Lane End Primary School Newsletter

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The end of term is quickly approaching…

Well, the new 'normal' continues for us all and we would like to firstly thank you for how much you are supporting the school in the tricky balancing act of making sure all the children, parents and staff are kept as safe as possible while on the school site, along with trying to keep things as normal as possible for the children.

You will see from the dates and events that we are determined to still 'do' Christmas (!) but it will look slightly different. Be assured, the children will still be enjoying lots of different festive fun and activities—some surprises too!. As you will be already be aware, we are going to send all future newsletters by email to you, as well as them being posted on the website. This is to try use less paper. If you still would like a paper copy, class teachers will have some—please just ask them for a copy.

Contacting teachers



Putting in place social distancing measures and wearing masks means that school drop off and pick up times feel very different to our 'normal'

arrangements. It does mean we cannot chat to parents as we usually would have done—as we need to minimise contacts, to keep you and the staff as safe as possible. If you do need to get a message to a teacher—the safest and best way is to text, ring the office or email the class email accounts and the teacher will get back to as soon as they can.

Please don't think we are being impolite—please be reassured we need to do this, for safety.

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Remote learning for self isolating pupils

If you child is needed to stay at home to self-isolate for any period of time as someone they live with has tested positive for COVID, or while you wait for test results for a family member, please go to the class pages on the school website for information about home learning during this time. In the 'Kids Zone' there are links to activities on programs such as Mathletics and Education City. Please use the year group email addresses above, for further guidance, learning tasks and for the children to send work, questions etc in to their teachers. If you are having trouble accessing these, and need information that is not website based, please contact the main school office and we will help you.



Year 4 become Viking Raiders for the day!

Hazel and Cherry Class immersed themselves in their History learning this week—and travelled to Murton Park to experience life as Vikings. The children, and staff, had a great day—and the staff at the centre asked us to pass on what amazing behaviour and learning attitudes all our children had. They said they were the best school group that had ever visited! Well done children.

Important dates coming up….



These are the dates and events that we know at the moment—we will let you know as other events are booked or arranged, or any changes that need to happen.



Tuesday 24th November—Y2a trip to Skelton Grange
Thursday 26th November—Y2b trip to Skelton Grange
Friday 4th December—Leeds NHS Flu Immunisation Health team in school

ALL THINGS FESTIVE….

The children can come to school in party clothes on their class party day, and can wear a Christmas jumper any time they want this week!
We will provide the food snacks for parties this year too.
No PE lessons or kit needed in the final week of school.

Tuesday 15th December—School Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 15th December—Reception, Y3 and Y2 Class Parties
Wednesday 16th December—Y4 and Y6 Class Parties
Thursday 17th December— Nursery Class Parties
Friday 18th December—Y1 and Y5 Class Parties

PLUS SOME SURPRISE EVENTS THROUGH THE WEEK TOO!!!

Friday 18th December 2020— school closes at 3:15pm for the Christmas break
Monday 4th January 2021 - school re-opens for all classes

Children in Need



Thank you for supporting the Children in Need charity campaign, including sending your children into school all last week in outdoor PE kit. They all enjoyed the daily fitness and well being activities. Mr Birch enjoyed putting year 5 through their paces in particular!

Thank you also, for your kind donations on the Friday non uniform day—you raised a wonderful £325 from this alone. We will send that contribution off to the charity this week.

Parent Governor

At the moment, we have a vacancy for a parent governor. Parent governors are elected by other parents at the school. If you are a parent or carer of a pupil at our school, you are eligible to stand as a parent governor. If you are interested in becoming part of our dedicated Governing Body, and help us to work together in the best interests of all the pupils in our school, please ask at the main office for the further information documents, and a nomination sheet for you to complete.

Keeping Safe at School

We know there has been lots of information given to you.

Below are the headlines again for you.

We know things keep changing slightly—we are doing this as we see and review how things are working in practice, and try to make changes to make it as safe for you all as possible.

- We have tried to make the arrival and collection times as quick as possible, to support parents, and still keep safe. Year groups are called in at staggered times, and we walkie talkie the playground to see how busy it is before calling the next year group.
- Please could we ask that you leave the playground as quickly as possible. This will help us speed up the process - as we need to call the next year group in when the site is not too congested.
- The one way system in and out of the school gate helps us to avoid crowds of parents on the pavement or on the playground paths - please support this as we need everyone to stay at least 1 –2 metres apart from other families whenever possible.
- Please wear a mask, unless you are medically unable to do so, when on site at all times.
- Please be kind and patient with staff on duty outside if they ask or remind you about the safety systems—they are just trying hard to keep everyone as safe as possible.
- If you need to go into the school office, please wait until all the children have been taken into school and then there will be a socially distanced queuing system.
- All children need to bring in, and then take home again, their own water bottle each day.
- If your child is ill—please keep them off school, and let the office know. If you think they may have the COVID symptoms (temperature, constant new cough and loss of taste and smell) please let the office know and contact NHS 119 for advice as to what to do next. To book an online test you can also go on line at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus
- If your child becomes ill at school, we will contact you straight away to come and collect them. We will keep them safe in the school medical room until you arrive. PLEASE keep your mobile phone details up to date with the office.
- If you, or any member of your household has tested positive for COVID, please let school know immediately as we need to speak to the health and safety team for advice. Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days too, even if they are not ill themselves.
- If anyone in a class or year group bubble is confirmed as having COVID, that bubble will be closed and all the children in that class will need to stay at home for 2 weeks, to self isolate. You will be notified by school immediately if this ever needs to happen.