

LISS JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your Diary ...



OCTOBER

- 15 Year 6 Think Safe
QE Park
- 15-16 Scholastic Book Fair
- 17 Year 6 Calshot meeting 6-7pm
- 18 Sponsored Walk
- 23 Harvest Festival 2pm St Marys
Church
- 25 INSET DAY

NOVEMBER

- 4 Look Around
- 8 Family Fireworks 6pm
- 21 French Café classes tbc
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- 28 New Parent (Yr2) Evening –
Virtual School 6-7pm

INSET DAYS

- 25 October
- 14 January
- 14 February
- 23 July

Reminder of Procedures for ALL Parents coming into School

Please could all parents ensure that they report to reception via the main entrance on entry to school, not via the back door.



Parents may not enter the main school between 9.00am and 3.30pm (except for parent helpers).

If you wish to see your child's teacher or help your child look for something in the school this must be done outside of these hours.

Forgotten musical instruments/homework/lunch boxes etc should be delivered to reception and not taken directly to the children.

Anyone entering the school between the hours of 8.30-9am and after 3.30 should first report to reception and then ensure that they sign in and out of the visitors book.

What is 'Look Around' ?

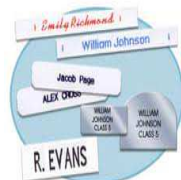
At 3.30pm on Monday 4th November we will be holding one of our regular 'Look Around' sessions.

All parents are welcome to come to their child's class to take a look at what they have been doing in school over the past few weeks.

We look forward to seeing you there!!

Name Labels

Please could you make sure that your child's uniform, coats, lunch boxes etc are clearly labelled with their name and class.



SCHOOL TERM, HOLIDAYS AND INSET DAYS FOR 2012/2013

25 October	INSET Day
28 Oct – 3 Nov	Half Term Holiday
20 December	Last day of Term school closes at 1.15pm
23 Dec–5 January	Christmas Holiday
6 January	Start of Spring Term
14 January	INSET day–Family Consultations
14 February	INSET day
17-23 February	Half Term Holiday
7 April-21 April	Easter Holiday
22 April	Start of Summer Term
5 May	Bank Holiday
26 May – 1 June	Half Term Holiday
2 June	Start of Summer Term
22 July	Last day of term, school closes at 1.15pm
23 July	INSET Day
22– 23 July	INSET Day



Scholastic Book Fair

We are hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in the school hall on

Tuesday 15th October between 2.20 - 3.20pm and 3.30—4.30pm and

Wednesday 16th October between 2.20 3.20pm and 3.30—4.15pm.

The children will have a chance to view the books, during school, on Monday 14th October and complete a “wish list” to bring home.

There will be a wide range of titles available to purchase. Every book will be displayed and available to view prior to purchase.

Books may be purchased directly from the cases at any of the sessions, other than Monday. Hope to see you there...

Sending Payments to School

Could parents please ensure that any payments sent to school are in a sealed envelope with their **child’s name, class and what the payment is for** clearly printed on the front.



Not providing this information not only makes it difficult for the office staff to allocate your money to the correct child or activity but you may be chased for something you have already paid for!!
Many thanks, School Office

SCHOOL PARKING

Unfortunately there are still a small number of families who continue to disregard the new arrangements and park in the bus and taxi areas and in the disabled parking bays without a valid permit.

Please remember that the purpose of the parking arrangements is to ensure pedestrian safety at all times.

Both schools have a number of pupils who use buses and taxis before and after school and the whole community needs to play its part in ensuring that pupils are able to enter and leave the school transport vehicles safely.

Any cars dropping off or collecting pupils should do so from the outer car park, with pedestrians crossing the staff car park by the designated safe route.

Thank you

PARKING UPDATE!!

To add to the confusion! As of Tuesday 15th October, there will be up to 12 fewer parking spaces available. The school is having the outside of the building repainted. Please make alternative parking and dropping off arrangements where possible.
Thank you in advance.



Voucher Schemes

We are continuing to collect tokens from the top of Nestle cereal boxes, which are each worth 10p to the school.

Many thanks to parents who collected Nestle box tops which generated £52.30 and Tesco and Sainsbury's vouchers for Sports Equipment.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Interested in being a School Governor?

We recently let you know that we are looking for a parent to join the Governing Body of the school and it's a bit disappointing that no-one put themselves forward. Perhaps you are all feeling shy but please don't - the Governors are a friendly bunch!

They are a mix of staff, current and former parents and other local people who work hard to help the leadership team.

Meetings are informally run despite their important content and there is full training provided. You need to be available for four or five evenings per term for the meetings which start at 6pm on either Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays and run for up to two hours - children can be brought and sit on the concourse where they can use the computers or do their homework.

If you would like to know more without any commitment, please contact the school office or email the Chair of Governors Caroline Pritchard on ljsgovernors@lissjunior.hants.sch.uk she will be very happy to email or phone you to explain more and run through any queries. There is also some general information on being a school governor at

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/governors/governors-govrecruit.htm>

PE KITS

Could parents please ensure that the correct PE kit is sent into school every Monday for the coming weeks activities. This consists of White/ plain t-shirt, plain shorts and trainers.



Thanks

Donations of Glass Jars!



Mrs Smith is collecting small, medium and large glass jars for Breakfast, Craft and Cookery Clubs. We are glass painting to raise money for the RDA—Riding for the Disabled.

Painted jars will be on sale (filled with goodies!) as soon as possible before Christmas.

Many thanks

Harvest Festival 2013

The Harvest Festival will be held this year at 2pm on Wednesday 23rd October in St Marys Church.



This year we are collecting food items for The Robert's Centre in Portsmouth. If you wish to donate an item/s please bring non-perishable goods in on the morning.

All are welcome!

