



News and Views



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Friday 11th September 2020

Headteacher's Comment

So, we have successfully completed the first week of term. There will probably be a lot of tired children tonight who will need an early night. However, we are all starting to get back into the routine of school and children thrive on routine.

In school the children have very quickly adapted to the changes that have been put in place. Their behaviour has been exceptional at all times and they are getting to grips with the work in their new classes. We have also had 36 new children start in Reception this week. They have taken to school like a duck to water and I think I can remember all their names. Welcome to them and their parents.

I want to say a big thank you to all parents and carers. You have helped make the return to school successful. As the week has gone on things like pick-up and drop-off have become quicker and smoother as everyone gets to know who goes where and when. What I would ask is please try to avoid turning up early as we don't want long queues at the gates. The 2m rule still applies to all parents, so please try to maintain this.

On Wednesday, Mr Duff paid us a visit in his role as Executive Headteacher. He was very pleased to see things working so well and commented on how happy the children looked – they were definitely pleased to see him.

Illness

As the summer turns into autumn, there will inevitably be more children catching colds and illnesses. The symptoms of COVID-19 are a new persistent cough, a temperature above 37.8°C or a loss of smell or taste. If your child has one of these symptoms they must get a COVID-19 test. These can be at a walk-in centre, drive-in centre or having a home test delivered. Booking a test seems difficult at the moment, but hopefully this will improve. I also think if you can go to a drive-in centre the result will come back quicker.

If children don't have these symptoms and have something like a cold, but are well enough to come to school, then they can. If you are unsure, please call the school office.

Home Learning

I'm sure you have already seen stories of year groups being sent home from school due to one person testing positive for COVID-19 or in some cases a school being closed for two weeks. This is a possibility in any school at any time and as much as we hope it won't happen at Larchwood, we need to be prepared for it. I would like to reassure you that should an individual, class or the whole school have to stay at home due to COVID-19 then we will provide home learning. More details of this will be provided in the next week or so, but it will involve daily work being set by teachers in maths, English and foundation subjects and an expectation that all children will do the work and it will be returned so feedback can be given by teachers.

Online Safety

Finally, I'm sure there are lots of children who spent an increased amount of time online during lockdown and over the summer. Please remember to monitor your child's online use, particularly what they are playing, who they are talking to and what they are watching. There are many good websites out there for parents that provide information and support such as www.parentinfo.org and www.internetmatters.org to name just two. If you need any advice, do get in touch.

I've heard the weekend is going to get sunnier and warmer, so it might be time to get the barbeque out one last time. See you on Monday.

Mr Bowsher

Headteacher

Reading at Home

Table shows outcomes from **Monday 7th September to Friday 11th March 2020** (percentages are rounded)

Class	Times read at home during the week – number of children and percentages						Percentage 4 and 5 times
	0	1	2	3	4	5	
RS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1P	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	0 (0%)	7 (25%)	20 (75%)	100%
1PR	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	8 (28%)	20 (69%)	97%
2B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	0 (0%)	6 (21%)	21 (75%)	96%
2G	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (11%)	6 (22%)	18 (67%)	89%
3A	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	3 (10%)	24 (81%)	91%
3B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	8 (30%)	19 (70%)	100%
4D	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (10%)	2 (7%)	25 (83%)	90%
4K	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	5 (19%)	18 (69%)	88%
5R	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (14%)	25 (86%)	100%
5S	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (14%)	25 (86%)	100%
6PA	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (14%)	24 (86%)	100%
Total							95%

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 7th September 2020

Class	RS	RT	1P	1PR	2B	2G	3A	Whole school
Attendance	100%	99.1%	98.6%	98.6%	96.9%	98.9%	97.3%	
								98.3%
Class	3B	4D	4K	5R	5S	6PA		
Attendance	95.0%	98.3%	96.9%	98.6%	100%	98.6%		

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
RS and 5S	RT	2G

Yearly Attendance – from Thursday 7th September 2020

Class	RS	RT	1P	1PR	2B	2G	3A	Whole school
Attendance	100%	99.1%	98.2%	98.3%	94.0%	98.5%	97.7%	
								97.6%
Class	3B	4D	4K	5R	5S	6PA		
Attendance	95.2%	97.5%	94.3%	98.9%	99.4%	97.6%		

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
RS	5S	RT

Stars of the Week

RS	RT	1P	1PR	2B	2G	3A
Natalie	Iyla-Mai	Mackenzie	Victoria	Evan	Reggie	Courtney-Rose
3B	4D	4K	5R	5S	6PA	
Callum	Else	Sam	Kieron	Millie	Jay	

Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award	Callum (6PA) – demonstrating all the school values and having a great attitude.
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