



Dear Families

Everyone here at school hopes we find you well and safe in this challenging and intense time. Over what would have been the Christmas break whilst in school getting ready for what I hoped would be the start of the Spring term, the term where every teacher knows is the term where learning really starts to fly I looked through the school log from times past. The first page was striking...



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 March 24th Av. attendance for week 186.85 (86.5).
 Attendance improved but still remains low owing to children suffering from influenza. School closed for Easter Vacation.
 Mar 29th School opened this morning after Easter Vacation. Attendance much improved; 198 children present, 213 on roll.
 April 12th Av. attendance for week 196.62 (91.8%).
 " 19th Av. attendance for week 193.5 (90.4%).
 Slight fall in attendance since last week. Many children suffering from colds.
 " 26th Av. attendance for week 201.4 (92.8%).
 Attendance improved this week.
 " 27th Av. attendance for week 203.5 (93.4%)

91 years ago our community like now was battling an illness with huge similarities to the situation we are facing today, influenza not the Corona virus was rife with attendance massively down, yet looking through the entries following on just like the green shoots of hope we see every spring, times got better and most importantly so did the people and community.

Like then we have to stay positive and I know I won't be the only person hearing first hand of people we know and love having the first of their vaccinations which is a huge step forward from when we entered the first of these lockdowns last year. Through these tough times the most important thing to focus on is looking after yourselves and your family, if there is anything we can do to help please get in touch and we will help out in any way we can. Here's hoping that in 2021 we can stay positive and emerge from this pandemic the way our community did all of those years ago.

Mr Walton & Everyone at LPP

Remote Learning

A huge thank you and well done to all of you for trying your best with the remote learning which was sent home in packs and also which your class teacher is sending out via class DoJo. We love to see first

hand what has been done so please keep sending screen shots and pictures of the super work your child has been doing, it really cheers us up and keeps everyone up to date with what is going on. Please also note a number of developments which are taking place to ensure your child gets the best provision we can offer. The latest of these is the opportunity for children in Year 2- Year 6 to access Fiction Express as a way to do that magical and crucial element of learning and really become lost and immersed in a really good book. We have been delighted by so many of you using Times Tables Rock Stars and are looking at who is rocketing up the charts gaining better and better times tables knowledge. Learning at home can be very intense so please if there is anything we can help with either get in touch with your class teacher via Class DoJo or get in touch with our school office by phone or email. Whatever routine you get in to we hope it is working and understand that for many of you juggling working from home and supporting your child can be difficult, keep going and please keep in touch. On certain days your child's class teacher will be in school supporting the group of children we have in school so please if occasionally a response isn't instant this is probably the reason why.



Free School Meals

We offer fantastic meals in school and sadly these cannot be replicated and sent home as hot meals, if we could we would. Initially packed lunches were offered for daily collection and then weekly food hampers were offered and thank you to everyone who responded stating they would appreciate one of these. Things have moved on again and Food Vouchers will be to the best of our knowledge be available from next week and office staff will ensure that everyone who is entitled will be contacted within the next few days . We have access to food parcels from the foodbank which can be delivered to school to supplement vouchers and if you think these would be useful please get in touch.

Increased Data Allowances on Mobile Devices

Where it has been drawn to our attention that families are struggling to access remote learning due to issues with devices or internet access staff have contacted these families to look at the best support we can offer. A survey of our pupils before Christmas showed that everyone's home had at least a mobile phone type device which could access the internet so we carefully thought about the resources we were offering around this. We have Vodafone SIM cards with 20GB of data on them and should you require one please just get in touch, we also know that the Government has introduced a temporary scheme whereby data allowance can be increased so please if this is an issue contact your network/supplier. Sadly, our allowance of devices released from the DfE would not cover modems or 4G type dongles.

[New Reception Starters \(September 2021\)](#)

If you know someone who has a school age child due to start school in September this year please encourage them to complete the school admissions form:

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2190/Apply-for-a-primary-place>



We have a fabulous Reception Class this year and brilliant provision so please spread the word to give as many families the opportunity for a super start to their education.



We miss everyone so much this year already, please look after yourselves and say if we can help in any way possible.

Keep safe and Keep in touch From everyone at LPP