## LECONFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# NEWSLETTER Week 26 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Parent Governor Vacancy**

We have a vacancy for a parent governor. Governors play a vital part in school life and this can be an interesting and challenging role. If you are interested, please see the information on Page 2.

### Autism Information Evening – Longcroft

Longcroft School is hosting an Autism information evening on 23<sup>rd</sup> April. All parents and carers from local primary schools are invited to attend this event. Please see blow for details and how to register.

### **Parent Anxiety Workshops**

Remember the Parent Anxiety Workshops begin next week. These are being led by Humber Mental Health staff on 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April at 9am. Each workshop is an hour. Please let us know if you would like to attend by emailing <u>leconfield@lpschool.org.uk</u>.

#### Have a lovely weekend, Katie Tracey, Headteacher



# Non Uniform 'Purple Up' Day & Invitation to Dandelion Art

# Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April

During the month of April we are celebrating the Month of the Military Child.

As part of our work we will be sharing experiences of where we have lived and creating artwork based on the Dandelion emblem. On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April we would like everyone to **'Purple Up'** and wearing something purple to celebrate the end of this special month. Please keep it simple, there is no need to buy anything new or special for this event.

From 2.30pm to 3.15pm on 26<sup>th</sup> April, parents are warmly invited to come into school to see the art work we have created during the month. The work will be on display in the school hall. You are welcome to take your child home with you once you have viewed the work.

We look forward to seeing you!

# Attendance

Whole School: 96% Ash Class had the highest attendance of 99%

### Dates for Your Diary...

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8.4.24	School Opens Summer Term
18.4.24	Parent Anxiety Workshop 9am
•	hosted by Humber Mental Health
25.4.24	Parent Anxiety Workshop 9am
	hosted by Humber Mental Health
26.4.24	Non Uniform – Purple Up! Wear
	something purple for Month of the
•	Military Child
2.5.24	History Day Cherry Class
2.5.24	History Day Ash Class
6.5.24	Bank Holiday
w/c 13.5.24	KS2 SATs
24.5.24	End of half term
3.6.24	Training Day School Closed
4.6.24	School Opens
24.6.24	Infant Sports 1.30pm
25.6.24 9.7.24 10.7.24	KS2 Sports 1.30pm
9.7.24	KS2 Production 2pm
10.7.24	KS2 Production 6pm
12.7.24	Summer Fair 6-8pm
19.7.24	Y6 Final Assembly 2pm
19.7.24	School Closes End of Summer Term

More dates to follow...watch this space...



#### Parent Governor Vacancy

I am writing to ask for nominations from parents willing to serve as a parent governor on the school governing board.

### We have one vacancy for a Parent Governor.

A parent governor for Leconfield Primary School can be any person who is a parent of a child at this school. A 'parent' for the purpose of the election is a person with 'parental responsibility', as defined in the Children Act 1989, and includes married parents, mothers of non-marital children and divorced or separated parents. It may also include unmarried fathers who may acquire parental responsibility by agreement with the mother or by means of a court order. Guardians, non-parents in respect of whom a residence order is made and local authorities in respect of whom a care order is made, may also acquire parental responsibility. A parent governor must have a child in the school at the time of the election.

There are circumstances which disqualify parents from standing for election to the governing body, but not from proposing or voting for candidates. In brief, these are:

• where a person has been adjudged bankrupt

• if a person has been convicted of a criminal offence during the last five years for which a prison sentence (suspended or not) for a period of not less than three months, without the option of a fine, was imposed

if a parent is employed to work at the school for more than 500 hours per year

Governors are one of the largest volunteer forces in the country and have an important part to play in raising school standards. It is a voluntary role so is unpaid. The role of the governing body is absolutely key to the effectiveness of our school.

The Governor role is strategic rather than operational. Governors don't get involved in the day to day running of a school. Instead, they support the school's leadership team to drive school improvement. Being a school governor is a commitment. Governors attend a minimum of one meeting per term and, in reality, this is more. The time commitment varies but you should factor in meetings, background reading at home, school visits and training. As well as full governing board meetings we have a range of committees you will be asked to contribute to.

Our governors undertake an annual skills audit and we are always looking to add to the array of skills on our governing board. At the moment we are particularly interested in increasing our skill set in the areas of finance, law or human resources.

If you are interested in nominating yourself or another person to join our proactive board please collect a nomination form from the school office. Please return nomination forms to the school office by 9.00am Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Those parents nominated and seconded and who have indicated their willingness to stand for election by signing the nomination slip should submit brief biographical details (maximum of 200 words) for circulation with ballot papers if a ballot is necessary.

On the closing date for nominations, if only one nomination is received, then the candidates will be duly elected unopposed. If, however, there are more candidates than vacancies an election by secret ballot will be held.

If a ballot is necessary, ballot papers will be sent to parents eligible to vote to complete and return within seven days of their despatch. The completed ballot papers should be returned via your child, mail, or in person, in a sealed envelope and will be placed, unopened in a ballot box positioned in the main entrance. Each parent has one ballot paper irrespective of the number of children at school.

In the event of a ballot, the date and time for the count will be Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at a time to be confirmed and candidates will be invited to attend the opening of the ballot box and subsequent count. An independent scrutiniser will be present during the count. The parent polling the highest number of votes will be declared duly elected to the governing board.

The result of the election (or if any election was not necessary, the name of the nominee) will be circulated to all parents as soon as possible after the count. The result will also be displayed in the main entrance of the school premises for seven days.

I look forward to receiving your nominations. Yours sincerely Katie Tracey Headteacher