



Friday 2nd July 2021

NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher's Comment:

Eating healthily is something that we all should strive to do. I try really hard to have a balanced diet and we encourage our children to do the same. We teach about the importance of a healthy diet in science and in PSHCE. We also cook in school every half term (this has restarted this summer).

If your child has a school dinner then they are getting that balanced diet from the food that Pabulum make. There aren't that many children who have a packed lunch, certainly in our younger years, but what is noticeable when they do is that some of them don't have the healthiest lunch or have been given more food than they can eat. If your child has a packed lunch they shouldn't really need more than about four items in it.

A healthy lunch should include:

- a good portion of starchy food, e.g. wholemeal bread, pitta bread.
- plenty of fruit and vegetables.
- a portion of dairy food, e.g. individual cheese portion or pot of yogurt.
- a portion of lean meat, fish or alternative, e.g. ham, chicken, beef, tuna, egg.
- a drink, e.g. fruit juice or water.

As you know, chocolate and sweets shouldn't be in lunch boxes, but we do make an allowance for crisps. We know these aren't the healthiest things, but the occasional treat isn't that bad for us.

The Junior Governing Board (JGB) have been working with Miss Rimmer on how we can be more 'green' and we have our Green Day next Thursday. They have also decided to focus on recycling a little more this year and one of the things they have noticed is that crisp packets aren't easily recyclable. From this week, there has been a collection bin in the hall at lunchtimes for children to put their empty crisp packets into, and for those eating in their classrooms, there are collection bags. These bags will be boxed up and delivered to a collection point several times a year, making sure that crisp packets are being recycled rather than thrown into landfill sites, and adding to our continued efforts in recycling as a school.

End of Term Events

As you know we have had to cancel a number of our events this year due to the restrictions in place on how schools operate. We still held sports day, but without parents. We have new reception children visiting next week for an hour outside socially distanced in small groups, but it isn't the normal transition we would have. A number of other things that would happen usually, for example the 'Picnic-in-the-Park' has had to be cancelled.



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We normally have a celebration evening in the last week where you are able to come and look at your child's books and meet your child's teacher informally and meet the new teacher. This was scheduled for the 21st July. The government have said that they hope to remove COVID restrictions from the 19th July, but based on our risk assessment we won't be able to hold this event. However, reports will go home on 19th July and if you want to discuss this with your child's teacher there will be an opportunity to do this remotely. This is not a normal parent's evening, so you are not expected to attend this. Even though you won't get to see the books in the normal way, children will be bringing home their books at the end of term so you can see the amazing work that has been done this year.

We'll let you know the details of the disco planned for the 22nd July when we know if we can definitely do this and what the arrangements will be.

Going forward into next year, the government have said that they will let schools know as soon as possible about restrictions and measures we will need to have in place for September. When we know, we will let you know. Hopefully we will be even more back to 'normal'

Brentwood Art Trail

This afternoon, children in Years 3, 4 and 5 took part in an excellent virtual art workshop with Sue Mills as part of the Brentwood Art Trail. This is a fantastic community event that runs officially from tomorrow until 18th July. Check out their website at www.brentwoodarttrail.co.uk for events. You can download a map of exhibits in the area and they also have details of other events including a market and other virtual workshops.

Good News

This week we have welcomed a new member of staff into the Early Years team. Welcome to Miss Clark. Next week Miss Adams will also be joining us in Early Years (not that one). The Larchwood family is growing. Miss Adams (Assistant Headteacher) who has been on maternity leave since half term gave birth to a beautiful healthy girl named Isabel on Monday. Mum and baby are home and doing well and I'm sure you will join me in wishing Miss Adams and her partner congratulations.

Have a great weekend.



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Bethany in 5R – for friendship.



Stars of the Week

RS	RT	1P	1PR	2B	2G	3A
Natalie	Diana	Brody	Teigen-Rose	Evan	Charlie S	Seb
3B	4D	4K	5R	5S	6PA	
Isabella	Else	Francesca	Milo	Kaine	Jay	



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Reading at Home

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages from Monday 28th June to Friday 2nd July (percentages are rounded) Times Read						Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	0	1	2	3	4	5	
RS	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (17%)	25 (83%)	100%
RT	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	8 (27%)	19 (64%)	91%
1P	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (13%)	26 (87%)	100%
1PR	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	7 (24%)	22 (76%)	100%
2B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	1 (4%)	25 (89%)	93%
2G	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	3 (10%)	25 (87%)	97%
3A	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	1 (3%)	27 (90%)	93%
3B	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	28 (94%)	97%
4D	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	27 (93%)	100%
4K	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (10%)	27 (90%)	100%
5R	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (6%)	29 (94%)	100%
5S	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	3 (10%)	23 (79%)	89%
6PA	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (16%)	26 (84%)	100%
Total							97%



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 28th June 2021

Class	RS	RT	1P	1PR	2B	2G	3A	Whole school
Attendance	98.7%	98.3%	99.0%	94.1%	97.8%	99.3%	100%	
								97.7%
Class	3B	4D	4K	5R	5S	6PA		
Attendance	97.3%	99.3%	95.0%	98.7%	96.3%	96.8%		

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
3A	2G, 4D	1P



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 4th September 2020

Class	RS	RT	1P	1PR	2B	2G	3A	Whole school
Attendance	98.2%	98.2%	98.8%	97.0%	97.2%	98.2%	97.1%	
								97.2%
Class	3B	4D	4K	5R	5S	6PA		
Attendance	98.0%	96.9%	96.2%	97.0%	95.0%	95.9%		

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1P	RS, RT, 2G	3B



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