



The Lion Works School Parent Newsletter

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Summer Term 2 – 2022 – Friday 8th July, 2022



Ms Lyon - Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our final newsletter of the year! I cannot believe how quickly this term has gone by and I am very much looking forward to coming back in August and beginning my first full year at the school and all the exciting things that will bring! I'm looking forward to sharing all of that with you in partnership. You will be receiving the school's proposed new term schedule soon and you will see we have gone for a sleeker, more hybrid approach based on your feedback and our staff's strengths. We welcome your further feedback on this. I will also be sending home our revised Attendance and Safeguarding Policies for you shortly in the hope that if you wish to provide feedback you can do so. This term is the culmination of lots of hard work of our students – from the Duke of Edinburgh trip to the Creative Showcase event which I hope you all enjoyed as much as we did sharing it with you! From Bruno, me and all of the amazing staff team here, we wish you all a very happy and relaxing Summer!

News Updates: Goodbyes and warm hellos!!

We have some exciting and important staffing news to share. In August, we will be joined by Mrs Kate Baldwin who will replace Ms Laura Brunt as the Deputy Headteacher. Laura has taken an opportunity to further her career in a much larger setting. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her the very best in her next career step. We will all miss her. Kate has worked in Special Education since 1998. Her first teaching role fuelled her passion for supporting young people with ASD and she focused her training in this specialism. She then helped set up a Specialist College for young people with ASD as an Assistant Principal. She has subsequently been with the charity Livability and has been an Assistant Headteacher at Victoria School for 14 years. She is also Mum to 13 year old twin boys and enjoys a range of activities with her family including; camping, theatre trips, musical theatre, comedy and the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Sharon Yates who is going off to enjoy her much deserved retirement, Miss Alley Johnstone who has secured herself a role in Ringwood School as a Reading & Literacy Coordinator and to Mr Will Melville-Hawkins who will be going on to teach Maths at Magna School. We would like to thank them all for their service and commitment to the school and wish them all the best for their future endeavours and career development.

We will also be welcoming Mr Angus Collins as a new Maths (and other subjects) teacher. Angus has been a teacher for over 30 years. He started his teaching career in a large middle school where he was Head of Year and Head of PE. After this time he became the Behaviour Advisor for Poole Authority and trained teachers and support staff on understanding behaviour. Angus then set up a unit in a large secondary school, working with students who were struggling in mainstream education. He also became the school SENCo. Angus has also been an Assistant Head at Victoria School, in Poole for 14 years. Angus also has a passion for tortoises and from his personal collection of four tortoises. He currently has 20 tortoise eggs in his airing cupboard waiting to hatch!

New Members of Staff:

Mrs Kate Baldwin



Mr Angus Collins



Safeguarding News:

There are some very good websites out there in relation to Online Safety as the digital world can be a vulnerable space for our students. We hope you find them useful, especially over the long Summer break. If you need any specific help or advice, please contact the school and we will do our best to support you.

NSPCC Protecting Children from Online Abuse:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-abuse-and-neglect/online-abuse>

Thrive Online – Childnet:

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/supporting-young-people-with-send/>

And also some specific guides to the TikTok App which is very popular: Parents' Ultimate Guide to TikTok (Commonsense Media):

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/articles/parents-ultimate-guide-to-tiktok>

TikTok app safety – What parents need to know (Internet Matters): <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/>

Mental Health:

We are aware that many of our students find holiday times difficult as this can be more of an unstructured time and a deviation from the 'norm'.

We have found some advice and guidance from the National Autistic Society that may help and support you and your child:

<https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/professional-practice/summer-holidays>

And more general advice on a range of mental health topics:

<https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/topics/mental-health>



The end of the Summer Term 2022 and the August Return!

Details are below:

Important Dates:

Wednesday 13th July Sports Day – you should have all received the flyer already!

Friday 15th July Rewards Trip – Dorset Water Park – more details to follow ...

Tuesday 19th July KS4 Science Museum Trip, London – all day – open to all of KS4. Letter from Mrs Phillips will be coming soon.

Friday 22nd July An ice-cream van will be arriving on-site about 10:30am and all students and staff can choose their icy delight!
School's out for Summer! We close at 12:15pm.

Students are to be welcomed back into school on:

Wednesday 24th August, 2022.

Sadly, due to circumstances beyond our control we have had to cancel the plans for a Summer BBQ. We are hoping that the ice-cream van arriving on the last day of term will make up for it!

