

## Lady Joanna Thornhill's (Endowed) Primary School

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# YEAR 3 AUTUMN 2015

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and to the first term of the two Juniors! There are many changes to school routines which the children will encounter this term so we thought we would take this opportunity to explain them to you.

The children will now join the rest of the Juniors for lunch at 12.30. They will also be joining them in key stage assemblies.

Reading books are sent home every evening. Please could you hear your child read for around 20 minutes a day. Books will be changed as soon as they finish them, but it is the children's responsibility to tell us when they have completed a book! In a few weeks we will be encouraging most of the children to change their own books. Reading is heard in the class during our guided reading sessions.

A short piece of homework will be set every week this tends to alternate between literacy & numeracy. This is given out on a Wednesday, to be handed in by the following Monday. Spellings are also set on a Monday to be tested on Friday. Please can you ensure your child returns their completed spelling sheet on a Friday, these will then be stuck in their homework book with a record of their score and any words they have got wrong so that you can practise them further. They will also have a short maths test on a Friday. For the first term we will be focusing on addition and subtraction bonds up to 20. We have sent home a sheet with this letter to help you practise these with your child. After half term the children will be asked to start practising their multiplication tables.

The children will need a named PE kit in school, which also needs to include a pair of trainers, tracksuit trousers & a sweatshirt (not the school sweatshirt) for use in outdoor games lessons. We advise that children keep their kit in school all week, however, PE lessons are on Tuesday for Blackbirds & Friday for Chaffinches. Games lessons are on Thursdays for both classes and for the first part of the year we will be attending the Stour Centre for swimming lessons (please see separate letter).

The topics for this term include a geography study of Wye & a local history study of children in Kent. The Geography topic will include a walk around the village. For our history study we would welcome anyone grew up in Kent who has any memorabilia of their childhood to send it in to help with our work. In science we will be covering 'Light' & 'Sound'.

Library will continue with the support of Mrs Myers and Mrs Manktelow on Fridays for both classes. The children will also be learning to play the recorder in their music lessons (please see separate letter). The lessons will be on Fridays for Blackbirds & Tuesdays for Chaffinches.

The year 3 corridor is quite narrow and with 60 children trying to unpack their bags in the morning it can become rather hectic. We would, therefore, like to stress the importance of saying "Goodbye" to your children as they line up in the morning. This also encourages them to become independent with handing in their homework, etc. If parents need to speak to any of us this can be done as the children are lining up or if a detailed discussion is needed an appointment can be made at a more convenient time.

Teaching Staff - Miss Ward & Mrs Whitewood  
Teaching Assistants - Mrs Manktelow & Miss Myers

## DIARY DATES

- Wed, 5<sup>th</sup> & Thurs, 6<sup>th</sup> October -  
Family & Individual PHOTOS
- Fri, 14<sup>th</sup> October -  
INTERNATIONAL EVENING
- Mon 17<sup>th</sup> October -  
FRIENDS' AGM
- Tues, 18<sup>th</sup> October  
Year 1, 2 & 3 Flu Vaccinations  
- a permission letter will be sent
- Fri, 21<sup>st</sup> October- NO SCHOOL  
Staff Development Day**
- Mon, 24<sup>th</sup> Oct - Fri, 28<sup>th</sup> Oct-  
HALF TERM**
- Tues, 31<sup>st</sup> October - Back to School
- Mon, 7<sup>th</sup> November 8pm - Friends'  
Meeting at The Tickled Trout
- Fri, 25<sup>th</sup> November-Non- Uniform  
(bring items for Christmas Bazaar)
- Sat, 26<sup>th</sup> November  
Friends' Christmas Bazaar
- Fri, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 6pm  
Wye Village Street Party
- Mon, 5<sup>th</sup> December 8pm - Friends'  
Meeting at The Conningbrook
- Tues, 13<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am  
INFANT NATIVITY (no Babies/Toddlers)
- Wed, 14<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am  
INFANT NATIVITY (All Welcome)
- Thurs, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2pm  
JUNIOR Carol Service at Wye Church
- Fri, 16<sup>th</sup> December 6pm  
Friends' Christmas Disco
- Mon, 19<sup>th</sup> December  
Friends' 'Pick a Present'
- Tues, 20<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Lunch
- Wed, 21<sup>st</sup> December  
LAST DAY OF TERM
- Tues, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017  
Back to School**

