Lane End Primary School Newsletter

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STARTING TIME FOR SCHOOL

We have been having a review of both attendance and punctuality at school, and have been made aware of an issue that is proving to have an increasing impact on the learning and progress for some pupils.
Children that are not entering their classrooms until 9am and later, are then needing to sort out their coats and bags, before finally getting settled into the classroom. This is meaning they are either missing the start of the lesson input, or staff are waiting until everyone is ready to go. This might not seem like a big issue, but when those 5+ minutes of delay or missed learning are combined over days and weeks, they are a substantial amount of missed learning time! The first part of any lesson is always a vital part of the session as it where the staff introduce new knowledge, explain and demonstrate new skills, or check where all the pupils need to start from and go next in their learning. If your child misses this part of the lesson, it will put them at a disadvantage, and it unsettles your child — if they don't know what they have missed to get cracking on with their learning.

So—to avoid this, please remember that **school starts at 8:50** and children need to be in their class line, ready to enter to school at 'ten to 9'
("IN THE LINE FOR TEN TO 9")
Class room doors will now be closed straight away after all the line has gone in. If you are in the playground at this time, please get to the classroom door as quickly as you are able to. If it is closed when you get there, you and your child will now have to go around to the main entrance for entry so the lesson is not disturbed.

School gates to the playground will now be locked at 8:55am

If you arrive after this time, you will have to go to the main office and register as late. We appreciate that due to lots of circumstances beyond your Control sometimes you cannot help but be late so don't worry if that happens to you on rare occasions.
Please help us to maximise your child's learning time and get them off to a great start to the school day.

Important dates coming up….

Monday 7th May:
Bank Holiday Monday, school is closed for the day

Throughout May:
Year 2 will be completing Key Stage 1 SAT tasks. It is vitally important that your children are in school every day they can be please.

Monday 28th May—Friday 1st June:
School closed for the half term break

Monday 4th June—School re-opens

Healthy, Active School Week 4th-8th June

Wednesday 6th June: Year 2 and Year 3 Sports Day afternoon
Thursday 7th June: Reception and Year 1 Sports Day afternoon
Nursery information to follow

Week beginning 11th June—Phonics Screening check (Key Stage 1)

Friday 22nd June - Wear Yellow Day for Cystic Fibrosis

2nd July onwards: Report sharing meetings with parents (appointment times/letters will be sent out nearer the time)

Friday 20th July—last day of school

Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th September : school closed for training days
Wednesday 5th September –school is open for Years 1—Year 4
Thursday 6th September onwards—new EYFS children start school, in smaller groups over the following week.

Parental worries

If you are ever worried, anxious, upset or concerned about anything in school, or about your child—please remember that you can talk to your child's class teacher in the first instance. If they cannot see you immediately, or you would like a phone call back, or meeting time, please leave details with the school office and they will be back in touch as soon as they are able to. Drop off and pick up times can be very busy and not always the best time for a longer chat, so arranging some another time may be better. We know there are times when parents are feeling very upset, but we would politely remind you to stay calm and respectful at all times when talking both to staff and other parents on the school grounds. We will work together to sort out things we can, calmly.

Thoughtful Theos



Here at Lane End, we always try our best to show and develop our super learning power of thoughtful ness.

With your support, we show the children how we are able to support others in need.

Whilst we know we can't support every good cause, we do try to do lots of different charity and fundraising events such as Red Nose day, Children in Need, harvest festival food collection and donations.

In lessons and assemblies, we share ideas of other ways we can be thoughtful and caring to others—and sometimes one of the most thoughtful things we can do and show is having a better understanding about the challenges others may face.

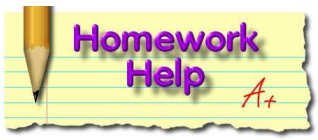
We would like you to join us, in this spirit of understanding and awareness, on Friday June 22nd for 'Wear Yellow Day'. This is an event organised by the Cystic Fibrosis Trust to raise awareness about this medical condition, which one of our children in school has. Your children could wear yellow clothes on that day if they wanted, or yellow accessories (hats, hair ribbons/ bows, socks etc!) to show their support. We will be having a bun/biscuit sale too on the day for the cause, and you of course, are more than welcome to make any donation too, should you wish.

Cystic Fibrosis Trust

Learning at Home

We are always keen to explore new ways of developing partnership working with learning at home and some classes will have noticed that we are trying a new approach to homework this term. As well as reading and key words to practice and learn, some year groups have sent home a 'homework menu'. This has a number of learning challenges that can be done any order over the half term—so children and families can pick which task to do each week. We are hoping this will be both more interesting for the children, as well as let you pick possibly quicker tasks on busier weeks at home. If you want more ideas and suggestions of how you can support your child at home with their learning, please remember you can always meet and chat to their class teacher for guidance and help.

Support with Homework



We know our parents are very supportive with the children's homework and learning at home—helping with activities in the Learning Logs, reading and sharing books, and practising Key Words, but we appreciate that sometimes family life is super busy and there might be weeks when you don't get chance or time to help your child as you normally would.

We would like to offer children the option of attending an early morning 'homework' club. If you find that life has been very busy one week and you feel that you are not going to have chance to help your child with their homework before it is due back, you can contact the school office on a Tuesday afternoon only (before 3pm please) and book them a place on the Wednesday morning Homework Club . This will be running each Wednesday morning and starts at 8:15am. A member of staff will be running the club, and will be able too help them with any unfinished homework tasks that need completing.

Places will be limited, so please make sure you ring and check on ***any Tuesday before 3pm*** if you might be considering using this option and to see if there are any places left. If there is, your child will then be 'booked' into the club the following morning, and can be dropped off at 8:15.

We hope this will be of help to you.