

# Ludlow Junior School Newsletter

Peveril Road, Itchen, Southampton, Hants, SO19 2DW

**Tel:** 023 8044 7885 **Email:** [info@ludlowjunior.org.uk](mailto:info@ludlowjunior.org.uk)  
[teaching&learning@ludlowjunior.org.uk](mailto:teaching&learning@ludlowjunior.org.uk)  
[wellbeing@ludlowjunior.org.uk](mailto:wellbeing@ludlowjunior.org.uk)



18th October 2019

## NEWS FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear parents,

As we near to the end of our first half term, we are reflecting on how successful it has been. Our new Year 3 children have settled in extremely well and have made us proud with how well they have adapted to junior school life.

This week Year 5 investigated an alien crash landing – look out for their news reports based on this. Fizz pop was a huge success with Year 4 and they thoroughly enjoyed using science to make sherbet.

Year 6 are looking forward to their spy day next week and Year 5 will be going on their coastal visit. Thursday, is our Halloween disco so we look forward to seeing the children all dressed up in their costumes.

We have a wide selection of clubs available for next half term and we are keen for as many children as possible to get involved.

Thank you for all your support over the first half term.

Best Wishes

Simon Watkins  
Executive Head Teacher

## CLASS ATTENDANCE



**Best Class This Week**

97.78% - 3 Ash

**Best Year Group This Year**

97.15% - Year 3

**Best Class This Year**

1). 98.63% - 3 Oak

2). 98.19% - 5 Neptune

3). 97.69% - 5 Mars

## REWARD SYSTEM

**3 Ash** – Evie D

**3 Beech** – Olivia B

**3 Oak** – Isabel P

**3 Willow** – Rhys M

**3 Hazel** – Alba O’C

**5 Earth** – Casey G

**5 Mars** – Connor R

**5 Neptune** – Grace W

**5 Saturn** – Summer C

**5 Venus** – Brooke T

**4 Giraffe** – James C

**4 Zebra** – Skye B

**4 Leopard** – Elsie B

**4 Meerkat** – Stefan M

**4 Tiger** – Chloe P

**6 Ares** – Grace S

**6 Zeus** – Oliwia K

**6 Apollo** – Jack H

**6 Athena** – Shannon M

**6 Poseidon** – Matthew J



## Times Table Rockstars

Well done to all children who are now using Times Table Rockstars to improve their times table knowledge! This week we had a Times Table Rockstar battle between year 4 Maths sets. It was a close competition, but Giraffe beat Tiger and Leopard won against Meerkat. Please keep this great effort going! If your child has not yet logged on, then please ask your child to ask their set teacher for their logon details. Also, please keep asking your child how far up the Times Table Rockstar times table they are, so you know which ones to practice!

## **Year 4**

Top Rocker: Chloe P

Most Improved: Abigail S

Best Class: 4 Meerkat

## **Year 5**

Top Rocker: Jack H

Most Improved: Brandon K

Best Class: 5 Mars

## **Year 6**

Top Rocker: Maisie S

Most Improved: Adam R

Best Class: 6 Apollo

## REMINDERS

### **Flu Vaccination**

Children are invited to have their flu vaccination on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019. Please may we remind parents that if you would like your child to have this done, you need to return the form as soon as possible.

### **Fairthorne Deposit Reminder**

To those that expressed their interest in the Year 5 residential trip to Fairthorne Manor, an offer letter has been sent via Parentmail. Please reply to this and make payment of the £30 non-refundable deposit on or before Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

## **Secondary School Places**

Please be reminded that the deadline for applying for your child's secondary school place is 23:59 on 31st October. Any applications received after this date will be late and dealt with after the on-time applications and you will significantly reduce your chance of being offered your preferred school.

We are aware that the Southampton Admissions Team have been very late sending out the letters to parents advising them that they should be applying. If you haven't received a letter or email from them, please call them on 023 8083 3004.

## **Winter Clothing**

With the cold weather approaching, please ensure your child brings a coat into school every day.

## **PE**

PE is taught outside throughout the year unless the weather is severe. Not all children have a tracksuit in school. Now that it is getting colder, please send your child in with a tracksuit or leggings and a top to ensure that he/she is not too cold. These should be black or navy if possible without logos.

## OTHER NEWS

### **Alien crash landing? Year 5 investigate!**

Last Thursday, Year 5 staff and pupils were alerted to a potential alien crash landing at the front of the school! They gathered with Mr Rogers and local PCSOs to view the scene before holding a press conference in the hall. The children have really enjoyed being journalists this week and writing newspaper reports about this unusual occurrence – it has been fantastic to see them showing off all of the skills they have learnt. Well done Year 5!

## **Lost Property**

We have accumulated a lot of un-named Lost Property since the start of term, back in September. We will endeavour to put out the Lost Property box every day after school, weather permitting, until Half Term. Any un-claimed items will then be given to charity.



### **Halloween Disco**

---

*Please remember that tickets for our Lower School and Upper School Halloween Disco's are available from Class Teachers. Tickets cost £1.50 and will be on sale until 3.20 on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Tickets will not be available after this time.*

*Thank you*

---

## National Poetry Month

To celebrate National Poetry Month, I thought I would share with you some brilliant new poetry books. At [www.worldbookday.com/2019/10/celebrating-poetry-for-all/](http://www.worldbookday.com/2019/10/celebrating-poetry-for-all/) you can find excellent book recommendations, including *Midnight Feasts*, an anthology, and *Poems from a Green and Blue Planet*, a collection of new and classic poems from around the world.

The World Book Day website also hosts competitions which your child might be interested in, with a chance to win a copy of *Poems from a Green and Blue Planet* or a set of illustrations from *Midnight Feasts*.

As well as this, the *Poems for Everyone* reading list covers all ages, as does the collection of *Riveting Rhymes*. If your child would like to pick up some tips on writing their own poetry, they can also watch a *Poetry Masterclass* with Joseph Coelho - poet, playwright, performer and children's author.

Happy reading!

Mrs Howells  
English leader

## Y4 Indoor Athletics

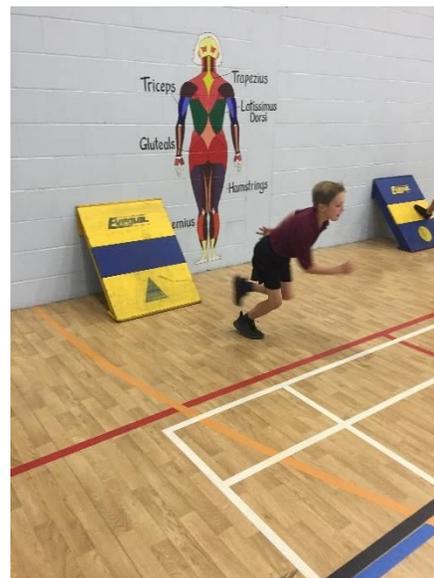
Huge congratulations to the year 4 boys and girls indoor athletics team who participated in the tournament last Monday afternoon.

The children took part in a number of track and field events including; running events, the chest push, long jump, target throw, shot put, triple jump and speed bounce. The children performed admirably and represented Ludlow Junior School proudly. In all events the team finished in either 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

A special mention to Eva O who blew her competition away with blistering speed in her 1x1 lap track event and to Joseph B who jumped to first with a massive standing long jump of 1.74m, a full 20cm further than the rest of the competition. Potential athletes of the future I am sure!

Overall, Ludlow Junior School finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. A fantastic result! Well done.

The team;



<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
Tanna C	Maya B
Max B	Florence D
Joe C	Rosalie H
Joseph B	Sophie T
Noah L	Freyja B
Joseph L	Eva O

## **Recruitment**

### **Learning Support Assistant (LSA) – closing date 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019 (midday)**

We are looking to recruit two Learning Support Assistants (LSAs); one LSA working 15 hours a week in the mornings and one LSA working 10 hours per week in the afternoons. Both roles are term-time only on a fixed-term contract to until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019.

If you are interested in working for us by helping to support our children in school, then please look on our website for more information and to download an application form. Alternatively please ask for an application pack from Main Reception on Peveril Road:

<https://www.ludlowjunior.org.uk/school-recruitment/9-uncategorised/768-recruitment-lsa-oct-2019>

### **Food Service Assistant – closing date 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 (5.00pm)**

We are looking for two Food Service Assistants to work 1.5 hours a day over our busy lunchtime period serving meals to our pupils and staff.

If you are interested, please ask for an application pack from Main Reception on Peveril Road.

### **Catering Assistant – closing date 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019 (midday)**

We are looking for a Catering Assistant to work 30 hours per week, in our busy kitchen helping to prepare and serve healthy and nutritious food to our pupils. If you are a team player and would like to be part of our school community, then we would love to hear from you.

Please look on our website for more information and to download an application form. Alternatively please ask for an application pack from Main Reception on Peveril Road:

<https://www.ludlowjunior.org.uk/school-recruitment/9-uncategorised/772-recruitment-catering-assistant>

## **Parent Volunteers for Reading**

Would you like to help give our children as many reading opportunities as possible at school, feel like you are making a difference and become part of the Ludlow Junior community? Do you have time at the beginning or end of the school day, or during the day, which you could regularly spare? If you are interested in supporting with reading in school, please come into the school office and express your interest. We will then be in touch very soon to arrange an informal meeting to discuss this further.

Feel free to come and chat to teachers on the playground about this opportunity too.

Thank you!

Mrs Howells

Class Teacher Year 6/English Leader



**Hi, don't forget to  
check out my blog and  
find out what I have  
been up to at home  
and in school!**

## DIARY DATES

**21<sup>st</sup> Oct 2019 – 5 Saturn/5 Mars – Geography Trip**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2019 – Flu Immunisation – Whole School**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2019 – 5 Neptune/5 Venus/5 Earth – Geography Trip**

**24<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019 – Halloween Disco – Lower School 5pm – 6pm**

**24<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019 – Halloween Disco – Upper School 6.30pm – 7.30pm**

**28<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019 – HALF TERM**

