



## Message from the Headteacher

Dear All

I have really enjoyed my first full week with the children as the new Headteacher of Larkrise Primary School.

Highlights this week have been Crane (Yr6) Class Assembly and the Art Day that the whole school took part in today.



Cranes Class Assembly inspired by the book 'Wonder'

Last week I started to talk about the development of our new Vision-Mission-Values statement. In assemblies and in our 'Circles Time' we have been investigating what the children love about Larkrise. They were set a challenge to think of one word that they would like to feel when they are at Larkrise. This was later discussed in their Circle meetings led by Year 6.

This was process we followed with the whole staff team during our training days. It is now your turn as Parents/Carers! Today we are sending you a google form to be completed by next Friday. It asks you the following questions:

- What's great about Larkrise School? (What would you love to keep?)
- What do we need to change? (What issues need to be resolved?)
- Please write down in one word what you would like to feel as a parent/carer when you step through the doors of Larkrise Primary School.
- Would you be interested in being involved in a working party of other Parents/Carers to look at the school's Vision-Mission-Values?

- Would you be interested in becoming a Parent Governor?

We would love for our Parent/Carers to be involved in shaping the future of Larkrise Primary School.

Kind regards

Jon Gray (Headteacher)



### Monday 20th January

8am Breakfast Club  
**am PAT Dog Sessions**  
 3.10pm-3.45pm Bug Club  
 3.10pm-4.10pm Girl's Football &, Sign Language Clubs  
 3.10pm-6pm After School Childcare

### Tuesday 21st January

8am Breakfast Club  
 am Barn Owls (Yr4) Swimming  
**Sports Hall Athletics (Yr3/4) at Ferry Sports Centre**  
 pm Yr5 & 6 Maths Challenge Group  
 3.10pm-4.10pm Code, Cross Country, Fitness & Puzzle Clubs  
 3.10pm-6pm After School Childcare

### Wednesday 22nd January

8am Breakfast Club  
**am PAT Dog Sessions**  
 3.10pm-4.10pm Athletics, Debate, IT, Team Green & Ukulele Clubs  
 3.10pm-6pm After School Childcare

### Thursday 23rd January

8am Breakfast Club  
**9am Golden Celebration Assembly (Upper School)\***  
 am PAT Dog Sessions  
 2.30pm **Golden Celebration Assembly (Lower School)\***  
 3.10pm-4.10pm Art, Homework & Samba Clubs  
 3.10pm-6pm After School Childcare

### Friday 24th January

8am Breakfast Club  
**Until 9.45am Chinese New Year Stay and Play in our Early Years Foundation Stage Unit\***  
**am PAT Dog Session**  
 3.10pm-4.10pm Musical Movement & Boy's Football Clubs  
 3.10pm-6pm After School Childcare

**Key for Dates Events in bold are new for the week** \*Parent/Carers invited to attend \*\*Parents/Carers & Grandparents Invited to Attend \*\*\*Open to the General Public

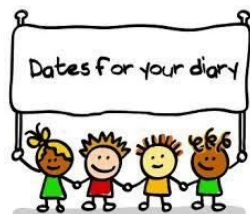
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## Philosophy for Families



*"Is it the same road in both directions?"*



Sorry we are still planning the school year. These dates will be in the Newsletter next week and then on our website.



We have a new Teaching Assistant working in our Early Years Foundation Stage Unit. Huma Idris will be working in Kingfishers Class.

# ESOL

English for Speakers of Other Languages

**FREE ADULT LEARNING ESOL CLASSES** to begin on Tuesday 28th January, Parents/Carers please speak to your child's class teacher about this.

## Nursery School Admissions

### Important News Regarding Nursery Places

We are now opening admissions for April 2020 and September 2020.

If your child turns three from 1st January 2020 or from 1st April 2020 please contact the office to make an application via [parents@larkriseprimary.org](mailto:parents@larkriseprimary.org)

We also offer 30 hours per week placements for families who qualify for government funding.

**Register Now to Avoid Disappointment**  
**Please note we are seeing an increased demand for our Nursery and sessions are filling up fast**

# PETS AS THERAPY

You will notice that on a number of days each week we have a Pets As Therapy (PAT) dog in school. e are visited by Tess, the dog, and Lesley, her owner.

Pets As Therapy is a national charity.

They enhance health and wellbeing in the community through the visits of trusted volunteers with their behaviourally assessed animals.

Their therapeutic visits:

Enhance lives in our school by providing companionship and friendship.

Improve the lives of children with Special Education Needs.

Improve literacy in children by developing their confidence, interest and enjoyment in learning.





Overall attendance for this week is 96.4%

**Highest upper school class is Peacock with 100%**

**Highest lower school class is Parrot with 100%**

Well done to Peacocks and Parrots.

### SAVE THE DATE!



**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

7.30pm in the School Hall

£10 per person (includes curry and quiz entry)

**Everyone Welcome!**

Teams of **6-8** (max). You can also form a team on the night.

Delicious **veggie curry** courtesy of the fabulous **Waste2Taste** and **meat curry** provided by a generous, foodie parent! 😊

All proceeds to **Friends of Larkrise**, raising funds for our school



The first stay and play of 2020 takes place on in our Early Years Foundation Stage Unit with a Chinese New Year theme. All Parents/Carers of these children are more than welcome to attend.

**Friday 24th January until 9.45am**



IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMUNITY NOTICES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE OUR FAMILIES TO SEE PLEASE EMAIL THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

[office@larkriseprimary.org](mailto:office@larkriseprimary.org) (Put Newsletter in the email title).

The deadline is Wednesday for the Friday Newsletter.