



Friday 3rd September 2021

NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher's Comment:

Welcome back! I hope you all had a great summer – it feels like the holiday has flown by, but it is great to be back.

Yesterday I talked to the children in assembly about the changes in school since last term. That is one of the things that has changed – we are allowed to hold assemblies again. Seeing all the children looking so smart in their red and white tops was a magnificent sight.

As you know the start and end of the day has changed so that there are no staggered times. As you get used to being in a different place and at a different time and as the teachers get to know you I'm sure this will become very smooth. It was a lot smoother today.

As well as the new class teachers that joined us (Miss Butterworth in 5B, Mr Looney in 5L and Miss Short in 4S), we have also been joined Mrs Wagner and Miss Ingram (who worked at Larchwood previously). They have joined the school to cover teachers when they are released for their planning time. They are here to fill the role that Mrs Luthra currently has as she will be leaving school in a few weeks to go on maternity leave. We have also been joined this year by Mrs Morgan who will be fulfilling a similar role on a part time basis to help children catch up on missed learning.

Other staff who have joined us this year are Mrs Peberdy who is the LSA in 4D and Mrs Hutton who is providing additional support in 6R. We also have Ms Ferraro who joins us as an additional midday.

I know most of you have not had an opportunity to meet your child's new teacher as we weren't able to have our end of year celebration evening in July. We are hoping to have a virtual 'meet the teacher' meeting in the coming weeks so you can.

A number of these new staff members have joined us because we now have our final year group of 60 children. In two weeks, all the Reception children will have started and we will be up to 420 children for the first time. The expansion will be complete. Exciting times.

This leads me nicely on to the fact we had the first 12 children who joined us in Reception yesterday. I know they have had a brilliant first few days and have settled in really well. Welcome to Larchwood.



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A brief mention here about Covid. As you know it hasn't gone away, but how we now deal with cases is different. I detailed this in my letter in July and again over the summer. To try to give you some reassurance, we continue to ask children to wash / sanitise their hands, we have additional cleaning in place and we are ensuring that there is plenty of ventilation in the classrooms. We have a detailed risk assessment and there are contingency plans in place if we need them

I tweeted about the sun coming out yesterday at home time. I'm hoping that this is a sign that we will have another successful year at Larchwood.

I believe we may even see the sun on Saturday and Sunday. Have a great weekend.



Stars of the Week

RS	RT	1A	1P	2B	2G	3B
Max	Olivia	Teddy	Scarlett	Max	Albie	Archie
3C	4D	4S	5L	5S	6R	6S
Ruby	Dollyanna	Blake	Ethan	Kayla	Finlay	Amber



Reading at Home

Reading figures will start next week, but all children now have reading books so please read over the weekend.

I know a number of children did the Library Reading Challenge this summer, if you didn't tweet their certificate, please get them to bring it in or put it on twitter as I will be giving out Headteacher's Awards to all of those who have completed it.



Weekly Attendance

Weekly and yearly attendance figures will return next week. Overall attendance last year was above average – well done.