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Newsletter

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Start of the new Academic Year

It is exciting to be writing the first Newsletter of the new school year. Learners have settled well into their new classes and are enjoying the new term. All staff and learners are looking forward to celebrating the challenges of another school year.

The new intake of children into the Year 3 classes have had a very successful first few weeks. We welcome all the parents new to school. We look forward to observing their learning journey with us over the coming months and years living our School Core Values.

2022 SATS Results

We are delighted to share our fantastic 2022 SATs results. We are very proud of all our learners and staff who showed incredible dedication and a positive attitude to learning throughout the year. This resulted in a greater number of learners reaching the expected combined standard (in reading, writing and maths) and ensured that the number of learners reaching age related expectations at Lomeshaye Junior School were above the national average in all areas!

	Lomeshaye 2019	Lomeshaye 2022	National Average 2022
Reading	63%	77%	74%
Writing	88%	74%	69%
Maths	75%	74%	71%
SPAG	80%	80%	72%
Combined	56%	68%	59%

Our New School Core Values

We are very proud to share with you our new School Core Values. Last academic year, the Learner Council gathered ideas from the learners on what they believed the values were that we all should follow. This year we are bringing them to a reality by demonstrating them in all that we do.

1. Respect

Caring about the feelings and well-being of others.

2. Collective Responsibility

Working as a team to ensure high quality learning and behaviour outcomes.

3. Tolerance

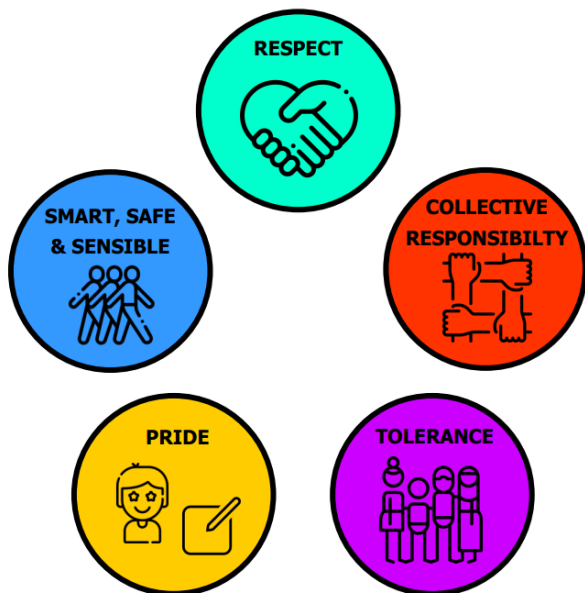
Respecting the views and differences of others whether it be their race, culture, habits or beliefs.

4. Pride

Taking pride in the presentation of ourselves, learning and the school environment.

5. Smart, Safe and Sensible

Wear the uniform with pride, walking around the school sensibly and making the right decisions to keep everyone safe.



Please can you ask your child about these values and how they show them in school.
To bring these values to life, please explore our interactive [Values Booklet on the Website](#).

School Photographs

Thursday 6th October is school photo day. Year 3 learners must attend school in their school uniform and bring their PE kits in a plastic bag.

Start and Finish of the School Day

Start of the day:

We would like to remind you that the school doors will be opened from 8.40am and the school gates will be locked at 8:50am. Learners walk straight into their classes so that learning can start promptly at 8:50am. Learners who arrive late need to go to the School Office. Please ensure that your child arrives at school in good time.

End of the day:

It is very important that you inform the School Office if someone different to normal is picking your child up from school. Learners will not be allowed to go home with anyone under 16 years of age. Please ensure that your children are collected from school at 3.20pm.

Attendance



As parents are aware school attendance is compulsory and it is important that you inform us if your child is going to be absent and for what reason. The school's attendance target is 97% for every learner. Please ensure you make every effort to bring your child to school every day and on time. Should your child be too poorly to attend school then it is the parent's responsibility to contact the school on the first day of absence and each subsequent day thereafter. If this is not done then the Attendance Officer will call home and may, where appropriate, ask for evidence of illness to be provided in the form of a doctor's note or pharmaceutical prescription.

Medical Appointments

Parents should avoid taking children out of school for medical appointments. If a school daytime appointment is unavoidable, please inform the Office in advance, rather than on the day. We will need to see evidence (letter or a medical card) of the appointment. Children are not permitted to

return during their lunch break and parents / carers will be asked to remain with their child during the duration of the lunch period if they return before afternoon school begins.

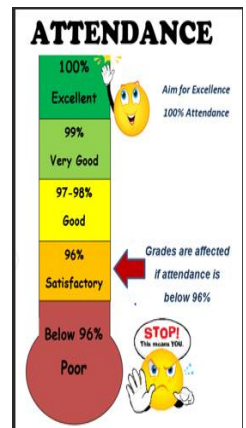


Nut Free School

Please be reminded that we are now a nut free school. This means that we cannot allow any food products into school that contain nuts or traces of nuts. Please check the ingredients of all pre-packed food used for packed lunch for example chocolate spreads, breakfast bars, biscuits, condiments, cakes and snack pots – if they contain nuts, please do not include them in your child's packed lunch.

Extended Leave

We strongly urge all parents not to take their children out of school for an extended period of time to visit abroad. Any prolonged time taken out of school results in learners falling behind with their learning. Teachers assess all learners and teach according to their next step needs within a given time frame. If your child is absent because you have taken them out of school the teacher will not have time to teach them what they have missed as the class will have moved on in their learning. Any application for leave must only be made in exceptional circumstances. Parents will be fined by the Local Authority for taking their child on holiday during term time without consent from school. All parents requesting Leave of Absence in term time must ring school to make an appointment with the Head of School and Attendance Officer. Absences, where permission has not been sought, as well as retrospective applications, will not be authorised



Home Learning

All home learning will be accessed via SeeSaw from Autumn 2. Each year group will prepare an online PowerPoint video to explain the expectations and these will be found on the Website by the end of term. There is an expectation that home learning is completed by all learners. For the rest of this half term and including this Friday (Friday 30th September) home learning will be sent on paper. This will include spelling, reading, access to TT Rockstars and a maths or English task. This will be monitored by class teachers and you will be informed if your child is not completing their home learning as directed. Please do not hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher if accessing home learning online proves to be difficult next half term.

Reading at Home

Please can you make sure that your child/children read every day. A child's reading skills are important to their success in school as this will allow them to access the breadth of the curriculum and improve their communication and language skills. Good readers are good writers and spellers! In addition, reading can be a fun and imaginative time for children. It also opens doors to all kinds of new worlds for them.

Reading is a high priority at Lomeshaye Junior School across the Curriculum and we focus heavily on developing learners reading and vocabulary skills at school but cannot do this without support from home. All learners need to read daily at home to an adult for 15 to 20 minutes depending on the age of the child and learners need to also be encouraged to read their Accelerated Reading book in addition to their reading for pleasure book. This will enable them to practise reading skills and fluency as well as develop reading stamina. Your child's class teacher and the School Librarian will be tracking the number of books/words read weekly. Learners who read the most words within the class will be given a special mention in Assembly on a Friday.



Why is reading so important?

Studies show that reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's educational performance. Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only

perform better in reading tests than those who do not, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding.

Reading Book Bags

It has been lovely to see all the learners coming into school with their book bags. Learners need to be taking their reading books home every night and they must be reading them as stated above. All learners will be taking home an Accelerated Reader reading book from the Library. When they have completed the book, they take a quiz which tests their understanding of what they have read. As soon they have taken the quiz they can get a new book. Please make sure that there is always a reading book in their book bag. As from Monday, learners who are reading below the expected level will be sent home with a Reading Record book and this must be signed by a parent or guardian each day.

PE Kits and School Uniform

Thank you all so much for sending your children into school smart and ready to learn. Just a few reminders:

- Please can all girls tie up their hair with a hair fastening that matches the school colours.
- Trainers **must only** be worn on PE days and school shoes must be worn instead of boots.
- Learners can only wear stud ear-rings (no hoops). The wearing of necklaces, rings and bracelets is not allowed. Please contact school if this expectation is of personal concern to you and your child.
- There must be no tram lines cut into hair.
- For PE learners must only wear:
black tracksuit bottoms or leggings.
White school t-shirt
Socks, pumps or trainers
School jumper
- For the additional PE day, learners need to bring their trainers in a plastic bag.



Please remember that you can contact school if you need any support with uniform as we can either help you directly or sign post you to where help can be found. Please contact the Inclusion Team.

[Please refer to the updated School Uniform Policy on the website.](#)

Website

Mr, Hawkes spends every Friday updating the website with all the information that you need. Please refer to the website on a regular basis as we keep updating it.

Finally

Please remember we are always here to support you and your child/children. As a school it is most important that we work together so we can provide the best opportunities for all our learners. May this academic year be one filled with happiness and success for us all. Thank you for your continued support.