

# LOSTOCK HALL FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 9th September 2011



## Accompanying Letters:

- Dinner Menus (All)
- Data Collection Sheets (All)
- PTA Newsletter (E & O)
- Pixies (E & O)
- Cheshire Families (E & O)
- Cookery Hobby—Ingredients (Named Children)
- Helen O'Grady Drama School Fliers (E & O)

## Diary Dates for Week Beginning Monday 12th September 2011

Thursday 15th                      3.30pm                      Menai Trip—Parents Meeting

NB Please note there is a LHCF Kid's Club tonight (9th September) at 6pm

## Welcome!

Welcome back to the beginning of the 2011/2012 academic year. On behalf of the staff and Governors I would to extend a very warm welcome to all those children and their parents who have just joined us.

All parents are reminded that they are automatically members of Lostock Hall Parent and Teacher Association and can become as involved as they wish. Our Chair of the PTA, Mrs Jeanette Tucker (children in Reception and Year 4) will be glad to receive offers of help for school community events at Christmas, Easter and of course , the summer BBQ.

I would like to pass on my congratulation to the PTA who have been awarded THE GOLD AWARD FOR GOOD PRACTICE by the NCPTA. This is in acknowledgement of their good practice principles in the management of the Association. WELL DONE!

Be part of this successful organisation and come along to the AGM, which is to be held on September 19th at 6pm in the school hall.

For those joining us, a reminder for this academic year, school is organised thus:

Reception / Year 1	Mrs E Dockry
Year 1/2	Mrs K Wilson / Miss J Power
Year 3	Mrs H Topliss
Year 4	Mrs N Trollope
Year 5/6	Mrs J Cooper

Cover for Planning, Preparation and Assessment time for teaching staff is provided by Mrs G Hickey.

Head Teacher                      Mr G Hamilton

Assistant Head Teacher                      Mrs E Dockry

During July and August we have been busy upgrading the fixtures and fittings in school in accordance with our agreed Whole School Development Plan. The mobile classroom has been given a thorough clean and painted internally. New external doors have been fitted to the kitchen, Mrs Dockry's and Mrs Wilson's/Miss Power's bay areas. Internal walls have been re-organised to create a larger teaching space for our current Year 4 class. New tables and chairs have been purchased throughout Key Stage 2.

All of these changes have improved the learning environment for the children.

## School Development Plan

Throughout September and October staff and Governors will pick up the cyclical planning of priorities for the development of Lostock Hall. Questionnaires will be sent to parents and used with the children in an attempt to identify issues for improvement. However in an effort to capture as many ideas as possible, please feel free to share thoughts with me in the playground in the morning. There will be an opportunity to make suggestions on "sticky" notes which can be fed into the development planning process.

One priority which will be included for the immediate future is the replacement of our "temporary" mobile classroom which houses our year 5/6 class, with a permanent build onto the main school building. This is great news for the children of Lostock Hall.

Just as a reminder, and to say "thank you" to all who do, bikes and scooters should be ridden with care and consideration around to the "pods" at the rear of the school building. Staying with the morning routine, doors open at 8.50am and children should be allowed to settle as quickly and independently as possible ready for immediate registration at 9.00am. Teachers will normally greet children at the door or just inside the bay areas of their classrooms. A task will be waiting for children in order to settle them ready for a prompt 9.00am start.

## Free School Meals

Are you eligible for Free School Meals?

Pupils whose parents/guardians/carers receive any one of the following may be eligible:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA(IR))
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;or
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that as of 6th April 2010 does not exceed £16,190;
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

Please call 0300 123 5012 for a quick decision.

## School Dinners

Please note that the cost of school dinners has increased to £2.20 per day from September 5th.

- 1 day = £2.20
- 2 days = £4.40
- 3 days = £6.60
- 4 days = £8.80
- 5 days = £11.00

Anyone who underpaid this week may add the difference onto next weeks money.

Thank you.



## LOSTOCK GARDEN CLUB

Over the Summer Holidays the children from the gardening club continued to nurture their miniature gardens, in preparation for the Poynton Show which took place on Saturday 27th August.

All the children had worked very hard and created miniature gardens to a very high standard. The judges were especially pleased with all of our entries. High praise must go to the following children for their hard work and dedication, Holly Dyke, Olivia Allan, Zoe Bates, Heather Nuttall, Emily Ashcroft-Brown, Gemma Challiner, and Parmis Sorbi. Extra special mention must go to Zoe Pipe and George Coldwell who received 2nd and 3rd prizes.

Congratulations also to former pupil Kyle, who received a 1st and 2nd prize.



Mrs Allen with some of the outstanding entries.

Please note the school are now collecting Morrisons Lets Grow vouchers, so please can you ask friends and families and help us to increase our range of gardening equipment.



LOSTOCK HALL SCHOOL - HOLIDAY CALENDAR

FOR PERIOD 1 SEPTEMBER 2011 TO 31 AUGUST 2012

The scheme below meets the requirements of 194 days (teachers) and 189 days (pupils).

HOLIDAY PERIOD	DATE OF CLOSING	DATE OF RE-OPENING
SUMMER 2011	---	MON 5 SEPTEMBER
AUTUMN HALF TERM 2011	FRI 21 OCTOBER	MON 31 OCTOBER
CHRISTMAS 2011/12	TUE 20 DECEMBER	WED 4 JANUARY 2012
SPRING HALF TERM 2012	FRI 10 FEBRUARY	MON 20 FEBRUARY
EASTER 2012	FRI 30 MARCH	MON 16 APRIL
MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY	MON 7 MAY	TUE 8 MAY
SUMMER HALF TERM 2012	FRI 1 JUNE	MON 18 JUNE
SUMMER 2012	FRI 20 JULY	---

All 5 INSET days will be taken during twilight hours and do not effect the dates above.

## Contact Details

Once again we are sending out the details that we hold on the computer for your child. Please check this sheet and return it to school on Monday. Any amendments should be made in red pen. It is important that we have up-to-date contact sheets in school in case your child becomes ill or has an accident.

The school also runs a texting service to communicate with the parents and so it is imperative that we have your current mobile phone numbers. When the school sends out a text the number that appears on your phone is **07797885351** so it is a good idea to store this number in your phone's contact list. Other information about your child is required for the Statutory returns required by the Government.