

Summer News Letter July 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

As we come to the end of the Summer Term, a term unlike anything any of us have ever experienced I wish on behalf of everyone here at Langley Park Primary School that you and your families have a safe and happy summer. If there is anything we can do to help please let us know and as ever we will try our best to help.

Like everyone else I have been reflecting over all that has gone on and thanks to the kindness from yourselves and how amazing your children have been in school makes me feel overwhelmingly positive. By working together I really believe that the future for all of our pupils is going to be great in school. Please don't just take my word for this, our current Year 6's (Top Class!) have really lived up to their title. They've shown everything anyone would wish from pupils and more. Thanks to their resilience, the belief we have in all of them and the love they get from home they have got right back up to speed with their learning and their friendships and we will miss them all terribly. Looking at the photographs you sent in as well as the ones we had in school was such a joyful, lovely time. I was struck that in all of the pictures 'our' kids are either: eating, smiling, running or totally covered in clarts! Let's face it, if that's what life in our school is like it's no bad thing.

We can't wait to get everyone back here on Wednesday 2nd September and please be assured we will do everything we can to keep everyone safe. There will be more information purely focussed on this time and we ask that everyone reads this.

Take care and please look after yourselves—Mr Walton

Goodbyes & Hello's

Mr Wakelam is joining a new school in September and I know you will all wish him the very best of luck in his new role and thank him for all of the great work he has done during his time here—he's promised to 'pop' back to say hello and that's something we'll all look forward to. Thank you.

Mrs Dinsley and Miss Walker are also leaving after the summer and we wish them all the good fortune they deserve in their careers and in the future, they have worked tirelessly with so many of our pupils and we can't thank them enough.

Rayyan in Year 3 is joining a new school in September and from everyone here we wish him the loveliest of times he really is a treasure—good luck Rayyan!

Mrs Hulbart will be joining our school in the autumn term and anyone who has met her will know what a kind, caring and lovely teacher she is and I know you will all give her the warmest of welcomes.

Top Class!

One of the real highlights of our school partially re-opening has been seeing our superstars back in year 6. They are a great class and a credit to all of their families, we wish them all of the luck they truly deserve in their new schools— they are very lucky to be getting such great students.

Mrs T is raring to go with next year's class (cue the Rocky training montage!) and we can't wait to see the next sensational 6 class in September!

There's a video of some of their greatest hits on our website & facebook page.



Our School Library is looking fantastic thanks to Mrs Stirling and her herculean effort! Reading is going to be at the very heart of everything we do in school and we have been so grateful for all of the kind donations you have made via our amazon wish list.

Thank you!



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These are some of the books we would like to add to our ever growing collection of high quality, up to date, texts that we use in school. There is a mixture of books from our "30 books to read before you are 11 1/2" list, other story books, history/science/PSHE themed books and books relating to inspiring pioneers. We would appreciate any donations you would like to make. Many thanks.

This year has been probably the most challenging that any of us involved with schools can remember. All schools have faced an unprecedented and potentially hazardous situation, with no time to practice, prepare or to develop a strategy about how to respond. No dress rehearsals. However, looking back now, I think that we can all be very proud of how everyone involved with school has risen to the challenges. We have succeeded in staying open throughout this crisis, providing key workers and their families with much needed support. Through the careful actions of all staff, themselves facing the personal challenges we have all faced at this time, pupils and teachers have been kept safe and the school has even been able to be a hub for the rest of the community. It was wonderful to see how the whole community has come together to support the most vulnerable amongst us at this time, with the school playing its part in that as a base to gather resources to be distributed to the elderly and those in need, as well as being a safe space and access to help for those who need it. We always strive to be part of our community and we are indeed "more than just a school." We put it on our website and this has really been a time to put it into action too.

As restrictions have lifted, we have been able to welcome back more pupils as government and Local Authority guidance has allowed, especially those in year 6, for whom, their final weeks with us have been unimaginably strange. Thanks are due to all staff who have helped to get these pupils ready for their next step to secondary school and also make these final days memorable and special, from the last minute booking of a science specialist to give the children a really wonderful last afternoon together just before lockdown, to all the other ways the staff have helped the pupils to remember and celebrate all their memories of their primary school days. It's not the goodbye any of us would wish for, but as all families have been doing at this time, we have made the best of what has been possible, so all the little "memory markers" they have made and done at this time, have seemed even more bittersweet.

So, as we draw a line under this most exceptional of years, governors would really like to extend their thanks to all staff who have gone further than just the extra mile to make all this possible and to keep our children safe and learning at this time. Any of us who have experienced the joys of home learning during this crisis will have renewed admiration for all they do day in day out. We must remember that whilst most children have not been in school, most staff have been, and not only have they been caring for those children who are in, they have been ensuring that those who aren't, are still able to learn from home and have access to resources and are kept safe. This isn't something any teachers have had to do before and the way staff have adapted their skills to this is to be commended. School is one big family and just like other families at this time, we have tried to stay in touch, look after each other and help each other. But staff can't do this alone. We really have been all in it together and have been delighted by the support and appreciation from parents at this time, from supportive messages on Facebook, to the overwhelming support for our shared wish list request for books for the school library. So big thanks are due to parents and families and friends too. We are a community, we are a family and we are stronger together, so I am sure that when things get back to some kind of "new normal" in September, we will be able to face whatever new challenges come our way next year, together.

Mrs C Copestake—Chair of Governors

Please see our website for a much more detailed breakdown of how we aim to have everyone back in school safely from Wednesday 2nd September, we will also be in touch 2 weeks before we are due to come back to school should there be any changes to the guidance from the DfE or our Local Authority.



Breakfast Club & After School Provision

As is the case with most schools in the area we want to get everyone back as safely as possible and to make sure everything works well. With this in mind breakfast club and after school club will not commence until Monday 14th September. More details can be found on the additional guidance

Thankyou!

Every school can only work when there is a real team effort. During this extraordinary time we cannot thank all of the staff who have gone the extra mile to keep our school open constantly for families requiring this child care.

From Mrs Dillon and Mrs Atkinson sorting out vouchers, welfare calls and there many—many other roles, to Mr Hall and all of the cleaning staff keeping the school in tip top order (Mr Hall is quite the painter although I fear he has seen sufficient red paint to last some time!), our lunchtime supervisors and Debbie for keeping us fed, Mrs Kennedy, Miss Bawden Mrs Geddes, Mrs Pryce, Mrs Ross looking after our younger pupil group, Mr Wakelam, Mrs Stirling, Miss Cowie, Miss Atkinson, Miss Walker, Mrs Burnip, Mrs Turner, Mrs Dinsley, Mrs Bonnett for keeping all of the older pupils going as well as everyone who has been producing such wonderful activities to do at home—Thankyou!