



NEWSLETTER

LEICESTER GRAMMAR JUNIOR SCHOOL

DEAR PARENTS,

6 September 2019

Welcome back after the summer holiday and I do hope you all had some opportunity for rest, relaxation and a chance to recharge the batteries. The children have been buzzing with the lovely days out and holidays they had. We are now prepared to begin the new academic year and enjoy all the new challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. We particularly offer a warm welcome to all of our new pupils starting at Leicester Grammar Junior School and hope they will soon settle into our friendly community. We also welcome new members of staff, Mrs Carnduff in Kinders; Mrs Adams as a lunchtime and aftercare supervisor; and welcome back to Mrs Taylor as she returns from maternity leave to the PE Department. We are also very pleased to have Reverend Helena Whittaker back as our part-time chaplain of the Leicester Grammar School Trust.

You should have received a copy of the term card and this holds information about key dates throughout the term. If you have not received this, please do call into the Junior School office for one. The majority of clubs start next week, and information about these should also have reached you via Parentmail. Please can I remind parents that collection for clubs is in the playground near the shelter and that, unfortunately you cannot come into the foyer. Your co-operation is very much appreciated.

Aftercare Arrangements

Due to high demand in aftercare, we have increased the numbers we can take but these are still reaching the maximum number. Please ensure that you have registered if you need a place for aftercare and if you do not need your place any longer on any days please can you let the office know as soon as possible. Due to the high numbers, we have also had to relocate the Years 1 and 2 children into the Year 1 classrooms prior to 5.00 pm. If your child is in Years 1 and 2 they will need to be collected through the external doors at the end of the Year 1 corridor. These doors can still be accessed via the Foundation Stage playground.

Being Prepared!

For those of you who attended Speech Day in July, you will remember that I explained we would be operating a new policy of not contacting home for any forgotten items, "a no recue policy". As I explained, it is very important that children learn from their mistakes and understand how to deal with it, if things do not exactly work out immediately. All of the staff are aware of this too, and we will be encouraging the children to work round the problem and hopefully this will help them to remember next time. I would ask that you support this too. Encourage your child to be prepared and find strategies for themselves to have all they need. It is all about building their resilience and preparing them for the future. We have to learn how to cope with minor disappointments early on, so we can deploy strategies to cope with any bigger ones we will undoubtedly encounter.

Morning Mile:

The Morning Mile for years 3-6 will start again on Tuesday 10th September. Meet on the playground at 8am and start to improve your health, fitness and wellbeing right from the start of the year! The reward cards will start again and the rewards will be explained in assembly at the start of term!

Headteacher Awards:



Congratulations to the following child who has achieved a Headteacher Award this week:

Luke Hinson	4C	Being super prepared – a good start to the term
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Other Achievements:

Congratulations to the following students on their achievements:

Arav Sharma whose team came 3rd in a Cricket tournament and Arav was awarded Man of the Match.

Jenson Cooper who was Player of the Summer Camp hosted by Tigers.


Jack Cooper who was awarded Silver in Floor and Bronze in vault at the men's London open artistic gymnastics.

Poppy and Isobelle Scale and Helena Wright who donated their hair to the Little Princess Trust. Helena raised £114.

Well done to all!

Music Awards:

Well done to the following child who has achieved a Music award and was awarded his certificate in assembly.

	Keshav Sethi	<u>Piano</u> Grade 4	Merit
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Uniform Shop

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP: GOOD QUALITY UNIFORMS NOW IN SHOP AND PLENTY OF STOCK AVAILABLE!

The LGJS Friends would like to say a huge thank you for the recent donations of unwanted uniform items. Please keep donating even if it's just one item that your child has outgrown – every item helps us to raise money to fund various events and purchase equipment for the school. Please leave any LGJS uniform donations at the Junior School reception.

We are also going to try and sell other items that are specifically needed for school use and still in a good condition, such as rugby boots, sports equipment, musical equipment (recorders, music books etc..) Please also think about donating these items if your children no longer have use for them.

Our next opening of the shop will be Friday 13th September 2:30 – 4:30pm Please note: we do not have card facilities – cash or cheque (made payable to LGJS FRIENDS).

Until stocks run out we also have brand new blazers available at a reduced rate of £38.....sizes available for girls are 32" and 34" and for boys we have 34" and 36". Second hand blazers are available at £22 – that's quite a saving on the Schoolblazer price of £76!

Dates for You Diary:

Monday 9th Sept. Baseline Testing for Foundation Stage, Years 2, 4 and 6

Tuesday 10th Sept. Parents Workshop for EYFS and Year 1 (6.30pm LGJS Hall)

Wed. 11th Sept. am 1EH at Forest School

Lunch and pm 1LH at Forest School

Prestwold Hall Dates for your diaries!

Further details will be sent out nearer the time but in the meantime please could you note down the following 3 dates for the Primary Schools Cross Country at Prestwold Hall:

1. Saturday 28th September
2. Saturday 26th October
3. Saturday 23rd November

Wishing you all a very enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Caroline Rigby,

Headteacher