



The Lion Works School Parent Newsletter

TLWS

Summer Term 2 – 2022



Ms Lyon - Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our first Newsletter! I hope to be able to share our success stories, upcoming events, safeguarding news and support and all things wonderful that happen!

The Newsletter will come out at the beginning of every half-term and we would welcome any feedback you have or anything you would particularly like to see in it. Please email me: gill@thelionworksschool.org

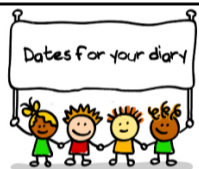
News Updates:

It was lovely to welcome the students back last Monday for the last term of the academic year! We are so proud of all of them and how well they have coped with the changes to the timetable. They have all demonstrated great resilience with this and coped remarkably well with the soaring temperatures too. Thank you for providing them with sunscreen and other sun protection. The Vertical Tutor Groups are being piloted and so far, so good.

We are pleased to share with you that we had a very successful external Safeguarding Audit completed with BCP which recognised the impact of our safeguarding programme which “were seen to be having a positive impact on improving the wellbeing and safety of the students in their care”. We will continue to share our success with you.

We have our Creative Arts Showcase coming on the 7th of July, this is open to families from 12:30-3pm. Our students are very excited to showcase and sell the many creative items they have been making. Please do come along and show your support if possible we would love to welcome you and any members of your family who would like to pop along too. As well as their items for sale, there will be a raffle, an artwork display and Cream teas and refreshments - all served by our wonderful students! Any money raised will be divided between the World Wildlife Fund and a reward activity for participating students.

You will no doubt have seen the increased focus by the Government on attendance and the impact of the pandemic on this. Attendance here is something we would like to improve, whilst balancing all the individual needs of our students. Please let us know if you need support with attendance and we will do our best to be creative and innovative with our approaches. The Attendance Policy is currently being reviewed and we will be sharing this with you shortly. We would welcome your feedback on this. If you have any suggestions for improvements, please let us know by Friday 8th July.



We have a very busy Summer Term 2022 planned!

Details are below:

Important Dates:

- Wednesday 22nd June AFC Bournemouth Stadium Tour - all students!
- Monday 27th June HPV Vaccinations in school for all eligible Year 8+ students
- Tuesday 28th June Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition - update to follow
- Wednesday 29th June Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition
- Wednesday 29th June Summer Term Reports sent home
- Thursday 30th June Trip to the local Library – more details to follow
- Thursday 30th June Parents' Evening: 3:30-5:30pm - appointments issued soon
- Friday 1st July School is closed for the school's Jubilee Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 5th July KS4 Trip to Arne – more details to follow
- Wednesday 7th July Creative Arts Showcase – see above!
- Monday 11th July KS3 History Trip – Dorset Museum – more details to follow
- Wednesday 13th July Sports Day – more details to follow
- Friday 15th July Rewards Trip – Dorset Water Park – more details to follow
- Tuesday 19th July KS4 Science Museum Trip, London – all day – more details to follow
- Friday 22nd July School's out for Summer!
We close at 12:15pm.

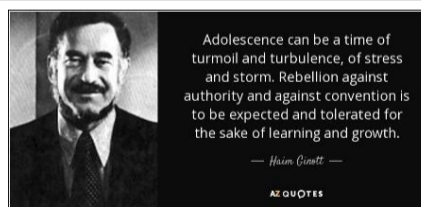


Safeguarding News:

Pan-Dorset Safeguarding Children's Partnership is a great website with lots of signposting for Parents: <https://pdscp.co.uk/parents-and-carers-2/>

This term we are focusing on promoting difference and resilience. We are doing that through a series of Assemblies and PHSE Lessons. We are also going to be using some resources found on the 'Educate Against Hate' website.

Mrs Chadwick is now our Anti-Bullying Champion and she will be signposting some resources and information in our next Newsletter just prior to the Summer Holidays.



Mental Health:

Adolescence is a really tough time. For children AND their parents. As you will know, our students are statistically more likely to experience mental health concerns. If you are worried about your son's/daughter's mental health there are plenty of places for support. Speak to your child's GP, contact the Listening Ear: <https://www.the-listening-ear.org/> and explore the many Mental Health Support websites there are. A few are listed below:

Young Minds: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

Kooth: <https://www.kooth.com/>

HappyMaps: <https://happymaps.co.uk/>

Please also let us know so that we can support your son / daughter in the best way possible.