



Learning happily together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone for making World Bee Day such a success, the children looked amazing, and really enjoyed the day. We have also been given some more wildflower seeds, so we will be planting them as soon as possible, and hopefully attracting even more pollinators into our school gardens.



FSA Father's Day Project

A reminder that the FSA are taking part in a super Father's Day fundraising activity this year, you can order a variety of personalised gifts, featuring family photographs. There is a selection of gifts available, varying in price – you simply use the QR code on the leaflet your child brought home last week to go online and make your order.

Please feel free to call into the School Office if you would like more information or need another leaflet.



Southwell Community Garden Party – Sunday, 8 June

On Sunday, 8 June it is Southwell Town Council's Community Garden Party on the War Memorial Recreation Ground from 12noon to 4pm. The FSA are running a "Teddy Tombola", so please continue to donate good condition pre-loved teddies and soft toys. If you do have any donations, they can be brought to the School Office, thank you.

The **Country Dancing Club** will also be performing that afternoon, and have been learning some new dances for the occasion. They are performing at 2pm, so please can they meet Mr Blackwell and me on the the Recreation Ground at 1.45pm. Please meet us by the maypole (which should be easy to spot!), and be aware parking near the Recreational Ground is likely to be very limited on that day.

The children may wear whatever they like for the performance (brightly coloured clothes do look great) but please make sure that their shoes are suitable for dancing in, and that any hair ornaments (headbands flowers etc) are securely fastened.

If your child is in the Country Dancing Club, and is available to perform on 8th June then please let me know, either by e-mailing me on head@lwi.org.uk or by writing a note in your child's Learning Journal, thank you.



Y2 Leaver's T-shirts

We have now received the art work for the Y2 Leavers' T-shirts, and there are sample shirts available to be seen in the School Office. The T-shirts will be available in a choice of three colours

(blue, pink or purple) and come in three different sizes. Order forms have been sent home with the Y2 children today.



Governor Update

This half term the Governor Update is from Mrs Jane Stead, one of our Co-opted Governors. Mrs Stead has been involved with the school for many years, and in her update she explains more about the role of School Governors.

Have you ever wondered what sort of person finds themselves on the School's Local Governing Body? How do they get there? Why? What do they do?

Well, the first question is easily answered by looking on the school website, following the links "About Us" and "Governors". The current Governors of Lowe's Wong Infant School are listed there with a brief introduction to us. We are a diverse team, some with backgrounds in education but others, helpfully, from outside the sector, and we bring a wide range of skills and perspectives to the role. Often the interest in the school stems from having a child in the school, and some of the places on the board are allocated specifically to parents or carers with pupils at Lowe's Wong. This is why the newsletter will, from time to time, advertise Governor vacancies and ask for interested volunteers to apply. Other members are Co-opted Governors or Staff Governors. What we share is a passion to see the school thrive, to help shape the strategic direction, to oversee the legal and financial responsibilities, and to be a support for staff, parents and pupils. I was to act, I was told, a 'critical friend', which means that a Governor should be prepared to scrutinise and question the Headteacher and to hold her accountable for decisions taken, but should also be available to lend a listening ear and sympathetic shoulder. Governors are most visible in Parent/Carer Forums, but most of the work happens behind the scenes with meetings during the term and ongoing training to keep us abreast of changes in the world of education. We are also the people to turn to when parents or carers want to escalate a complaint, which has thankfully been extremely rare in my (very long!) experience. The term 'Governor' has always sounded faintly Victorian and slightly starchy to me, but in fact we are very approachable, normal people who simply want the very best for every pupil in the school.



Yellow, Orange and Green Rooms Stars in the Jar

I am delighted to tell you that **Green Room**, **Orange Room** and **Yellow Room** have all won all of their stars in the jar for super work and good behaviour – we are all very proud of them! For their treat **Yellow Room** have decided to have a disco tomorrow afternoon – the children can still come in their school uniform, and Mrs Segasby will run the disco in the hall tomorrow. **Green Room** and **Orange Room** have decided to have their treat afternoon on Friday, and wear their own clothes (not school uniform) and bring a toy to play with (nothing electronic or too precious please!)

Ofsted Update

As parents and carers are aware, since our Ofsted in November 2023 we have been redesigning our curriculum and its documentation. This can be seen on our website in the "About Us" section, under "Curriculum".

At the end of the Spring Term, leaders from MITRE Trust carried out a review of our curriculum as part of our on-going school improvement work. We were really pleased that they recognised the many strengths in the curriculum we have now established and how we are supporting the children at the school to learn and make progress.

Specifically, the reviewers could see that there are clear plans being used well by teachers to deliver effective lessons. All children, including those with specific needs, are being supported to learn – the school knows them well. They also recognised the hard work being done by Subject Leaders and they could see how well the youngest pupils in the Foundation Stage are being taught.

Despite all the progress we have made, we will continue to make sure school improvement work carries on, and I would like to thank all the staff in school for working so hard to help our wonderful pupils each and every day. Thanks also to our parents, carers and extended families for their ongoing support.



Half Term Dates

A reminder that we break up on Friday for the half term holiday. The children return to school on Tuesday, 3 June after the INSET Day.



Choir News

On Thursday, 22 May (tomorrow!) the children in Choir would like to invite their parents and carers to come and listen to the three songs we have been working on this half term. Please would parents and carers of children in Choir come to the hall at **4.15pm** (instead of 4.30pm) so that they can hear us sing.

Due to the timing of Staff Development meetings next half term Choir will have to go back to Tuesdays after school, from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. The children in Y1 and Y2 will bring home a letter about Choir tomorrow.



Friendship Stars

A reminder that we need all of the completed Friendship Stars returned to school by Tuesday, 3 June (the first day back for the children).

The children in Blue Room (F1a and F1b) have also been given letters today about the Foundation Stage transition visits.

Finally with this newsletter there is a flyer about the Newark Book Festival.

Thank you for your continued support,

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Headteacher



Dates for Your Diary

Thursday, 22 May

Yellow Room treat afternoon

***new date**

Friday, 23 May

4.15pm Choir singing to their parents & carers

***new date**

Green & Orange Rooms treat afternoon

***new date**

Monday, 2 June

Break up for the half term holiday

Tuesday, 3 June

School closed to pupils for INSET

School re-opens for pupils

Sunday, 8 June	Community Garden Party – Country Dancers performing at 2pm
Tuesday, 17 June	Class Photographs
Monday, 30 June	Transition Day
Thursday, 3 July	Violet Room Residential Visit
Thursday, 10 July	Red Room Residential Visit
Monday, 21 July	1.30pm Sports Day
Tuesday, 22 July	FS visit to Rand Farm Park
Wednesday, 23 July	9.30am Reserve Sports Day
Friday, 25 July	Pupils break up for the Summer Holidays
Monday, 28 July	School closed to pupils for INSET
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