





LADYWOOD SCHOOL

JULY 2024 END OF TERM NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

The final weeks of this term have been all about celebrations! Our Reception children have graduated, whilst our Year 6 children performed an amazing Leavers Assembly.









We have also celebrated our Mini Dukes Achievements, our Level 5 RHS School Gardening Award and our Science Crest Award in STEM.









We enjoyed an amazing Summer fair, thank you to everyone who supported this event.

Ladywood is also delighted to announce we have been reaccredited the Leading Parent Partnership Award.

Wishing all our Leavers all the best for the future - you will be amazing - continue to Believe and Achieve!

Wishing you a lovely Summer Holidays

Susan and everyone at Ladywood



Reminder

Please note, school finishes at
2.00 pm on Friday 19th July
and
re-opens on Wednesday 4th
September











Monday 22nd July - Friday 30th August (excluding 26th August)

Urban Outreach is working with an army of volunteers to help make a lunch for your child during the summer holidays. This is aimed at children and young people aged 4-18. To collect your packed lunch please go to the nearest centre listed here between 11am and 12 noon during the summer holidays.

Astley Bridge: Oldham's Children's

Centre, Forfar St, BL1 6RN

Blackrod: St Katharines Church,

Church St, BL6 5EN

Breightmet: Breightmet Library,

Breightmet Fold Lane, BL2 6NT

Red Lane URC, Newby Road, BL2 5EL

Withins UCAN, 39 Kentmere Road, BL2

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Daubhill: St Bedes Church, Normanby

St, BL3 3OR

Willows Community Centre, back

Caledonia St. BL3 5PA

Deane: Deane Church, 41 Junction

Road, BL3 4LT

Sutton Centre, Addington Rd, BL3 4QZ Centre, Roosevelt Rd, BL4 8EA

Farnworth: Farnworth Library, Market Little Lever: Kings Church Little Lever,

St. BL4 7PG

New Bury UCAN, 53 George St, BL4

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Scan the QR code to find out about

Great Lever: Great Lever Children's

Centre, Leonard St, BL3 3AP

Rose Hill URC, 75 Bradford Rd, BL3

Halliwell: Oxford Grove Children's

Centre, Oxford Grove, BL1 3BH

St Thomas Primary School, Eskrick St.

BL13JB

Horwich: Bridge Church, Rock St, BL6

St Elizabeth's Church, Cedar Ave, BL6

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Johnson Fold: Hope Centre, 27

Tattersall Ave. BL15TE

Kearsley: Roosevelt Road Community

Market St, BL3 1HN

Tonge: Castle Hill Centre, Castleton St,

BL2 2JW

Tonge Children's Centre, 260 Starkie

Rd, BL2 2ED

Westhoughton: John Holt Community

Centre, Birch Ave, BL5 2NR

Working alongside churches, community groups and businesses to ensure no child goes hungry this summer.





Parent/Carer Questionnaire

We are very thankful for your comments and continuous support of Ladywood.

We will endeavour to continue to educate your child in a holistic manner and continue to ensure every member of Ladywood 'Believes and Achieves'



You asked for We listened

If they were bigger so more special needs children had the best start in life ...

The building expansion has started to increase our numbers. This will be ready in October 2024.

Regular updates on my child's day/week and more text messages on events and information

We plan to enhance the content in the newsletter, social media posts, and stories shared in the dojo.

Integrate school activities with home. Perhaps gather more information about children's behaviours at home and how to help these as they grow up... We will continue providing different training sessions regarding parental input, which will be found on our Blog. Furthermore, Behavior and Communication training sessions will be delivered annually.

More communication with teachers regarding what activities they are doing in the classroom, so parents can do these activities at home ... Visual curriculum overviews for parents will be evaluated and reviewed in the Autumn Term.

Swimming lessons

Further opportunities for other year groups are being explored in addition to the Year 6 students who already participate in swimming classes.



Year 6 Transition

Our year 6 children have all had visits to their secondary school for transition this half term, in preparation for them starting in September. We have had children visiting Rumworth School, Firwood School, Sharples High School, Birtenshaw School and Newbridge School. We wish them all the very best at their new school.



Moments Matter Summer Event

Imagination Bay Adventure Play Saturday 3rd August 11:15am - 1:15Pm

Please join us for our next Moments Matter family event! This is an opportunity for all of our Ladywood children to attend an event outside of school in a safe, judgement free environment.

Siblings welcome!

Please contact the office to reserve your ticket - these will be payable on the day

1st Floor, Woodstreet
Mill, James St,
Bury BL9 7EG
£6 for first child,
siblings £4
Tickets to be paid for
on arrival

The Moments Matter group aims to provide Ladywood children with opportunities outside of school.

Parents/carers are responsible for their own child/children at all times

*Goodbye & Good Luck

We are saying goodbye and good luck to five members of staff. Wishing Mike Jordan, Jenny Adam, Sean Kay and Jade Waring all the very best for the future in their new posts.

Happy Retirement

We are also wishing a very happy retirement to Mary Regan. Mary is retiring after 32 years at Ladywood. Mary will be greatly missed by the children and all her friends at Ladywood.

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Thank you

Thank you to everyone for your kind donations and for attending our summer fair. It was a lovely event and we raised an amazing £650.00 for school.

Parent Partner

Sarah Travis is the School's Parent Partner and will be able to provide guidance, advice and support for parents/carers.

From September, she will be available Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Should you require any help then please contact Sarah either on the school office number:

01204 333400

or via email parentpartner@ladywood.bolton.sch.uk



Importance Notice - Parking

When dropping off/collecting your child, can we please ask that you do not park on the area at the front of school with the hatched marked sections.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Online Payments

Schoolgateway

We recently moved over to the School Gateway system with regards to the payment of school meals, snack and a way in which we can communicate with parents.

Unfortunately, there are still quite a lot of parents who haven't yet registered, meaning they will not be receiving important messages. It is essential that parents download AND register on the School Gateway App.

We are no longer using Teachers2Parents as a form of communicating.

If you are struggling to sign up please feel free to telephone the school office for guidance over the phone.

School Closure - please note school will be closed one week after the October half term: Monday 4th November to Friday 8th November (please see updated holiday list below). This is to enable the school to open the new build, move classes from Little Ladywood and to move classes from the main site in the new new build.

To support the learning offer of the children at Ladywood, all classes will provide a pack of physical resources prior to the October half term and will offer daily zooms at the start of each day. Further details of these will follow in the Autumn Term.

We do apologise for the closure days but hope you will understand the necessity for it.

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The dates that are shaded in Gold are the <u>days</u> children and young people are <u>not</u> in school.

The dates that are Red are Bank Holidays.

Guide to Free School Meals

Quick guide to FREE SCHOOL MEALS

My child is in Reception, rear 1 or year 2

Automatically qualify for universal free school meals

Visit www.bolton.gov.uk or use QR code here

My child is in year 3 and above

I receive benefits or have an income below £16,190

Visit www.bolton.gov.uk or use QR code here



Free school meals for your younger children, the perfect choice

- · We will help your child work towards their 5 a day
- · We will introduce your children to new tastes and flavours
- We cater for medical and cultural diets
- Our menus contain dishes your children will eat
- help them grow and learn
- We serve as much fresh local produce as possible

Simply tell the school you want your child to stay at lunchtime

To apply visit

https://www.bolton.gov.uk/free-schoolmeals-clothing-allowance/free-school-meal s-help-school-uniform or scan the QR code



Benefit checklist to see if you can apply for your older children

- If you receive any of these you will qualify for free school meals
- ✓ Income Support
- ✓ Jobseeker's Allowance Income based
- ✓ Employment Support Allowance Income related
- Support under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ✓ Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit as long as your letter shows you have an income of less than £16,190 and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit your earned income must be less than £7,400 a year



We are here to help

If you need any information or have any questions Visit: www.bolton.gov.uk/schoolmeals Call: 01204 336950 Email: schoolmeals@bolton.gov.uk









Are you missing out on £460.00 per child per year?

Every little bit helps during the cost of living crisis

Dear Parent/Carer

Make sure you are not missing out on benefits you are entitled to. School meals remain free for ALL children in reception, years 1 & 2 regardless of circumstances and you don't have to apply. Simply tell your school you would like your child to stay for lunch.

School meals are the perfect choice for your child. Children who eat a balanced, healthy diet are more likely to be alert in class and have more energy to enjoy an active lifestyle. Eating with other children will also help them to develop important social skills in their first years at school. We cater for ethical and cultural diets too.

Don't worry if your smaller children are fussy eaters. Our staff are on hand to help them make a choice they will eat and enjoy. No one leaves hungry under our watch!

Have your circumstances changed? Your older children could be entitled too.

Did you know that you can claim for free school meals if you are on certain benefits or have a reduced household income when your children reach year 3 and onwards. Follow the quick guide on the next page.

Your child won't be singled out for receiving free schools meals, they will queue up with their friends and the rest of their class.

We look forward to serving your child.

Yours sincerely.

Bolton School Meals Team

Please turn over for more details about using your meal allowance.



Scan the QR code to take part in our quick survey to win supermarket vouchers.



Ladywood Social Media

To keep up to date with all our latest news, please follow us on our various social media platforms.



Instagram: @ladywoodschool



Twitter: @ladywoodschool



Facebook: Ladywood School



Youtube: Ladywood School

Ladywood Blog

Please don't forget to check the blog for daily/weekly updates on the children's learning and all the exciting activities that have been happening around school. The blog is a great way for everyone to communicate and to keep up to date.

http://blog.ladywood.bolton.sch.uk/

Snack Money

May we remind parents of non-pupil premium children, of the voluntary contribution of £1.00 a week towards your child's snack. This can be paid in cash or via your School Gateway account. If paying by cash, please send into school in an envelope with your child's name on. Thank you.



Friends of Ladywood



What is FOL?

Friends of Ladywood are a group of parents/carers (who wish to have a more involved role in school) and staff, that get together regularly to discuss and plan upcoming fundraising events.

When do we meet?

We meet once every half term.

What if I cannot commit to attend every meeting?

Do not worry if you cannot attend every meeting, we understand that parents and carers will have a busy home life also. We will keep in regular contact with you over email to inform you of any outcomes and future meetings you may be able to attend.

What does it involve?

Being a friend of Ladywood involves a wide range of things.

Here are a few:

- Attending meetings to discuss upcoming events (Easter Raffle/Christmas Fair) & bringing new ideas to the table.
- · Sourcing raffle prizes from local businesses.
- Helping to put on large events at the school to fundraise for Ladywood.





If you are interested in becoming a member of 'Friends of Ladywood' but cannot attend please email:

<u>friendsofladywood@ladywood.bolton.sch.uk</u> one of our team members will be in touch.



In the UK, an estimated 350,000 tones of clothes end up in landfill every year! Join us and our ECO council in working towards reducing carbon emissions.

We would love any donations of nearly new or good quality Ladywood uniform for our uniform bank



Attendance/Leave of Absence

As part of new guidance and monitoring of pupil attendance from the Department of Education, a Leave of Absence form needs to be completed 4 weeks prior to an event, due to authorisation from the Head Teacher.

Parents will need to provide as much information as possible before sending in the form. As a parent, you may wish to take your child, out of school, on holiday in less busier times, to benefit from quieter facilities. Please can you put this level of detail in the Leave of Absence form.

If you are taking your child out of the country for longer than 10 days, school will also require copies of flight tickets, both leaving England and arriving back into England, and an address where your child will be staying.

We realise that sometimes families may need to visit family overseas at short notice. We will still require a Leave of Absence form to be completed, flight tickets and address where the child will be staying.

In addition, we understand that children with Special Educational Needs may need to attend medical appointments more frequently and these will be authorised, however we would still ask that school are informed of these prior to attending.

It is the right of a child to receive an education and school attendance is crucial for children's progress of learning. Attendance is closely monitored at school and if there is an issue Ladywood's Attendance lead may be in touch to offer support or strategies.

If your child is off school for any reason please get in touch with the office to let them know the reasons. It is important we have a full picture of children's attendance throughout the year.

Click on link below for the Holiday Request Form:

file:///F:/Holiday%20application%20forms%20-%20pupils.pdf



Internet Safety







f /NationalOnlineSafety

(a) @nationalonlinesafety

www.nationalonlinesafety.com

Sickness

Please be aware that if your child has an episode of sickness and/or diarrhoea they need to be kept off school for 48 hours from the last bout of sickness.

All schools are expected to adhere to this guidance from The Community Infection Prevention and Control Team.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support

Parking

Could we please request that parents who drop/collect their child by car, ensure when parking that you do not block other cars in, and also that you do not park in a Masefield School parking place.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Communication with Home

We are continuing to use Class Dojo as the main form of communication with parents/carers.

However, we appreciate that there may be times that you feel you need to speak to someone in person or urgently and the office team are always available and welcome calls from parents/carers.

Appointments

If your child has an upcoming appointment, could we please ask that you notify school in advance of when the appointment is taking place. Could a copy of the appointment letter also be sent to school prior to the appointment.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Contact Information

Please ensure that contact details and medical information for your child are up-to-date. If you are unsure please contact the main office on 01204 333400.

Could we please ask that parents keep their phone switched on throughout the day so that we are able to make contact with you if needed. Thank you.

Good Attendance Matters

At Ladywood we provide a safe learning environment which encourages all pupils to attend and be punctual whatever their level of ability or specific needs. We pride ourselves on high standards of pupil attendance and we expect that all children will attend school as long as they are fit and well enough to do so in line with the expectations of 380 half days (190 full days) for an academic year.

A child's attendance at school is the responsibility of parents/carers. Ladywood School will continue to actively work with parents/carers to encourage a regular pattern of attendance is maintained to ensure our children:

- Benefit from the educational opportunities provided at Ladywood
- Experience a broad and balanced creative curriculum
- Build on their learning experiences to achieve their full potential
- Develop their social and personal skills
- Promote children's welfare and safeguarding, failing to attend school on a regular basis will be considered as a safeguarding matter
- Have their legal entitlement to education; ensuring regular attendance at school is a legal responsibility and permitting
- Absence from school without a good reason creates an offence in law

The Government have brought out new guidelines that requires schools to ensure all children attend well. This includes:

- ·Attendance meetings if attendance falls below acceptable levels
- ·Daily contact when your child is absent
- ·A requirement to show proof of medical appointment
- ·Door stop visits

TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

As a school we understand that our children sometimes need to go on holiday when it is quieter rather than during the main holidays when it is very busy. We ask that you put in a holiday request form and seek permission in order for this to be authorised.