

L.J.S. NEWS



The Monthly Newsletter of Laxton Junior School

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*'The greatest mistake you can make
in life is to continually be afraid
you will make one.'*

Elbert Hubbard

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

*Welcome to the November edition of this year's
L.J.S. News. I hope that you find it informative
and helpful; should you have any suggestions or
ideas for future articles, please let me know.*

On behalf of the staff,

Mark Potter

DATES AND HOLIDAYS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

Christmas Quarter 2009

Quarter commences Monday 2nd
November.

Quarter ends at noon on Friday 11th
December.

Easter Quarter 2010

Quarter commences Monday January 11th.
Long Exeat - Saturday 13th - Sunday 21st
February inclusive.

Quarter ends at 3.45pm Friday 26th March.

Trinity Quarter 2010

Quarter commences on Monday 19th April.
Long Exeat - Saturday 29th May - Sunday
6th June inclusive.

Quarter ends at noon Wednesday 7th July.

Y1 to Y5 OPEN EVENING

The Form 1 to Form 5 Open Evening will
be held on **Thursday 19th November**
between **5.00 and 6.30 p.m.** Please take this
opportunity to visit the school with your
children to look at their learning over the
Michaelmas and Christmas Quarters.

You will probably need at least 20 minutes
to look through the work with your child.
The Teaching staff will be in their
classrooms during the Open Evenings but
any discussions on learning will need to be
saved until the following week's
conferences. The Open Evening is an
opportunity for you and your child to
share their learning successes.

During the Open Evening you are most
welcome to walk around the school and
visit other classrooms and general rooms.

PARENT CONFERENCES

Parent Conferences for all children in
Forms 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be held on
Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th November
between **5pm and 8pm.**

After School Clubs will not take place on
these dates.

Should you wish to express a preference
for either day, please contact your child's
class teacher directly, either via a note in
the prep diary or an email.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

We will be holding a Remembrance Service at the School on Wednesday 11th November at 8.40 a.m. You are all most welcome to attend. Once again, we are delighted to be able to welcome the Colour Party from Oundle School to lead our Service.

There will be an added poignancy to the service this year as we shall also be remembering Thommy Purbrook who carried the flag for the Colour Party during last year's service.

POPPIES

Our Charities' Prefect, Imran Jamal, and Joseph Brashaw will be taking collection poppies to all classes this week. Any donations for a poppy will be gratefully received by the Royal British Legion.

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS

The 'Ark in Oundle' charity is selling their own Christmas cards in a variety of shops around Oundle and now they are also available at LJS.

Each pack of cards costs £5 and contains 8 scenes of Oundle with a winter theme. Three of the images are of Oundle School buildings (the Headmaster's house, the Great Hall and the Chapel).

Should you wish to purchase any of these cards, and help a worthy cause in the process, you will find a charity collection box and the cards on display in the School entrance.

THANK YOU

On Tuesday 28th September, Form One children put on their aprons and became waiters and waitresses in their Travelling Café.

The café had an English theme and fairy cakes, buns and apple pies could be bought.

Parents were invited to visit the café and were able to have a cup of pop (water) and a cake.

The children had created menus and transformed into their new roles with ease! The parents were charged prices that were teen numbers as we have been learning about these in our Numeracy lessons and lots of fun was had by all.

We would like to thank all the parents for contributing food for the café. Without your support the morning would have not been such a success. The children loved it. We understand not all parents could make the date but look out for other café opening times in the future!

Form One staff

DATE CHANGES

There have been a number of date changes since the publication of the PFA Calendar and the Diary Dates for 2009 last year.

In the first instance, please always refer to the Calendar for the current Quarter and the school newsletters for the most recent dates. I do not envisage any more changes for the current academic year and thank you for your understanding.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

11th - 13th November

We will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair next week. The Fair will be open on Wednesday 11th November, Thursday 12th November and Friday 13th November from 3.30 p.m. until 5.00 p.m. in the Junior entrance, all are welcome.

The fair will also be open for the children to browse and buy books on these dates between 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Payment can be made by credit/debit card and cash.

We hope to see you there!

SNACKS

All children will be provided a fruit snack for morning and afternoon breaks.

Should your child require more than two pieces of fruit per day, please only provide them with additional fruit. We are working very hard to promote fruit as a healthy snack at Laxton Junior School.

If your child participates in a sporting after school activity or represents the school in a sporting fixture and you feel that they require a further snack, by all means provide them with some plain biscuits they can eat prior to their period of activity.

LJS NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Saturday 7th November 09.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. - All support welcomed!!

IF IT'S RAINING CATS AND DOGS!

You may have noticed that if it is raining at the end of the school day, we dismiss the children from the Infant classrooms instead of outside in the playground.

Reception classes from the RW classroom.
Form 1A + 1O from the 1A classroom.
Form 2S + 2H from the 2S classroom.
Form 3R + 3H-C will use the RT classroom.
Form 4W + 4H will use the 1O classroom.
Form 5P + 5G will use the 2H's classroom.
Form 6W + 6B can be collected, as you head back to the car park, from the Junior Entrance.

If it is wet, please collect your child from the appropriate area.

Infants, going to an activity, will remain in their classroom until collected by the appropriate member of staff. Juniors, going to an activity, should wait in the hall, supervised by Ms Withers, until collected by their member of staff.

If it is still raining after Clubs, Infants can be collected from their classrooms and the Juniors will be waiting for collection in the Junior Entrance.

Let's hope that we don't have too many wet dismissals!

BLAZERS

Blazers are to be worn for Monday and Friday whole school assemblies and all our Services. If your child does not wear their blazer when they wear a winter coat, please keep their blazers in their class cloakroom.

Laxton Junior School Calendar of Events for November 2009

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
2 Christmas Quarter commences	3	4 14:30 -- Netball: v Bilton Grange (H)	5 08:30 -- PFA Committee meeting	6	7 09:00 - LJJS Netball tournament	8
9 18:30 -- Ski meeting 08:40 - Y3 Music Assembly	10	11 <i>Book Fair</i> 8:40 Remembrance Day Assembly 14:30 -- Rugby: U11 v King's (A) 15:00-Netball: U10 v Grantham (A)	12 <i>Book Fair</i>	13 <i>Book Fair</i> Y5 Visit: Hampton Court 12:30 - Come & Play - Spotlight Brass	14	15
16 Assessment Week 08:40 - Music Assembly	17	18 14:30 -Hockey U11 v Copthill & P'boro 14:45 -- Rugby: U9 A&B v P'boro U11 V P'boro & Heritage Park (A)	19 17:00-18:30 -- Open Evening: Y1 to Y5	20 15:45-16:45 -- House Cake Stall (Gloucester)	21	22
23	24 <i>No Clubs</i> Y2 Visit: Stibbington 17:00-20:00 -- Parent Conferences: Y1 to Y5	25 14:30 - Hockey: U11 A&B v Witham (H) 14:30 - Tag Rugby: U11 Tournament (A) 15:30-17:30 -- PFA: Christmas Bazaar	26 <i>No Clubs</i> 13:00 -- Rugby: House Matches 17:00-20:00 -- Parent Conferences: Y1 to Y5	27 12:30 - Come & Play - Spotlight Singing	28 19:30-22:30 -- PFA: Night at the Races	29
30 09:30 -- Bags to Schools Collection	1 Dec	2 Dec 14:30 -- Hockey: U11 v Peterborough High (H)	3 Dec	4 Dec <i>Clubs End</i> 12:30 - Come & Play Woodwind & Percussion 13:00-15:45 -- PFA: Christmas Party	5 Dec	6 Dec