



News and Views



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Friday 16th October 2020

Headteacher's Comment

Yesterday it was announced that Essex will be in Tier 2 of the government's COVID measures. What this means for us as a school is very little will change. My social distanced parent tours will have to stop, but other than that it is business as usual. What I would say is that as you enter and leave the site please stay in one line rather than next to each other and keep 2 metres away from others where you can.

Out of school the implications will be more, but at the same time they shouldn't impact on things like child care or gathering of 6 or less outside so child minders and grandparents can still pick up and look after your children.

Road Safety

While I'm talking about being safe, please make sure you are talking to your children about road safety. Responsible driving and parking by all parents will help keep all of our children safe, but as much as we know to do this, there may well be other drivers who aren't part of the Larchwood community who aren't always as considerate or safe. We have a number of children who come to school by scooter and bike so please remind them to be safe when crossing roads and driveways.

Poppy Appeal

Normally at this time of year we sell poppies for the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal. This year it will happen again, despite Remembrance Sunday falling at the end of half term. Miss Rimmer has carefully placed a number of poppies and other items into a bag for each class. The suggested donation for a poppy is 50p and other items (pencils, rulers etc) cost either 50p, £1 or £1.50. I'll tweet the price list later. Selling these items will be the first job of the new governing board members in each class. Children need to bring in the correct change for these items as we will not be able to give change as we don't want children handling lots of different coins. If children want to buy something they can, but there is no obligation to.

School Photographs

On Monday the school photographers are in. They will be taking the children's photographs all morning. They will of course be social distancing from the children and won't be able to straighten collars and jumpers, but I'm sure there will still be some great shots of everyone. Last year the proofs went home the same day, but this year they will have to print them off site and they should be ready for you to have after half term.

Half Term

Talking of half term, just a reminder that we have two weeks off from Monday 26th October until we return on Monday 9th November. There is a holiday club in for the second week at £25 a day if you want to use it and it can be booked via ParentPay.

LPPA

I had a meeting with the Larchwood Primary Parents Association yesterday. Although the Christmas disco can't take place we have provisional dates for the Easter and the summer ones as well as the Picnic in the Park if we are able to hold them. There will be a recycled clothes collection in November so save any unwanted clothes for this. The pop-up Christmas shop is planned to go ahead in December and there will be an online Christmas raffle. The Christmas shop last year was excellent and managed to raise over £600 for the school. This money was used to pay for 60 new glockenspiels to use in music lessons. All of these events will meet the governments guidelines on COVID safety and will only go ahead if it is safe to do so. Finally, there will be an online Zoom AGM at the end of November. More details from the LPPA will follow.

Have a great weekend – keep safe. Only a week to go until half term.

Reading at Home

Table shows outcomes from **Monday 12th October to Friday 16th 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 (6%)	26 (94%)	100%
RT	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	3 (10%)	25 (84%)	94%
1P	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (14%)	24 (86%)	100%
1PR	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	6 (20%)	24 (80%)	100%
2B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	3 (11%)	24 (83%)	94%
2G	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (14%)	24 (86%)	100%
3A	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	5 (17%)	22 (74%)	91%
3B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (10%)	2 (7%)	24 (83%)	90%
4D	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	8 (29%)	20 (71%)	100%
4K	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	2 (7%)	26 (90%)	97%
5R	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (10%)	26 (90%)	100%
5S	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	3 (12%)	23 (85%)	97%
6PA	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	27 (94%)	97%
Total							97%

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 12th October 2020

Class	RS	RT	1P	1PR	2B	2G	3A	Whole school
Attendance	100%	99.7%	99.7%	99.3%	98.6%	99.3%	98.3%	
								98.3%
Class	3B	4D	4K	5R	5S	6PA		
Attendance	99.3%	94.8%	99.0%	98.6%	96.3%	94.8%		

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

Yearly Attendance – from 4th September 2020

Class	RS	RT	1P	1PR	2B	2G	3A	Whole school
Attendance	97.6%	99.1%	98.4%	97.1%	97.6%	96.2%	98.0%	
								97.5%
Class	3B	4D	4K	5R	5S	6PA		
Attendance	98.1%	96.8%	95.3%	97.4%	97.5%	97.9%		

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
RT	1P	3B

Stars of the Week

RS	RT	1P	1PR	2B	2G	3A
Leighton	Wyatt	Harrison	Aran	Stanley	Esme	Denni
3B	4D	4K	5R	5S	6PA	
Isabella	Brooke	Riley	Spencer	Hugo	Liam	

Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award	Charlie S in 2G for demonstrating the value of responsibility.
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