tchaikovsky's Serenade, last movement. Tickets are free but we have been advised to order, so please let Mrs Cornwell know how many tickets you need by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January.

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## PLANNING FOR SNOW

Please be advised that Laxton Junior School will endeavour to stay open at all times.

I will do all I can to ensure that your child's learning remains uninterrupted and that the school remains open. I must, however, pay attention to four factors:

1. **Can pupils get to school?**
2. **Can pupils get home?**
3. **Is the site safe?**
4. **Can the staff get to school?**

Staff in the immediate locality will, most likely, be able to make it into school but there is a very wide "travel to work" area for others, and conditions can vary a lot at a local scale. I need to be able to guarantee adequate supervision of pupils and this may not always cover the whole school.

Please be advised that, in the highly unlikely event that the school does need to close, you will receive a ParentMail text and/or email by 7.30 a.m. at the latest on the morning of the closure. We will also place a school closure notice on our website at:

<http://www.laxtonjunior.org.uk>

Alternatively you can listen to Heart FM at 102.7, where they will inform listeners of the school closures for that day.

These updates can also be found at, <http://www.heartpeterborough.co.uk/>

where you will need to follow the links for 'Snow Survival Guide' and 'School Closures'.

We will also endeavour to place an outgoing message on the answer phone in the school office from 7.30 a.m. informing you of the closure.

This will all help to ensure that you get the information you will need before setting off on your journey to school.

If you are not informed that the school is closed via any of these means of communication then the school will be operating as usual.

### **Important:**

**If you should deem your journey to school to be inadvisable or unsafe due to the weather conditions, please telephone the office to inform us that your child will be absent that day. We would certainly not wish you to put yourselves at risk and will understand entirely.**

## SAFEGUARDING AT LJS

All members of staff at the school spent yesterday evening updating their Safeguarding training by completing a course entitled 'Safeguarding Young People in Educational Settings'

The course covered the law, the categories of abuse, the signs and symptoms of abuse, listening to young people, reporting and recording and keeping safe from false allegations of abuse.

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**A MESSAGE FROM MRS FRYATT**

I hope you all had a very happy holiday and are ready for another busy term at LJS.

I am writing to remind you that Bedtime Reading sessions will begin in the Library starting on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> January. These sessions will be held after school from 3.45 until 4.45 p.m. Children attending are welcome to bring a cuddly animal and a blanket if they wish. Dates for each Year Group are as follows:

Year 2 - 13<sup>th</sup> January  
Year 1 - 20<sup>th</sup> January  
Reception - 27 January  
Year 3 - 3<sup>rd</sup> February  
Year 4 - 10<sup>th</sup> February  
Year 5 - 24<sup>th</sup> February  
Year 6 - 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Please e-mail me to let me know if your child/children wish to come to their year group session: [afryatt@laxtonjunior.org.uk](mailto:afryatt@laxtonjunior.org.uk)

I would also like to let you know that my out-of-school times in the Library will change slightly this Quarter. I will be in the Library for the exchange of books and DVDs on Monday and Friday mornings from 8.00 until 8.30 a.m. as usual. But this term I will be in the Library on Monday and Thursday afternoons after school, instead of Tuesday and Thursday. The Library will still be open after school for parents and children who wish to complete their Prep or quiet reading, but on Tuesday and Wednesday there will not be an opportunity to exchange books.

Best wishes, Andrea Fryatt

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**ST PETER'S FAMILY SERVICE**

**Worship for all God's Family**  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January**  
**St Peter's Church, Oundle**  
**Because He's Worth It!**  
**Service begins at 10.30am**  
**Worship led by the children's music group**

[www.stpetersoundle.org.uk](http://www.stpetersoundle.org.uk)

**NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR SERVICE**

We are delighted to inform you that on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January, Laxton Junior School will once again welcome the National Blood Service to our school hall.

Please visit <http://www.blood.co.uk/> to book a slot between 13:00 - 15:15 and 16:30 - 19:00 or call the National Blood Service on 0300 123 23 23.

If you haven't booked before the day but would still like to donate blood, please try to attend anyway.

On behalf of LJS and NBS we thank you in anticipation of your support.

**Luxury Hamper Winners**

Drinks - Declan Boyle  
Bake off - Joseph Meisner  
Family Fun - Eliza Ireson  
Body Beautiful & Christmas - Joseph Hancock - (Christmas donated to Year 1 teachers)  
Chocolate Heaven - Tom McMillan  
Italian - Grace Spooner

## Laxton Junior School

## Calendar of Events for January 2012

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1 Feb	2 Feb	3 Feb	4 Feb	5 Feb
After school activities commence	Y5 visit to Peterborough Mosque 11:00-14:30 IAPS District 9 Music Meeting	08:30 PFA Committee Meeting - Library	EYFS Open Morning 14:00 Netball U11 A,B&C v Witham Hall and Stamford (A) at Stamford 14:00 Football U11C v Witham Hall (A) 14:45 Football U9 A & B v Grantham Prep (H)	Y4: Trip to AmeyCespa recycling centre	Oundle School Entrance Examination Wellingborough School Entrance Examination	10:30 St Peter's Family Service
Oakham Entrance Examination 8:40 – Y5 Music Assembly	Oakham Entrance Examination	Oakham Entrance Examination 14:00 Cross Country: U11 & U9 boys and girls vs Ayscoughfee (A)	08:45-14:30 Infant Trip: Pantomime Aladdin – MK Theatre 13:00-15:30 OS 11+ Interviews	The P'boro School Entrance Examination 09:00-14:15 Y4 visit to Leicester Cathedral 15:10 4H Assembly	Oundle School Entrance Examination Stamford Schools Entrance Examination	
Lego™ Olympic Workshop	Lego™ Olympic Workshop	14:30 Football U11 & U9 v Witham Hall (H) 15:30 Netball U9 A & B v Grantham Prep (H)	Easter Quarter Commences Instrument lessons commence 16:00 – 20:00 All LJS Staff Safeguarding Training	12:30 Music come and Play – Brass/Woodwind 15:10 5P Assembly		
National Blood Donor Service				14:35-15:40 Assembly - Colin Javens – Driving Home  <b>Reports to Parents</b>	Kimbolton Entrance examination	09:00 Chess: U9 & U11 EPSCA Tournament (A)