



# NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement &amp; Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



## Headteacher's Comment:

I can't believe we have reached the end of another term already. It seems like it has flown by. The spring term has been another successful one. Despite the still ongoing Covid situation and a number of children and staff having time off because of it we have remained open and children have made great progress in their learning.

### Active Travel

As you are all aware, I continually have to remind parents about responsible driving and parking and the huge majority of you share my view that it just isn't good enough – tonight it was the worst in a while. Since one of our parents was hit by a car earlier this term I have had regular meetings with our local councillors as well as a meeting with Cllr Lee Scott from Essex who is responsible for highways. With their support we are looking at long term solutions to the parking and speeding situation and I am hopeful that this will eventually happen.

In the meantime, we already have several things in place to encourage safer walking such as our new 20mph zone outside of school, the 'little people' on the pavement at the start and end of the day, opportunities to practice our cycling skills and working closely with Essex Roads. To further our work, all children at Larchwood are taking part in a road safety poster competition to discourage parking directly outside school and promote our new park and stride program from the Brentwood Centre. This scheme has already been given approval and means that all parents can now park here and walk down to the school in just 20 minutes, improving our road safety and parking issues directly outside school significantly.

We are also about to begin a Walk to School program where children will earn badges for walking instead of arriving to school by car. This will be starting just after Easter. As a school, we are very excited to begin working on this in more depth and ensuring that our children are as safe as they can be.

### Online Safety

We have just completed a review of our online safety at school which came out very well as we do a lot to teach and promote being safe online. To develop this more we have booked Dave Smith a senior inspector and online safety adviser for Havering local authority's school improvement services to come to speak to the children in school on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Mr Smith is an expert in online safety and knows Larchwood really well as a former governor. He will also be hosting an online meeting for parents called, **keeping children safe online for parents and carers** from 6pm until 7pm via Zoom. It will focus on issues facing children online, ways to engage with your children to keep them safe – as well as signposting where you can go for support and advice. A letter explaining how to book your place will be sent out straight after Easter, but keep the time free. It will be very worthwhile.



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform

The LPPA will be doing a Happy School Bag clothing collection straight after Easter and bags went home yesterday. This is a great way to recycle clothes and raise funds for the school.

The LPPA have also agreed to organise a regular 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform shop. At the same time as the Happy School Bag collection they will be collecting any trousers, skirts, dresses, shorts, polo tops and jumpers with logos that your child has grown out of. Please drop these off in a separate bag with the other recycled clothes. Watch this space for information about the shop.

## Sunflowers

It is nearly that time of year when we start the annual sunflower growing competition. Seeds and pots will be coming home straight after Easter so get your green fingers ready.

There is much to look forward to next term and below are a few updates on some of these things. Have a fantastic Easter break and we will see you back on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 8:30am.

## Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Easter	Final	Outcome	Integrate	Require	Notion	Emphasise



## Diary Dates

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Online Safety Meeting 6pm

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Clubs start

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs week

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Sports Day Reception, Year 1 and 2

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Sports Day, Year 3-6

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Celebration Evening

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Discos

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Last Day of Term



## Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Lily in 5B for demonstrating the value of perseverance.



## Stars of the Week

RS	RT	1A	1P	2B	2G	3B
Jaxon	Grace	Mia	Olivia	Joshua F	Teigen-Rose	Gabriel
3C	4D	4S	5B	5L	6R	6S
Theo	Alisha-Mai	Tennyson	Lei	Diana	Amelie	Mel



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# Weekly Attendance

Well done 6R, super attendance. Attendance in the school continues to improve.

## Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Class	6R	5B	4S	1A& 1P	3C
Attendance	98.4%	97.6%	97.3%	96.7%	96%



# Reading at Home

I won't dwell on the figures this week. Let's start the summer off well.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages from <b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b> (percentages are rounded) Times Read						Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	0	1	2	3	4	5	
RS	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	8 (30%)	18 (67%)	26 (97%)
RT	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	3 (12%)	9 (35%)	13 (50%)	22 (85%)
1A	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (10%)	3 (10%)	22 (80%)	25 (90%)
1P	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	28 (93%)	30 (100%)
2B	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	3 (12%)	22 (82%)	25 (94%)
2G	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	3 (11%)	7 (25%)	16 (57%)	23 (82%)
3B	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	2 (7%)	1 (4%)	2 (7%)	22 (78%)	24 (85%)
3C	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	1 (4%)	25 (89%)	26 (93%)
4D	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	4 (15%)	22 (81%)	26 (96%)
4S	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	26 (89%)	28 (96%)
5B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	4 (14%)	23 (82%)	27 (96%)
5L	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	26 (92%)	27 (96%)
6R	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	30 (97%)	31 (100%)
6S	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	7 (24%)	18 (64%)	25 (88%)
Total							93%



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