



News and Views



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Friday 2nd October 2020

Headteacher's Comment

Well the first month of the school year has been and gone and we are now in October. It has been a great success and the summer is becoming a distant memory.

Mr Duff and I were talking about the great things that happen in Larchwood (and Chase High School where he is based) every day. Some of my highlights from this week include:

- Excellent behaviour in school,
- Great displays of children's work up on boards around the school,
- Reception children doing PE and being encouraging to each other (and being impressed by Mr Duncan's skills),
- The record number of school dinners ordered yesterday – (thank you),
- The perseverance shown by children in all they do,
- How well our new staff and children have fitted into Larchwood,
- The brilliant attendance we see on a daily basis,
- A busy, fun breakfast club and after school club,
- The starting of clubs – 27 in total (thank you teachers),
- The continued smooth drop-off and pick-up of children each day,
- Reading at home,
- A visit from Mr Smyrk – headteacher at St Martin's school (in the same academy trust as us),
- An immaculately conducted fire drill,
- The first socially distanced parent tour for prospective parents.

I'm going to stop now as I could go on and on. All I can say is thank you to all the parents, staff and most importantly children. Larchwood is a great place to be.

Have a great weekend – it may be a little damp!

Letters going home

Four additional letters are going home today. Firstly, a letter containing dates of important events. Many of these are provisional as it depends on what happens in the current environment, but we are hopeful they will take place and I'm sure there will be others added.

Another letter that will have been sent home today will be the Acceptable Use Policy for Microsoft Teams that all classes from Year 1 and above will be using should we need to use remote learning. This has been discussed with all classes.

A letter about the half-term holiday club will be coming home.

Finally, we are sending home a COVID isolation flow chart that you may find useful so as to know what to do if people are unwell or displaying symptoms of COVID. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

COVID-19 test results

Should you be waiting for a COVID-19 test result to come back and it arrives over the weekend please could you email the school office straight away at office@larchwood.essex.sch.uk whether the test is positive or negative. If the result is for your child and is positive there will be actions that we have to take straight away. At all other times, please contact the school office in the normal way.

Reading at Home

Table shows outcomes from **Monday 28th September to Friday 2nd October 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	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	27 (93%)	100%
RT	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	1 (3%)	26 (87%)	90%
1P	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	2 (7%)	26 (90%)	97%
1PR	0 (0%)	1 (2%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (14%)	22 (84%)	98%
2B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	1 (3%)	4 (14%)	21 (76%)	90%
2G	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (10%)	6 (20%)	21 (70%)	90%
3A	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	5 (17%)	23 (80%)	97%
3B	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	3 (9%)	24 (85%)	94%
4D	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	8 (27%)	19 (63%)	90%
4K	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (17%)	4 (14%)	20 (69%)	83%
5R	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	4 (13%)	25 (84%)	97%
5S	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	3 (11%)	23 (85%)	96%
6PA	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	6 (21%)	22 (79%)	100%
Total							94%

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 28th September 2020

Class	RS	RT	1P	1PR	2B	2G	3A	Whole school
Attendance	96.0%	100%	96.6%	96.6%	97.2%	98.0%	98.6%	
Class	3B	4D	4K	5R	5S	6PA		97.4%
Attendance	99.3%	94.3%	93.8%	100%	97.3%	98.6%		

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
RT and 5R	3B	3A and 6PA

Yearly Attendance – from 4th September 2020

Class	RS	RT	1P	1PR	2B	2G	3A	Whole school
Attendance	96.9%	98.6%	98.3%	97.1%	95.8%	97.2%	98.0%	
Class	3B	4D	4K	5R	5S	6PA		97.3%
Attendance	97.6%	97.3%	94.6%	97.3%	97.9%	98.5%		

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
RT	6PA	1P

Stars of the Week

RS	RT	1P	1PR	2B	2G	3A
Ethan	Grace	Harrison	Sophie	Esme	Reuben	Lily-Jane
3B	4D	4K	5R	5S	6PA	
Charlie	Archie	Eden	Scarlett	Tom	Leona	

Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award	Max in 2B for demonstrating the value of friendship.
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