



LEA VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter
December 2020

From The Headteacher

We are coming close to the end of our first term and it has been truly wonderful to see the children return back to the routine of school life. The attendance for last week, at 96%, which is above the current national average, shows just how much our pupils enjoy school. School life is more than education and learning, we bring social interactions, stability and routine. Our aim is to continue to support our school community in keeping COVID safe and therefore keeping the school open. Thank you for your part in adapting to the new routines and systems. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for keeping to your allotted drop off and pick up times.

This has ensured that we minimise crowded areas and reduce the risk of infection.

As always we would like to thank you for your continued support and we hope you have a relaxing holiday and a very happy New Year

M Kokotsis
Headteacher



Dates for your Diary

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Monday 21st December 2020 -
Friday 1st January 2021

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

ON MONDAY 4th January
2021.

Celebrating Success

We are very proud to announce that last week at the Community Impact Awards, we were awarded the Community Impact School of the Year award, for our contribution to the community during the Lockdown period.

Ms Zena Etheridge, Deputy Director of Haringey Children's Services, presented the award to us at a virtual ceremony.

Reception 2021/Nursery 2021

If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2016 and 31 August 2017, you are eligible to apply for a Reception school place for September 2021.

The deadline for receipt of applications is **15th January 2021**.

For information on how to apply for a Reception place for your child, please visit www.haringey.gov.uk and search 'Starting Primary School in 2021.'

Please ensure you make your application on time.

NURSERY APPLICATIONS

If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2017 and 31 August 2018, and you wish them to be considered for a place in the school Nursery in September 2021, please let the office staff know.

We pride ourselves in providing a great start for your children's education

Joe Wicks at LVS

Lea Valley Primary School was one of just ten schools across the country selected to have a 10-minute workout with Joe Wicks.

The workout was enjoyed by the pupils in Years 6, 5 and 1V.

It was a great way to kick start our activities to support 'Children in Need'.

Keeping Warm

The temperature has really dropped over the last week. Please make sure your child comes to school wearing a warm coat. Hats, gloves and scarves are optional but do help to keep the children warm.

As with all clothing, please ensure your child's name is written with a permanent marker on the label of the coat.

Healthy Eating

It is crucial, especially during these times that we encourage healthy eating. Fresh fruit and vegetables have been provided for all children in the Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2. The children have been enjoying sugar snap peas, bananas, apples, cherry tomatoes, satsumas and even radishes. Please encourage your child to eat fresh fruit and vegetables at home.

Our pupils are continuing to enjoy the healthy balanced meals we offer at lunchtime with more and more pupils filling their plates from the salad bar. We hope this continues both at school and at home as research shows that diet plays a very important part in keeping healthy.

Healthy Packed Lunch

Thank you for providing your children with healthy packed lunches. We are really pleased to see that healthy swaps have been made such as baked crisps and water to drink instead of high sugar fruit juices. Keep this up!

WATER BOTTLES

Could you please send your child in to school with a bottle of water each day (plain, not flavoured). This helps keep them hydrated which means they are better learners.

Parents' Evenings

Last week we held our first virtual parent consultations. These ran very smoothly. Despite these unprecedented and very strange times, our pupils are showing great resilience. They have been working hard at school and at home, and we are very pleased with the progress they are making so far.

We would like to thank you for the support you give to your children at home, which has a positive impact on

Daily Mile

In order to encourage positive physical health, each class takes part in The Daily Mile. The class are encouraged to walk, jog or run around the perimeter of the school for the length of a mile. Each class has been making a great effort to complete the mile in less time each week, thus improving their fitness level.

A big well done to them on their efforts!

Digital Learning

Homework continues to be set on Mathletics and Reading Eggs and it is expected that all children complete this **every** week.

Purple Mash is up and running for Remote Learning for children who are working from home due to self-isolation.

In order to reinforce and extend learning done at school we encourage all pupils to log onto Purple Mash and complete the activities set by their class teacher. This will be referred to as our 'Blended Learning'.

In the unfortunate event of a class, or the whole school, closing due to an outbreak of COVID, children will be taught a full timetable via Microsoft Teams.

Your child has their login details. Please contact the school office if you do not have access to the internet or if you have lost your login details.

Covid-19 Contact Tracing

If your child develops symptoms or tests positive for Covid-19 up to 24th December, please let the school know by emailing team@leavalley.haringey.sch.uk as we will have to carry out Contact Tracing. You will be receiving a separate letter about this.

If your child is feeling unwell after the Christmas break they must not return to school on 4th January 2021.

What a Performance!

Our winter production has had to be different this year. The classes sang a collection of winter themed songs and performed these songs to each other. We

hope you will enjoy watching the recordings please see the links here:

Key Stage 1 One Snowy Day <https://vimeo.com/492526950>

Key Stage 2 There's A Party Here Tonight <https://vimeo.com/492526950>

Support for Families over Christmas From Canaan Church

We would like to make you aware of a local church that is offering a Christmas Hamper to families in need. Please contact -
Elder Jerry Ifeacho
07868589007

Canaan Church
Registered Charity Number 1128767

GOODBYES

Unfortunately we will be saying goodbye to some members of staff at the end of this term.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all of the wonderful contributions they have made to our school and we wish them every success for the future.

Book Review

Name: Sadie-Ross Munro
Class: 4C

Their favourite book is: The Owls of Blossom Wood- A magical beginning

Why it is their favourite book? This book has lots of beautiful illustrations. I really like this story because the three girls were transported to the magical land of Blossom Wood thanks to a magical feather that Bobby the badger handed over to them. The three girls were then turned into owls and solved the problems of the animals.

Who you would recommend it to?

I would recommend it to all the children who like magical stories like me.