

# L.J.S. NEWS



## The Monthly Newsletter of Laxton Junior School

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'Come to the edge', he said.

They said, 'We are afraid.'

'Come to the edge', he said.

They came.

He pushed them... and they flew.

**Guillaume Apollinaire**

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

*I hope that you find the L.J.S. News 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

#### **Michaelmas Quarter 2011**

Quarter commences on Monday 5th September. New Reception Form – Wednesday 7th September

Quarter ends at 3.45 p.m. Friday 14th October.

#### **Christmas Quarter 2011**

Quarter Commences: Monday 31st October  
Quarter Ends: Friday 9th December after Carol Service (Approx 12.00 p.m.)

#### **Easter Quarter 2012**

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

### PARENT CONFERENCES

Parent Conferences for all year groups will be held on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October** between **5.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m.**

In a change to previous years, full-time members of staff who are not Form Teachers will all be available in the School Hall where you can find them for a chat about your child's learning in their subject should you wish.

Members of staff in the Hall during both evenings will be:

- Mr Trotter
- Mrs Withers
- Mrs Cornwell
- Mrs Thomas

Some of our part-time members of staff will be available on one of the evenings only and this information will be displayed on the entrance screen.

Mrs Louise Cooper, our Head of Learning Support, has written to those parents she would like to speak with and offered appointment times to meet with her in her office.

Mrs Cooper's timetable for the evening will be displayed on her office door, so if you do not have an appointment to see her, but would like a chat, please do check to see if she is free.

**There will not be any clubs on these evenings.**

## BAKING FOR BATTENS

### MATHS OF SPORT ROADSHOW

Please be advised that the Form 6 Maths of Sport Roadshow is taking place on **Thursday** 6<sup>th</sup> October, not Wednesday as previously advertised.

### THE SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

It has come to my attention that some LJS parents have been asking for purchases in the Uniform and Sports shop to be added to the School bill. This "chit" facility is available only for senior pupils who do not have their parents with them when making purchases. All goods bought by LJS parents should be paid for at the point of sale. As the saying goes, "Please do not ask for credit as refusal may cause offence." Thank you for your understanding.

### SOFTWARE 4 STUDENTS

*A Message from Linda Lin - Parent at LJS*

Families can purchase software from Software4Students at a significant discount. This is definitely a legitimate organisation and their pricing is phenomenal. Laxton Junior pupils qualify (I think I had to fax in proof of age in the form of a passport or other government-issued documentation, as well as a current transcript as proof of student status).

Just to give you an example, they currently have Microsoft Office Professional Plus listed at £ 37.00. PC World has a slightly lower unit (Professional) listed at £ 349.95.

Baking for Battens is a pre-Christmas shopping event and all day coffee 'morning'. Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 9.30 a.m. – 3.00 p.m. There will be tea, coffee, cakes, homeware, jewellery, plants, cards, cosmetics and more ...

Entry is £4.00 and includes tea/coffee and a biscuit with all proceeds going to the BDFFA. The event will be held at 38 Huntingdon Road, Thrapston, Northants, NN14 4NQ (parking available on Market Road)

For further info contact Ellen Bletsoe on: 01832 731007.

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### BURGHLEY HOUSE CAKE STALL

The first 'House' Cake Stall of the new academic year is being held by Burghley on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October between 3.45 and 4.45 p.m. in the Junior Entrance. We hope to see you there!

### LONG EXEAT

The Michaelmas Quarter ends on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October and the Christmas Quarter begins on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October. We wish you all a relaxing break.

### GIFTWRAP

You will have received your Northbrook Fundraising Giftwrap catalogue on Friday. Please can all orders be in by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

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## HARVEST ASSEMBLY

Harvest time will soon be upon us and all parents are warmly invited to our Harvest Assembly on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 3.00 p.m. in the school hall. At this assembly the Reception children will be saying a prayer for harvest and the Infant Choir will be singing for us. Harvest is a special time of year. It is a time when we can be thankful for all that we have and give to those who need our support.

As part of our thanks for harvest, this year we are supporting Peterborough Streets, a charitable organization in Peterborough.

We are collecting non-perishable food items for Peterborough Streets. Founded in 1991, Peterborough Streets, formerly known as St Theresa's, caters for the needs of the homeless, the poor and the socially excluded adults in the City of Peterborough. Peterborough Streets aims to help their clients access the support they require to improve their ability and confidence to build a stable future by providing a number of services via their Day Centre.

As well as providing a safe and secure environment where the homeless can access low priced hot food, clothing, laundry services, and showers, the Day Centre enables clients to access free health related activities, counselling, resettlement advice, tenancy support, vocational training and welfare assistance.

Peterborough Streets have suggested tins of fruit, tins of vegetables, baked beans, tinned tomatoes, dried pasta, bags of

sugar, tea and coffee, biscuits and bottles of squash. Basically any non-perishable tinned and packaged items.

If you would like to make a donation please send it into school, where there will be a table in the Junior Entrance, by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Our suggestion would be one item of non-perishable food per child.

## STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES

All staff e-mail addresses are available on our website:

[www.laxtonjunior.org.uk/staff.php](http://www.laxtonjunior.org.uk/staff.php)

Please click on the member of staff you would like to contact and a new email addressed to that person will open in your default email programme. As you will recognise, the teaching team at Laxton Junior School are very busy during the course of a school day and therefore there may not be an immediate response to an email.

Staff will check for e-mail messages at least once a day when in School and will endeavour to reply to an email within 24 hours. Please don't forget that some queries are often easier to deal with in person and we still operate our Open Door policy at LJS.

Should you have a need to notify the school of an absence or a late arrival, then I would suggest that your first point of contact is still the office. Messages received by the office are always picked up at the beginning of, and during, each school day.

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Calendar of Events for October 2011

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
3 08:40 Music Assembly	4 17:00-20:00 Parent Conferences: All Years	5 08:30-09:30 PFA: Committee Meeting 14:00 Tag Rugby: U9 v Grantham (A) 15:00 Hockey: U11A&B v Wisbech (A)	6 09:30-11:30 Maths Olympics Workshop 14:30 Y1: Stephen Webster visit 15:45-16:45 PFA: Cake Stall - Burghley House 17:00-20:00 Parent Conferences: All Years	7 15:10 Assembly: Class 6P	8	9
10	11	12 14:30 Cross Country: U11 & U9 at Witham Hall (A)	13 09:00 Y1 Travelling Cafe	14 12:30 Music: Come & Play - Spotlight Piano 15:00 Harvest Assembly	15	16
17 <i>Long Exeat</i>	18 <i>Long Exeat</i>	19 <i>Long Exeat</i>	20 <i>Long Exeat</i>	21 <i>Long Exeat</i>	22 <i>Long Exeat</i>	23 <i>Long Exeat</i>
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31 <b>08:25 Christmas Quarter Commences</b>	1 Nov	2 Nov 14:30 Netball: U11, U10, U9 v Bliton Grange (H)	3 Nov 18:00-20:30 LJS Inter Prep School music competition	4 Nov	5 Nov Netball: LJS Annual Tournament	6 Nov