



LAUREL LANE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

LAUREL LANE NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th September 2024 – Issue No 1

**Next week will be week 1
of the new autumn lunch
menu**

Executive Head Teacher – Mr C Cole

Head Teacher – Mrs N Moffatt

Welcome Back!

We would like to extend a warm welcome back to everyone for the start of the new school year. If you are new to our school, or you would like a refresher, we have lots of information for you below.

Welcome to our new staff members:

Head Teacher – Mrs Moffatt

Teachers: Ms Smith – 1HS, Mrs Bala – 3RB
Mr Reuben – 5JR, Ms Georgaki – 5MG

A few housekeeping reminders for parents:

- Please do not attempt to drive onto the school premises or block the entrance barrier – this must be kept clear at all times so that in the event of an emergency, the emergency vehicle can get through. Vital minutes can be lost by a vehicle not being able to get onto the premises because the entrance is blocked. The only exception to this is for those who have presented their disabled badge to our school office and those who have been granted access for other purposes. For those who are permitted to enter the school grounds with their vehicle – please respect the 5mph speed limit at all times.
- Please keep your children with you at all times and use the safe-path when entering and leaving the school grounds because there may be vehicle movement at the start and end of the school day. No bikes or scooters should be ridden by children or parents within the school grounds.
- Morning drop-offs - With the exception of children in Years 5 and 6 who have permission to walk to or home from school alone, all children should be walked to their class in the mornings by a responsible person aged 16 or over. Under no circumstances should children be permitted to walk alone through the car park.
- Home Time - Children should be collected from their designated collection point by a responsible person aged 16 or over. We will not release any children to a person below the required age or not known to us or the child. If your child is being collected by another person, please call the school office by 3pm to advise us so that we can inform the class teacher before home time.
- Late collections – If you are late collecting your child, please go to the first set of double doors on the right hand side of the main reception where they will be kept safe until your arrival. We will not allow children to leave unaccompanied and this includes walking alone through the school grounds.
- No dogs are permitted within the school grounds- this includes them being carried.
- No smoking, vaping or consuming alcohol is permitted within the school grounds.
- Any form of abuse towards another member of the public or staff will not be tolerated.

**For everyone's
safety, please
respect and observe
our requests.**

Non-Uniform Fundraiser

Next week is Childhood Cancer Awareness week and we would like to raise funds to make a donation to The Daniella Logan Foundation (DLF).

On Friday 20th September, children are invited to come to school wearing something yellow for a voluntary donation.

Please make sure that their shoes and clothing are age and weather appropriate.

We cannot wait to see them all in their sunny clothing!!

Get to know the staff at Laurel Lane

Some staff have been at Laurel Lane for years, others have only just started. We would like you to get to know us so each week we will give you a little insight into the dedicated staff. This week we start at the top with our new Headteacher:-

Name: **Mrs Moffatt**

What I love about working at Laurel Lane: **Seeing the children each day and working with dedicated staff**

One thing you may not know about me: **I have three daughters**

My favourite book when I was a child was: **Matilda by Roald Dahl**

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

If your child will be absent due to sickness, please inform us no later than 8.45am. This can be done by telephoning the school on 01895 462360, or emailing the school at attendance@fraysacademytrust.org or laurellane@fraysacademytrust.org. If you do not receive an answer on the telephone, please leave a message stating their full name and class and the reason for their absence. Please advise the nature of their illness, not just unwell. Please ensure that you inform the school office using the above details, not just by informing your child's class teacher – teachers are very busy and do not always have time to inform the office before the end of registration and this could result in you receiving an absence message.

Please obtain **medical or dental appointments** outside of school hours for both your children and yourself. We do appreciate that this can be difficult, but please bear in mind that if children miss any time in school, this may have an impact on their education.

P.E Days

Once a week the children do P.E. On their day they should come into school dressed in the P.E Kit so that they are ready to go!

Monday – Year 4

Wednesday – Reception, Years 1 and 2

Friday – Years 3, 5 and 6

Please refer to the uniform code to ensure your child is wearing the correct P.E kit.

A reminder that earrings should not be worn to school on P.E days to prevent the child from getting hurt or losing their jewellery. Children wearing earrings will be asked to remove them if they are able – staff are not permitted to remove them on your behalf. If the ears are newly pierced, please cover them with micropore tape or a plaster before your child gets to school.

Children should be wearing full school uniform each day. If you need support with school uniform, or would like to enquire about a pre-loved uniform, please visit the school office.

Breakfast Club

Our **Breakfast Club** is open from 7.45am to 8.45am Monday to Friday for children in Reception and Years 1 to 6. Children can enjoy a choice of breakfast items and a drink plus the opportunity to play in a safe environment. The charge for this is currently £3.00 per child per day and is payable via ParentPay at the end of each week. At the moment, you do not need to book in advance for this.

Please note that Breakfast club is still payable to those receiving free school meals.

Hopefully, you have seen the new autumn menu for the children's school lunches. This can be found on the school website and on The Pantry website.

Please remember to order your child's lunch by 9am each day. The menu rotates every three weeks and you can order several weeks in advance or even for the whole term if you wish to do so. If you do not order a lunch for your child by 9am, they will be offered the "safe" meal – Jacket Potato with Baked Beans.

If you need any assistance in setting up your account, ordering your child's lunches or have feedback, please contact The Pantry direct on 020 8813 7040.



Next week will be Menu week 1. School lunches are FREE for ALL primary school children until September 2025

Dates for Your Diary

October:

- 4th Nasal Flu Vaccinations
- 9th Reception open day for children starting 2025 (10.30-11.30am)
- 10th World Mental Health day
- 16th Reception open day for children starting 2025 (2.00-3.00pm)
- 18th Individual & Sibling school photographs
- 22nd Parents Evening
- 28th to 1st November – School closed for half term

September:

- 20th Non-Uniform for voluntary donation
- 26th PINS coffee morning
- 27th Macmillan coffee morning

November

- 4th Training day – school closed
- 5th **Back to School**
- 11th to 15th Anti-Bullying week
- 13th Reception open day for children starting 2025 (10.30-11.30am)

LAUREL LANE REWARDS

The following rewards are available to celebrate children's achievements:

Dojo points are awarded daily, as the children show they can follow the school rules of Be Safe, Be Ready, Be Kind, as well as for their wonderful work. Each child is placed in either Red, Yellow, Green or Blue house, which they earn points for. At the end of the every term, the house with the most points earn a non-uniform day. The colour of your child's avatar on Dojo, is the colour of their House.

Each week a child is chosen for going **above and beyond** during the week. They have a special treat with Mrs Moffatt – usually on a Friday. **This weeks winners are: 1AK Muhammad, 1HS Ayaan, 2HN Grace, 2ME Fatima, 3RB Joshua, 3SH Ahmad, 4AM Jonathan, 4TS Jaron, 5JR Nomik, 5MG Prabgun , 6NM Asia-Rose**

At the end of each term, children will be chosen by the class teacher to receive a values award. They are chosen for how well they have demonstrated our school values: Creativity, Curiosity, Compassion and Collaboration. There are also opportunities for children to earn certificates for all of their hard work across the curriculum. Throughout the year, there will be opportunities for you to come into our school to celebrate your children.

Free School Meals

Parents who are in receipt of certain benefits may currently be entitled to receive shopping vouchers during the school holidays for their children. Below is the criteria that could mean you are eligible. If you believe that you meet these criteria, please contact Mrs Knight at the school office to supply your details. We would require the full name of the person receiving the benefits, their date of birth and National Insurance Number or National Asylum Support Service number (NASS).

Please note that if you have been in the UK for less than 8 weeks, your details may not yet have been registered with Hillingdon Council and therefore an online application may be declined, even though you may be entitled. Please speak with Mrs Knight if you have any queries. Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross
- income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than
- £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you receive)

SUPPORT YOUNG CARERS TRUST

Carers Trust Hillingdon is delighted to be working with Laurel Lane Primary School to provide information, advice and support to young carers and their families. Young carers are children and young people aged from 5 – 25 years old who help to look after someone in their household who has a disability, mental or physical ill-health or misuses substances. This could be a child caring for a sibling with autism, a mother with depression, a father with cancer or even a grandparent with dementia. We are a registered charity and our aim is to reduce the impact that caring can have on a young person by providing free trips and activities, youth clubs, workshops and support for young carers in school through 1:1 or small group work. If you would like further information, please speak to Mrs Keenan in school or contact Carers Trust Hillingdon on 01895 811206.

Yiewsley and West Drayton TRAINING BAND

Want to learn a brass instrument? **Yes!**

£15 a term (including instrument hire and tuition)

Age 7+
(with 2 front adult teeth)
and adults

Complete beginners welcomed!

A fun and friendly brass band with individual and group tuition and whole-band playing.

Wednesdays 6:45pm – 7:45pm (term time)
Laurel Lane School, Laurel Lane, West Drayton, UB7 7TX
contact@ywdband.com



MEET THE VOLUNTEERS COFFEE MORNING



Find out more about how you could change the lives of local families:

**HOME
START
Hillingdon**

Tues 24th Sept & Wed 2nd Oct
Coffee and drop in: 10:00 -12:00
Volunteer Talks at 11:00

Venue: Home-Start Hillingdon
306 Long Lane, UB10 9PE

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Boost Your Child's Water Confidence with Small Group Swimming Classes

If you are looking for after school activities for your children then HydroKidz Swim School offer children's small group lessons after school and at weekends at several locations close to our school. They are taking bookings for this term and have offered our parents a £20 discount off the first month's lessons.

They teach children of all abilities from age 3 and up and in small groups (typically just 4 for beginners) following the National Learn to Swim Plan. All teachers are fully qualified, enhanced DBS checked and safeguarding trained.

To take advantage of the £20 discount, simply book your child into the preferred lesson times online by visiting www.hydrokidz.com and use the code SCHOOL20 in the checkout.

If you need any further information before you book then email the team on info@hydrokidz.com or call them on 0118 402 2899.

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