

L.J.S. NEWS



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*The future belongs to those who believe
in the beauty of their dreams.*

Eleanor Roosevelt

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

*Welcome to the final LJS news of the academic
year. Sadly we shall say goodbye to Mrs
Gilbert and Mrs Allen at the end of this year;
both of whom have given many years of
dedicated service to LJS and they will be sorely
missed by us all.*

*I have included the calendars for June and July
in this issue so that you will be able to plan
your diaries for the remainder of the Quarter. I
hope that you find this issue of the LJS News
informative and helpful.*

On behalf of the staff,

Mark Potter

DATES AND HOLIDAYS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

Trinity Quarter 2010

Quarter ends at noon Wednesday 7th July.

Michaelmas Quarter 2010

Quarter commences on Monday 6th
September. New Reception Form -
Wednesday 8th September

Quarter ends at 3.45 p.m. Friday 15th
October.

CLASS AND TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS

On Monday 14th June, school class and team photographs will be taking place all morning. All of the children's names, alongside the teams that they have represented and the kit, equipment and/or instruments that will be required, shall be posted on both the Boys and Girls Sports notice boards on Friday 11th June.

Please take time to check these lists. Do not hesitate to contact Mr Trotter by email gbt@laxtonjunior.org.uk or in person with any corrections as this will be virtually impossible after the photographs have been taken.

LJS SWIMMING GALA

On Monday 14th June, Laxton Junior School is hosting an Inter School swimming gala. As a consequence, all swimming lessons for that day have been cancelled. The Year 3 and 4 children not involved in the Gala will have athletics instead. Please ensure that your child has the correct kit.

CLUBS REMINDER

There will not be any clubs on Tuesday 22nd June (with the exception of Tennis) or Thursday 24th June due to the Parent Conferences being held on those evenings.

Clubs will finish on Friday 25th June.

RETIRING MEMBERS OF STAFF

This year we shall say farewell to two members of staff with a combined total of 42 years of teaching at Laxton Junior School.

Mrs Sharon Gilbert has been at Laxton Junior School for 19 years and during her time at the school has made an incredible impression on the lives of all the children that have been in her care. During recent years Sharon has been the ICT subject leader for our school and this role requires incredible technical know-how and amazing patience.

Sharon will be spending her retirement looking after her new baby granddaughter and so that technical know-how and patience will prove most valuable in her new role as 'granny'.

Mrs Liz Allen, who has been teaching girls' games at LJS for the past 23 years is also retiring at the end of this academic year and whilst she also has a new baby granddaughter, doesn't yet have plans to go into a full-time grandmother role.

Girls' games at LJS has grown in standing and reputation during Liz's time with us and there have been many notable achievements, not least in reaching the national IAPS Netball finals on a regular basis.

Both Sharon and Liz's dedication to their roles at LJS and the experience and expertise they bring to our school will be sorely missed by the entire LJS community.

We wish Sharon and Liz all the very best as they leave us to enjoy their retirement.

TEACHERS AT LJS FOR 2010-2011

With the retirement of Mrs Gilbert and Mrs Allen, there will be some changes to the staffing arrangements at LJS for September.

Mr Graham Trotter will be our full-time Head of Sport and this will mean that we will now have a PE specialist for both boys' games and girls' games. Mr Trotter's new role will enable all of the children at LJS to benefit from his enthusiasm, expertise and incredible rapport with the children he teaches.

Mr Trotter's Reception Form teacher's role will be taken by a new member of staff, Miss Sara Jelley. Sara is an outstanding Early Year practitioner and is joining us from Great Houghton Preparatory School where she has been working in the EYFS for the past three years. Sara's main interests revolve around sport and she played both county hockey and netball.

Mrs Gilbert's replacement in Form 5 will be another outstanding young teacher, Miss Heather Pateman. Heather completed her NQT year at Brookside Primary School in Leicester in 2008 and, after finishing a maternity cover contract, decided to travel to New Zealand.

Heather has excellent ICT skills, is passionate about Geography and Environmental Education and has introduced Philosophy for children into her current school's curriculum. Heather is also a qualified gymnastics and dance coach.

TEACHERS AT LJS FOR 2010-2011

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All other Form teachers throughout the school will continue to teach their current Form groups in the new academic year.

The Forms in September will be:

RW	Mrs Rachel Waterhouse
RJ	Miss Sara Jelley
1A	Mrs Sarah Ashby
1O	Mrs Jackie Ormston
2S	Miss Tina Sandall
2H	Mrs Claire Henderson
3H-C	Mrs Rachel Hamilton-Charlton
3R	Mrs Kay Rothnie
4H	Mr Fraser Harper
4W	Mrs Ann Wallace
5PS	Mrs Sue Pearson
5PT	Miss Heather Pateman
6B	Miss Janet Bass
6W	Mr Mark Worthington

I will shortly be rearranging all of the current classes into their new classes for September and this will now be an annual occurrence. Should you have any specific requests for your children for the new academic year, please email me directly at mp@laxtonjunior.org.uk by Monday 14th June.

Whilst I cannot guarantee to meet all requests, I will endeavour to do my very best.

Whilst it is always sad to have to say goodbye to members of our team, I am very excited about our staffing arrangements for the new academic year.

LJS LIBRARIAN

I am also delighted to be able to tell you that as of September, Laxton Junior School will have its own part-time Librarian. After an exhaustive interview process, Mrs Andrea Fryatt, who has worked extensively as a volunteer in the library, has been offered and accepted this post for the new academic year.

Having Andrea as our own Librarian will mean that we will now be able to open the library to the children more readily throughout the school day and fulfil our vision of making the library a centre for learning at the school.

LIBRARY QUESTIONNAIRE

This Friday your child will be bringing home a questionnaire about the library.

Mrs Rothnie and our new Librarian, Mrs Fryatt would greatly appreciate it if you would help your child to complete the questionnaire over the weekend and return it to their classroom teacher on Monday.

It shouldn't take very long to complete and we would really love to hear what the children think of our library - warts and all!

TESCO & SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS

Both of these promotions have now come to an end, please can you bring in any outstanding vouchers as soon as possible (collection boxes in reception) so we are able to bank these and place our orders before the end of term. Thank you for your support.

FORM 6 PRODUCTION

Form 6 have begun their preparations for The Lion King. Simon Allyn and his team from 'Telling Tales' children's theatre company have met the children and started working with them. They are all very excited and enthusiastic.

The performance will be held on 1st July at 7.00pm. Form 6 parents will receive their ticket request forms this week. Requests should be returned by 18th June. After that date ticket requests will be open to the rest of the school.

OUNDLE CARNIVAL

Mrs Greene, Mrs Sanderson and our Carnival Committee have been very busy with their preparations for the upcoming Oundle Carnival.

I am delighted to see so many names already signed up to participate yet there is always room for more. If your child would like to be a part of the LJS entry into this year's parade, please add their name to the sign up board in the Junior entrance.

PARTY ON THE PITCH

The organisation of the PFA Party on the Pitch is continuing at pace. This promises to be a very exciting event and will incorporate many of our favourite stalls from the Summer Fayre.

If you haven't yet done so, please send your ticket request forms into the office so that we know how many people we can expect for the evening's entertainment.

PARTY ON THE PITCH

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If your child will be attending the Party on the Pitch please ensure that they bring a change of clothes to school on Friday 18th June so that they may change out of their school uniform ready for the evening's festivities.

REPORTS TO PARENTS

Your children will be bringing home their End of Year reports on Friday 18th June. You will receive a ParentMail reminder that the reports will be coming home on this day.

Parent Conferences, where you will be able to discuss your child's report with their Form Teacher, will take place the following week.

Jun. 18th - Reports to Parents

Jun. 22nd - Parent Conferences

Jun. 24th - Parent conferences

END OF QUARTER ARRANGEMENTS

The 2009-2010 academic year will end at 12.00 p.m. on Wednesday 7th July.

After our end of Year Service at the Oundle School Chapel, all of the children will be escorted back to school where they can be collected from the Playground.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support during the course of this year and to wish you all a very happy and safe holiday, wherever your travels may take you.

Laxton Junior School

Calendar of Events for June 2010

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
7 Assessment week Y6: Residential Trip to France 08:30-09:00 -- Trinity Quarter re-commences	8 Assessment week	9 Assessment week 13:30 -- Tennis: Match v P'Boro High (A) 15:30 -- Rounders: U10 & U9 v Stamford Junior (H)	10 Assessment week 14:30 -- Kwik Cricket: U9 A&B v Kimbolton (H)	11 Assessment week KSI: Teddy Bears' Picnic 13:30 -- Rounders: U10 Tournament at Kimbolton (A)	12	13
14 Bikeability Y5 School Photos: Class & Teams 13:45 -- Swimming: LJS Y3, Y4 & Y5 Gala (H)	15 Bikeability Y5 13:15-15:15 -- Y6: Visit to SciTec (Biology & Physics)	16 Bikeability Y5 08:30-Music Assembly: Y6 - Parents Welcome 14:00 -- Cricket: U11 A&B v WGS(A) Kwik Cricket: U9A&B v WGS (H) 15:30 -- Rounders: U11 & U9 v Grantham (A)	17 Bikeability Y5 08:30-09:30 -- PFA: Coffee Morning & Uniform Sale 13:30-16:00 -- Inter-School Quiz: 15:45-16:15 -- House Flower Arranging Competition	18 09:15-11:30 -- Swimming Gala: Y5 & Y6 PFA: Party on the Pitch inc Summer Fayre	19 Oundle Carnival Tennis: Tournament at Stamford (A)	20
21 Bikeability Y5 Drama: Y6 course - Day 3 13:15-15:30 -- Swimming Gala: Y3 & Y4	22 Bikeability Y5 08:40-09:40 -- Assembly: OS 3rd form French Play 08:45-11:30 - Y2 Visit to Peterborough Cathedral 17:00-20:00 -- Parent Conferences - all years No Clubs	23 Bikeability Y5 Drama: Y6 course - Day 4 14:30 -- Rounders: U10 & U9 v Ayscoughfee & P'Boro High (A)	24 Bikeability Y5 08:30-PFA Meeting 13:30 -- Kwik Cricket / Rounders : House Matches (H) 16:00 -- Rounders: Parents v Form 6 Girls 17:00-20:00 -- Parent Conferences - all years No Clubs	25 Sports Day After school activities end	26	27
28 Drama: Y6 Course - Day 5 Osprey Rep to talk to Y5 children re Rutland Water visit 08:40-09:10 -- Music Assembly: Form 2 - Parents Welcome	29 Drama: Y6 Course - Day 6 Move Up Day	30 Drama: Y6 Course - Day 7 15:00-15:30 -- Tennis: v P'Boro High (A) 16:00 -- Kwik Cricket: U8 v Glapthorn Primary (H) 18:30 - Retirement Drinks	1 July No Clubs	2 July	3 July	4 July

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Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
28 June	29 June	30 June	1 Drama: Y6 Course - Day 8 Reserve Sports Day 19:00-20:00 -- Y6 Production: The Lion King	2 School Closes at Midday 17:00-18:00 -- Speech Day: Laxton Junior School	3 Speech Day: Oundle School	4
5 Whole School Trips	6 French Day 15:00-15:45 -- Leavers Assembly: Parents Welcome	7 11:00 -- End of Year Service - Oundle School Chapel 12:00 -- Trinity Quarter Ends	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 August