



# Lacey Gardens Newsletter

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## **Welcome back!**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after what has been such a warm and sunny summer break; the children all seem to have had a great time and I hope you have too.

The teachers have worked hard over the break to plan an exciting curriculum for the children and get their classrooms prepared for a flying start to year. The children have settled incredibly quickly and it is great to see so much enthusiasm and interest in the learning that is taking place.

I must say a huge well done to our new Year 3 pupils who look so grown up in their green uniforms. I know many of the children are already managing to come into school themselves, which makes the cloakroom areas calmer for everyone. I would like to remind families with children in older years that children should be making their own way into the school building; this reduces congestion for everyone.

I was so proud to walk around school earlier this week and see the fantastic experiences the children were having

including creating rainforests, excavating dinosaurs, teaching one another new skills and presenting tourism resources in a Dragon's Den style! Each and every class was well motivated with lots of 'buzz' and talk about learning.

This term will be an important one for Lacey Gardens as the HMI inspectors are planning on coming back to monitor our progress and evaluate the school once more. The children, staff and governors would not have had the success of last year without the support of all of your families and we look forward to celebrating the continued success and growing popularity of the school with you.

Last term, I wrote to inform you that we would be creating a parents forum to meet possibly every six weeks and feed into the improvement work that school is doing. We are very keen to hear from parents so if you are interested in being part of this forum, please come along to school on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September for a meeting at 2.30pm to discuss how it could best be organised.

Best wishes for the new school year and, as always, if you have any comments or concerns please feel free to pop in and discuss them.



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## Year 3

### Year 3 Shock!

Year 3 have settled well into Lacey Gardens and had a fantastic day on Friday creating beautiful rainforest displays in their classrooms. The displays included collage fish, colourful tissue paper butterflies, leaves and red eyed frogs.



The shock came on Monday when the children discovered that their rainforests had been destroyed with forest fires, floods and trees cut down.



However, all is not lost as the children will be learning about protecting the rainforest this term and as they learn, we are confident their rainforests will be returned to their former glory. At the end of the term the children will be celebrating their achievements by running a Rainforest Cafe for the day.

Year 3 parents and carers will be invited to come along to the cafe on Wednesday, 16 October.

## Holidays in Term Time

We would like to remind you that due to recent amendments to government legislation we are unable to authorise holidays in term time. Please see the link below for more details.

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/pupilsupport/behaviour/attendance/a00223868/regulations-amendments>

## Diary Dates

<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 6 visit to Woodside Falconry
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 5 Swimming
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Parents Forum meeting 2.30pm
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September</b>	International peace Day at Spout Yard
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	Year 5 Swimming
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Year 5 Swimming
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Year 3 Rainforest Cafe
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Year 5 Swimming
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Last day of term!

*Heather Sandy*