



Message from the Headteacher

Dear All

Huge thanks to the Parents/Carers and Staff who attended workshops last week to look at our future Mission-Vision-Values. These were extremely useful and will help to shape our future over the next five years.

The next steps are to share these with the children in the first week back after half term. They will then be finalised by Governors in the second week of half term. This piece of work is hugely important. To develop this we have had to ask and answer these fundamental questions:

- Where do we want to be in 5 years?
- What do we want to be famous for?
- What does our student experience look like now and what do we want it to be in the future?
- What does our staff experience look like now and what do we want it to be in the future?
- What's special about our staff? How do we support staff?

We need our new Mission-Vision-Values to:

- Generate a common goal of hope and encouragement.
- Offer a possibility for fundamental change for the better.
- Offer people a sense of control.
- Give the school community something to move toward.
- Generate creative thinking and passion.

So that we can share our new Mission-Vision-Values we would like to invite you all to n Wednesday 25th March at 7pm - 8pm ***“Future Visions - What we want to achieve and how in the next five Years”***.

I would also like to thank the whole school community, Governors, Staff, Parents/Carers and more importantly the children for making me feel so welcome. I am really enjoying being the Headteacher of Larkrise Primary School and can't believe how quickly the last

few weeks have gone.



Just about the loveliest thing we've ever seen at Larkrise. Thank you Robin Class - You really made us smile. ♥♥♥♥♥



Amazing scenes at the hotly contested Dodgeball Festival. Lovely sense of fun and commitment from the children. Well done Magpie Class.

Don't forget to look out for our new celebration Magazine that will be out on Monday 9th March.



Enjoy the break. We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 24th February.

Kind regards

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Monday 24th February

Start of Spring 2

8am	Breakfast Club
am	PAT Dog Sessions
12pm	Lower School Choir
3.10pm-3.45pm	Bug Club
3.10pm-4.10pm	Girl's Football & Sign Language Clubs
3.10pm-6pm	After School Childcare

Tuesday 25th February

Shrove Tuesday (Christian Festival)

8am	Breakfast Club
am	Peacocks (Yr4) Swimming
9am-11am	Adult Learning ESOL Class**
pm	Yr5 & 6 Maths Challenge Group
3.10pm-4.10pm	Code, Cross Country, Fitness & Puzzle Clubs
3.10pm-6pm	After School Childcare

Wednesday 26th February

Ash Wednesday (Christian Festival)

8am	Breakfast Club
am	PAT Dog Sessions
1pm	Upper School Choir
2.30pm	Circles
3.10pm-4.10pm	Athletics, Debate, IT, Team Green & Ukulele Clubs
3.10pm-6pm	After School Childcare

Thursday 27th February

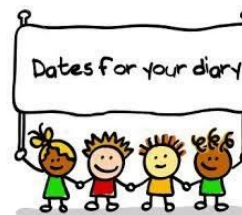
8am	Breakfast Club
9am	Writing Workshop for Reception Parents/Carers*
9am	Pelican's (Yr3) Assembly**
am	PAT Dog Session
2.30pm	Pelican's (Yr3) Assembly**
3.10pm-4.10pm	Art, Homework & Samba Clubs
3.10pm-6pm	After School Childcare

Friday 28th February

Curriculum Information Due Out

8am	Breakfast Club
9am	Golden Celebration Assembly (Upper School)*
am	PAT Dog Session
2.30pm	Golden Celebration Assembly (Lower School)*
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



Fri 3rd April	End of Spring 2
Tues 21st April	Start of Summer 1
Fri 8th May	School Closed May Bank Holiday (75th anniversary of VE Day)
Fri 22nd May	End of Summer 1
Tues 2nd June	Start of Summer 2
Fri 3rd July	School Closed for National Teacher Learning Day
Tuesday 21st July	End of Summer 2

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Overall attendance for this week is **93.9%**

Highest upper school class is Magpies with 98.7%

Highest lower school class is Pelicans with 96%

Well done to Barn Magpies & Pelicans.

Philosophy for Families



"If I borrow a million pounds am I a millionaire?"



Writing Workshop for Parents/Carers of children in Reception 9am on Thursday 27th February in our IT room.





'Friends of Larkrise' would like to say thank you to all who came along to our Film afternoon and Quiz night events last week. The two together raised an amazing £1032 for our kids school. What a brilliant achievement in one day!

Thanks so much. I hope you have a restful half-term.

Best wishes

Naomi Douglas
(Chair of Friends of Larkrise)



Parent/Carers and Grandparents of children in **Pelican (Year 3) Class** are invited to an assembly at

9am or 2.30pm on Thursday 27th February

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Science Day
Thursday 12 March 2020



To celebrate British Science Week, Larkrise are holding a Science Day with hands-on activities during school hours on Thursday 12 March 2020.

If you (or a friend or colleague) could run or assist at a whole-class workshop during the day please contact friendsoflarkrise@gmail.com

The Science Day timetable needs to be finalised in the week of **Monday 24 February 2020** so please get in contact as soon as you can.



Thank you!



Larkrise Childcare

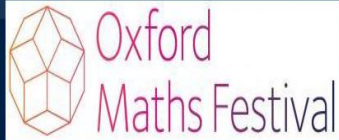
We are running childcare over the Easter Holidays for Reception to Year 6 from Monday 6th April to Thursday 8th April. To book a place please use this [link](#).



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

office@larkriseprimary.org (Put Newsletter in the email title).

The deadline is Wednesday for the Friday Newsletter.



15-16 February 2020

The Oxford Maths Festival (organised by Oxford Mathematics) is an extravaganza of all the wonderful curiosities mathematics holds. Over two days you can immerse yourself in a wide range of events, with something for everyone, no matter your age or prior mathematical experience.

Find out more information via <https://mathsfest.web.ox.ac.uk/home>



We are hosting a Kids' Carnival at Florence Park Community Centre on Sunday, February 23rd from 11am-1pm and would love everyone to join in! There will be food, dancing, crafts, and face-painting and we hope it will be a fun event for all :)

You are also all welcome to our quiz night at Blackwell's Bookshop this upcoming Tuesday (the 18th February) evening from 6:30-8:30pm.



Daily Information

Making the most of half term - A blog from one of our parents. Follow this [link](#).

a reading group for mothers - because it's

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- Suitable for mothers of nursery- and primary school-aged children.
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- All reading material (poems, extracts from novels, plays, research and memoirs) is provided during the sessions - **no need to read at home.**
- Suggested voluntary donation of £4 per session to cover costs.

Spaces are limited. To find out more and reserve your place contact Rebecca at: mumsreading@gmail.com or 07871 193909

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“ ... Round the still point of the manic morning whirls the early Monday chaos - homework, sick notes, hockey sticks, racquets, morning snacks, back-packs - swirled from hall to fridge to bedroom... ”

— Three Solos by June Hall in *The Now of Snow*

