# New Lubbesthorpe Primary Times

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#### **Message from Mr Merry**

Welcome to our very first newsletter. I will be sending out a fortnightly round up of news to keep you up to date of any key dates or information you will need. You can also find information on our website and download our APP from the APP store by going to school Jotter and typing in New Lubbesthorpe Primary School. Instructions for this can also be found on our school website at <u>www.newlubbesthorpe.leics.sch.uk</u> and updates and photos will be on our twitter feed @NLPrimary. Our new school telephone number is 0116 216 9963 so please use this number for all telephone communications from 10.08.2019.



It is a very exciting time for all of us as we establish New Lubbesthorpe Primary School in the local community and we welcome your support for our school.

We greatly value parents and families as key to children's success in education and are particularly keen to involve you in your child's learning, by letting parents know what is happening in class, and supporting you to be able to help your child.

Our ethos is firmly rooted in our belief in providing the best opportunities for all of our pupils and we will ensure that Lubbesthorpe is:

A place of happiness, excitement and wonder, full of happy, inquisitive children, who love learning and who are determined to do their best and try new things.

A place where we pursue high academic standards but also provide a well-balanced education, where children are given an opportunity to discover talents across the whole curriculum including in technology, the Arts, PE & Sport.

A place where aspiration is key: every child will be encouraged and given their chance to shine regardless of ability or circumstances. Mistakes are welcomed as opportunities for new learning and understanding. A place where learning is for all: our parents and community are welcome as our key learning partners in enabling children and families to flourish.

New Lubbesthorpe Primary School is an academy and enjoys the benefits of being part of the OWLS Academy Trust. We work collaboratively with other schools in the trust, sharing practice and resources, however, our schools also take pride in retaining their own autonomy.

Our aim is to recognise each child's individual talents. We want pupils at Lubbesthorpe to have memorable, lifelong learning experiences. Our school is very special: we will have a learning environment to be proud of; amazing teachers and support staff; and as a result pupils are engaged, enthusiastic and proud of their new school.

#### New School – Building Update



Our building is currently entering its final phase and will be handed over to the OWLS Trust during August. The walls are being decorated and snagging will start to ensure that everything is ship shape and ready for the start of the new academic year and our first intake and class of 2019.

The outdoor play area for EYFS, Early Years Foundation Stage has been completed in readiness for our opening days and parent meetings on 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> August.





There will be a Community Area within our new building and this will be called, The Warren Community Centre. Taking its name from a local farm The Old Warren Farm and Rabbit warrens that are plentiful within the farm land.

Our Pre-Ofsted opening checks and meetings have gone very smoothly and all of the standards required to open a new school are on track and in place. We had a HMI inspector visit the school and ensure that all of our paperwork was inplace and that the school is safe for our children to attend.





#### **School Meals**

Leicestershire Traded Services will be providing all the hot dinners for the children which will be cooked on site. If your child has any dietary requirements, please email Mrs McDonald in the school office and she will have a form for you to complete.



### **Furniture Ordered**

We have ordered all the necessary equipment for the whole school and this will start to arrive at the beginning of August.



### **New Staff**

Our team of staff is growing steadily and Mrs McDonald our school Admin Officer and my PA have already been organising our school office requirements. Some of you may have spoken to or met Mrs McDonald as work has already begun in organising our offices as we work remotely until the building is opened.

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Miss Frearson – senior leader, Mrs Gittins – EYFS teacher, who both have a wealth of experience and will no doubt be an asset to our dedicated team. I'm sure you will all join me in making them very welcome at New Lubbesthorpe Primary School.

We also have joining use Miss Hockton Learning Support Staff and breakfast Sun Rise Club, Miss Kenny Learning Support Staff and Sunset club will be taking up the post from August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Our premises officer is Mr Chambers and he will also be joining us on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August ensuring that the school is ready and safe.

## **Official Opening**

We are delighted to announce that there will be an official opening ceremony for New Lubbesthorpe Primary School on Friday 4th October at 3.00pm. This will be an exciting event to celebrate the opening of the school for all the staff, pupils and governors and we warmly welcome our parents to join us. The ceremony will be followed by a tour of the school and Afternoon Tea for everyone in the hall. Further details will follow regarding this.

## **School Uniform**

We believe that our uniform encourages a sense of pride in appearance and a feeling of belonging to the school family. This assists in developing high standards in other aspects of school life. All children are expected to wear our uniform and the rules concerning uniform are very clear and continually enforced.

Please can I remind you to name all of your children's belongings. This will make it easier for us to ensure they all get the right clothes back at the end of the day. Also, we will be helping the children to get dressed and undressed as necessary but please could you help them practice at home as this will especially help with toileting.

You can purchase directly from **www.yourschooluniform.com** or you can also call in at the office for information.

Please see our uniform page on our school website.







#### ClassList



Classlist is a totally free, secure digital platform that helps parents to connect with each other, successfully in use by parents at more than 1000 schools. Classlist acts as a 'virtual school gate', where you can make friends, ask for advice and recommendations, as well as arrange play-dates, school lift shares, fundraising activities and social events. Parents can also use the listings button to buy and sell personal items, such as second-hand musical instruments or to find a babysitter. And all of these services are available on one easy-to-use, modern platform.

While we're proud of the app's multi-feature versatility, Classlist's key function is to provide a directory of class parents accessible on all electronic devices, including mobiles. Parents can decide how much detail they want to share with other parents and Classlist is data protection registered and an approved supplier to PTA UK.

We will be shortly sending you an email which will explain this process and how you will be invited to join this group.

### **New School Interim Governors**

The Interim Governing Body of the new primary school has met once a month since January and we have been exploring governance and developments for the new school as it grows.

The Interim Governing Body have discussed the importance of keeping pupils safe, parents, staff and governors of the new school and what the role involves. The school's website, uniform, communication via the app and also the makeup and skill set of its members.

We would welcome new members who would like to support our new school within this area.

We will be looking at setting up local governing body as soon as the school is opened following the same structures across all of the schools within the OWLS Multi Academy Trust. This will consist of elections and following our Articles of Association to set up a new local governing body for New Lubbesthorpe.

This will be: A Local Governing Body with a maximum of 14 members allowing for 1 Head Teacher 4 Parent Governors 3 Staff Governors 6 Co-opted Governors. All Local Governing Bodies should then aim to have at least 12 governors in position; that is to say that the operational minimum should be 12 governors.





### **School Photos**

Our school photographer is booked for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September for individual school portraits during the school day.

### Reminders

**Sunny weather:** As the weather becomes hotter and sunnier, please ensure your child has adequate protection. We encourage children to wear caps / sunhats on the field and the playground. Sun cream should be applied before the start of the school day – school staff are not able to apply sun cream to the children. Please also ensure your child also has a water bottle with them when they are at school.

**Holidays:** Please remember that term time holidays cannot be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. Any requests for leave should be put in writing in writing at least 4 weeks before the start of the requested absence.

Twitter: Follow us for regular updates about what we get up to! Search @NewLubbesthorpePrimary

## **Dates for Your Diary**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August: Parent & Teacher meetings – please enter the school through main reception

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August: Parent & Teacher meetings – please enter the school through main reception

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August: Parent & Teacher meetings – please enter the school through main reception

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September:** Stay & Play session 9.30-11.30am then lunch – please enter the school through main reception and adults to sign in. Please ensure you have ordered your lunch choices with the school office.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September: Group 1 attend school 8.50-12.00pm / Group 2 attend school 1.00-3.15pm

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September: Group 2 attend school 8.50-12.00pm / Group 1 attend school 1.00-3.15pm

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September: All children attend school 8.50am – 1.00pm (staying for lunch)

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September: All children attend school 8.50am – 1.00pm (staying for lunch)

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September: Sue Steer, Community Pioneer, The Hub Summer Fete 11-3pm hosted at the school

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September: All children to attend fulltime 8.50am – 3.15pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September: School photographer for individual portraits 1.45pm

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September:** Teddy Bears Picnic – all parents invited to join us for lunch (separate letter to follow)

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September: Phonics morning/afternoon – details to follow

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October: Official opening of New Lubbesthorpe Primary School

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October: Time Capsule – parents invited to join us for lunch (separate letter to follow)

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October: Half Term – school closed to all pupils



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