

NEW LUBBESTHORPE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



July 2021



Message from Mr Merry

This will sadly be the last newsletter of the year. May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and to our governors for their support, making the staff and myself feel proud to be associated with New Lubbesthorpe and also to wish you an excellent summer break. It is also an opportunity to give you some dates that we've already arranged so that you will have plenty of time to put them in your diaries. We've had a great year, with lots of exciting activities and we're hoping that next year will be even better.

I'd particularly like to thank the 'New Lubbesthorpe PTA' for all of their hard work throughout the year. We are always looking for new members to join and support our causes and if you would like to be involved please speak to me at any time. Look out for a letter at the beginning of the next term asking for your ideas! The PTA will also be holding their Annual General meeting towards the end of September, details to follow nearer the time. Everybody is cordially invited to attend this meeting and new members would be welcomed.

As published on the school holiday calendar at the start of the academic year our school will close at 3:15pm on the 9th July and we will hopefully return on Wednesday 25th August. Your child will receive one final message from us on the last day of term.

The precise details of what the re-start arrangements will be are being worked through and finalised by ourselves and the DfE in readiness for the autumn term. We will continue to communicate with you over the summer break as things become clearer. I am mindful that during this time of uncertainty, you are best served by us informing you of facts and our actual plans. This has been our approach so far and will continue.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your hard work and dedication with supporting your children at home. All of our school staff are working hard to ensure we have highly effective arrangements in place to help children catch up with lost learning in the autumn and the flexibility to adapt when we receive further guidance on any changes in timeframe or content for next year's Key Stage assessments. We are excited by the quality of our plans and the passion of our staff to make sure no child is left behind.

A word on free school meals. As you will have seen in the national media, the government will now fund free school meals for eligible families over the summer. We will continue using the government's preferred voucher scheme in order to do this. If you are uncertain if your children qualify for this support, please do check the guidance, which can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> or contact the school office who will be very pleased to help.

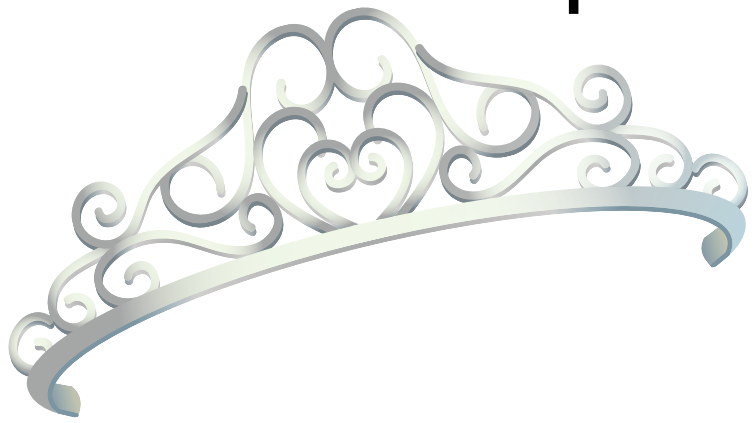
Your child should have received their end of year report and within the report, we have included information about your child's new class teacher. Please look on Purple Mash where you will find a message from your child's new class teacher. Our pupils will be meeting their new class teacher next Tuesday afternoon.

Thank you for your patience and understanding over the last few months and academic year. We pride ourselves on doing the best we can for every child, we are looking forward now with optimism and determination to provide excellent education and care for every one of our children.

I wish the new team and our new starters every success next year and in the future. Have a great summer break and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 25th August, for the start of the new academic year. Well done to all of our pupils, you have been amazing this year.

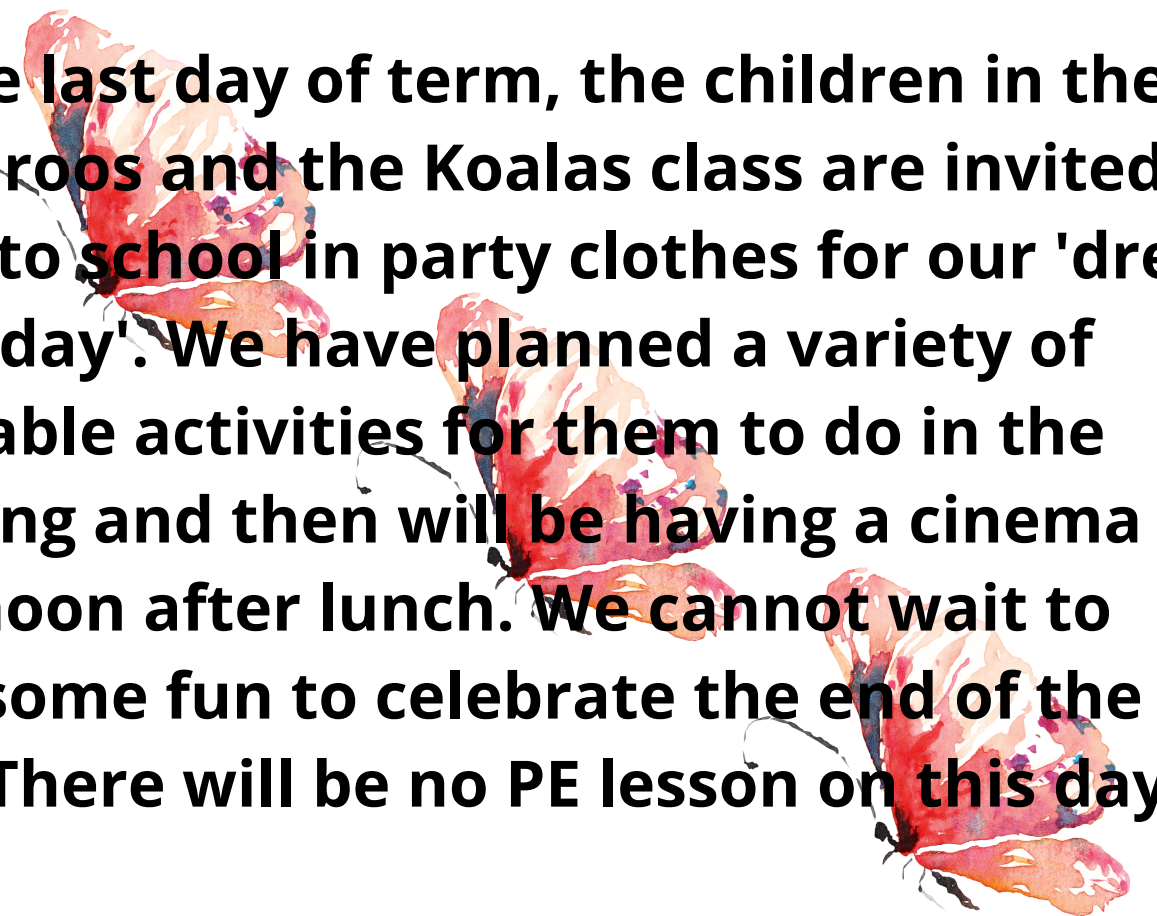
Message to EYFS parents/carers

On Friday 9th July we will be having a prince and princess ball. Your child is welcome to come to school dressed as a prince or princess.



Message to year 1/2 parents Carers

On the last day of term, the children in the Kangaroos and the Koalas class are invited to come to school in party clothes for our 'dress down day'. We have planned a variety of enjoyable activities for them to do in the morning and then will be having a cinema afternoon after lunch. We cannot wait to have some fun to celebrate the end of the year! There will be no PE lesson on this day.



End of year information

Please can all children bring in a carrier bag on the last day of term so that they can bring their things home. They will be bringing their exercise books home (which will be heavy!) so a bag for life is preferable! Thank you.

Reading books will be collected in next week. Please make sure that your child's reading books are in their book bags. Over the summer, you are still able to access Oxford Reading Buddy if you wish to.



KS2 Opening

We are pleased to inform you that as of next year, we shall be opening our doors to Key Stage Two, for all children aged 7-11 years old within the catchment and local area. To start with, there will be one class with the children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 being taught together. There will be one teacher, Miss Frearson, and members of the support staff providing additional support. As the numbers of children within the class and within Key Stage 2 grows, the class will be supported by additional teaching staff, who we will employ. This will allow us the flexibility to provide smaller pupil to teacher class ratios. We will keep you informed of any developments as the school and development continues to grow. Thank you for your ongoing support with this matter.

Message from the PTA

The PTA would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to all the pupils and their families for their continued support during the last school year.

We have, despite all the challenges raised over £4,000 this year which is going directly towards the new library.

The most recent events were a great success and each raised as follows:

- Lubbesthorpe Safari - £475
- Bag2School - £165
- Tea Towels - £295

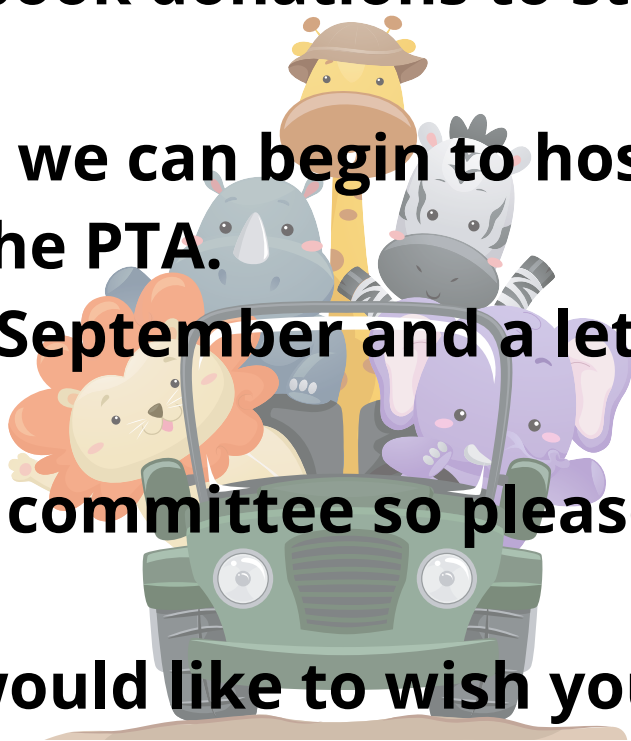
We have also received a number of book donations to stock our new library so again a big thank you for this.

In the new school year we hope that we can begin to host events that bring us together and we hope to welcome new members to the PTA.

Our AGM will be towards the end of September and a letter will be sent at the start of term inviting you to this.

There will be some vacancies on the committee so please get in touch if you would like to know more.

Thank you once again and the PTA would like to wish you all a wonderful summer break!



Uniform supply for back to school

YourSchooluniform.com have asked us to inform you that due to weeks of closure, there are still some delays in their ability to supply uniform. Therefore, they have asked that orders be placed in July in order that you receive them in time for the start of autumn term.

Website link to these dates is: <https://www.newlubbesthorpe.leics.sch.uk/about-us-1/term-dates>

Dates for your Diary

9th July
school closes

25th August
school Re-opens

27th August
EYFS stay and play

18-22nd October
Half term holiday

Our School uniform

