



Lostock Gralam Church of England Primary School

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Date: Thursday 7th September 2023

Children are at the heart of everything we do and Christ is the light that guides us.

John 8:12

Weekly Message

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new academic year – it is great to be back! We aim to send this out each Thursday and use this as our main source of weekly communication. We are looking forward to a really exciting year ahead. Over the summer holidays, we have had a deep clean, Mr A has updated some of the paint work in school and we have displayed the art work that was completed at the end of last term by children and artist Jo Bell. We are thrilled with the results and we hope you enjoy them too!

Naming Uniform

At the end of last term, we had lots of unclaimed uniform. Please make sure all uniform has your child's name on it and that they have a water bottle in school every day.

Time of the School Day

Just a reminder that registers now close at 8:45am and the school gate will open at 8:35am. School will continue to finish at 3:15pm. Thank you so much for your support with this – the first few days back have been brilliant!

'Meet the Teacher' Parent Sessions

Each year we hold a meeting for parents so they can meet their child's new class teacher and find out what their child will be learning in the coming year. During the meeting, they will find out more information about any trips planned, PE days, homework expectations and how you can support your child with their learning. We have found that all parents find this meeting useful so would encourage you to attend one of the sessions if you can. We repeat the sessions to help families with siblings and offer a crèche as this event is for parents only. The meetings will hopefully answer any questions you may have and they will be held in your child's new classroom so you can picture where they are spending their day.

This year, the sessions will be on **Tuesday 12th September** at either **3:15pm, 3:45pm, 4:45pm or 5:15pm** – please choose a time that works for you.

Very Green Grocery Northwich (formally the Cheshire Food Hub)

Click [here](#) to follow on Facebook – it really is worth it as they offer an incredible service!

Here's some more information about what they offer:

*We're a not for profit organisation with **the primary aim of reducing food waste.***

Supermarkets and shops donate food that is just passed its best, but hasn't yet reached its use by date. The supermarkets can no longer sell it and it would otherwise go to landfill. It's still in great condition and absolutely fine to eat.

There is always a fantastic selection from each supermarket section – tinned foods, pasta, vegetables, fruit, salad, potatoes, meat, dairy, cereals, eggs, pastries, bread, toiletries.



**Very Green Grocery
Northwich**

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**The Old School House,
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Regular food donations from Waitrose, Asda, Morrisons, Tesco, Aldi, Greggs, Lidl, Co-op. All of the money taken on the door goes straight back into the grocery. This means we can buy items in bulk. **Open to absolutely everybody, regardless of where you live or your financial situation.** So you can help save the planet at the same time as saving yourself some money.

Just turn up on the day with £4 and your shopping bags.

Messy Church



Online Safety

To help keep your children as safe as possible online, please click [here](#) to access an interactive guide. It gives you practical instructions on how to set parental controls on the most common devices children use.

Diary Dates

This will be added to each week!

12th September	Meet the Teacher Parent Sessions – 3:15pm, 3:45pm, 4:45pm and 5:15pm – please choose a slot!
12th October	Goldfinches Greek Workshop
17-18th October	Parents Evening – more details to follow
October	Harvest – date to be confirmed
15th November	Robins trip to Beeston Castle
22nd November	Swallows trip to Titanic Museum
28-29th November	KS1 Christmas play
5-6th December	KS2 play
8th December	Christingle



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13th December	Panto & PTA Christmas Fair
14th December	Christmas Carol concert & Christmas Lunch
17th January 2024	Goldfinches trip to Chester Grosvenor Museum

Worship

We enjoyed our first worship together again to start our new school year. Our Christian Value this half term is 'Courage'. We used the Bible quote from Joshua 1:9 to help us understand how God is with us when we need him the most.

"Here is what I am commanding you to do. Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the Lord your God. I will be with you everywhere you go."



Praise children for fantastic work

Owls (Reception)	Savannah	For being so brave our very first week of school, Savannah you have shared your voice during carpet time and let your courage shine!
Starlings (Y1)	Fae	For showing courage as she begins her Y1 journey and showing respect as she always listens to adults and her peers. What a super start Fae
Swallows (Y2)	James	For demonstrating courage when starting a new class and behaving beautifully.
Robins (Y3)	Daisy	For showing great courage as she starts Year 3 with a beautiful smile and a positive attitude.
Goldfinches (Y4)	Skyla	For showing courage and lovely friendship qualities in her new classroom.
Skylarks (Y5)	Elliot	For an extremely positive start to the new academic year. Well done Elliot and keep it up!
Toucans (Y6)	Alexa	For showing kindness, wisdom and patience in teaching another child an art skill.

'Top Table' children for wonderful manners at lunchtime

Owls (Reception)	Harry and Skyla
Starlings (Y1)	Maizie and Kaisie
Swallows (Y2)	Evie and Rory
Robins (Y3)	George and Ethen
Goldfinches (Y4)	Ethan and Josh
Skylarks (Y5)	Daisy and Chloe
Toucans (Y6)	James and Connor

Before & After school clubs – Autumn Term

Name	Day/Time	Key Stage
Dodgeball	Monday 8-9am	Years 1-6
Girls Football	Monday 3.15-4.15pm	KS2
Hockey/Basketball	Wednesday 8-9am	Years 1-6
Football	Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm	Years 1,2,3
Athletics/Benchball	Friday 8-9am	Years 1-6
Football	Friday 3.15-4.15pm	Years 4,5,6



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Happy birthday! To Callen in Starlings and Josh in Goldfinches!



Lunch Menu – Week 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sausages served with mashed potato & seasonal vegetables & gravy	Pasta Bolognese served with garlic bread and seasonal vegetables	Roast Chicken with roast/mashed potato served with seasonal vegetables & gravy	Chinese chicken curry served with rice, naan bread seasonal vegetables	Battered Fish served with Chips & Peas or Baked Beans
Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad
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Peach crumble slice & custard	Chocolate Shortbread	Fresh Fruit salad	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Melting Moment

Please note from the 1st September 2023 there will be a price increase for a school dinner to £2.68

TERM DATES September 2023/August 2024

	Date of Closing	Date of Re-Opening
Summer 2023	Thursday 20 th July – school finishes at 1 pm no Fun Foxes	Tuesday 5 th September
Autumn Half-Term 2023	Friday 20 th October	Monday 30 th October
Christmas 2023/2024	Friday 15 th December school finishes at 1 pm – No Fun Foxes	Tuesday 2 nd January
Spring Half-Term 2024	Friday 16 th February	Monday 26 th February



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Spring Break 2024	Wednesday 27 th March	Monday 15 th April
May Day Weekend 2024	Friday 3 rd May	Tuesday 7 th May
Summer Half-Term 2024	Friday 24 th May	Monday 3 rd June
Summer break 2024	Friday 19 th July school finishes at 1 pm – No Fun Foxes	Monday 2 nd September

INSET DAYS (Teacher Training) – 5 in total for 2023/24

Monday 4th September 2023

Thursday 28th March 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Wednesday 24 July 2024

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

Pupils are discouraged from taking holidays in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. It is very rare that any holiday would be authorised. Good attendance is key to pupils making good progress and taking time out to go on holiday can significantly hamper progress. Where a holiday is unauthorised the LA is informed. A Fixed Penalty Notice will then be issued in accordance with section 444 of the Education Act 1996. The current rates payable by parents are £60 where the amount is paid within 21 days and £120 where the amount is paid within 28 days. The charge is per parent/carer per child. If the Fixed Penalty Notice remains unpaid this could lead to prosecution in the Magistrate's Court.

For the DfE statutory guidance on school attendance please click on the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>

Attendance

Attendance is crucial for all children in order that they will achieve and is monitored closely by school. We are always happy to help any families who are struggling for any reason. Laura Southall our family support worker is in school Monday, Wednesday and Friday and is always keen to help.

“Central to raising standards in education and ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential is an assumption so widely understood that it is insufficiently stated – pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school.” School Attendance DfE May 2022

If your child is ever unwell, please do let us know the reason for the absence by 8:45am on 01606 668270 (a message can be left on the school answer phone).