

Message from Mr Merry

We hope everyone had a lovely half term and that the children are ready for the busy term ahead. There are still 6 weeks to go with lots of wonderful activities happening in school! The Governors are please to inform you that we have appointed a class teacher. We welcome to our team Miss Simionato who is a Newly qualified Teacher and will be supporting our children in years one and years two. Miss Simionato will be starting on the 9th November. I know we will all make her feel most welcome. We are also starting to think about our Christmas arrangements this year. Each class will have its own post box for deliveries which will start on the 1st December and our school Christmas tree will also be going up in the main hall on this date. We will keep you informed of additional arrangements as we get nearer to December and in our next newsletter.



Bonfire Night

We hope that you all have a safe but exciting Bonfire Night – we want to see children and parents back at school safe and sound! Enjoy but follow the fire safety code.

Firework code

Only adults should deal with setting up firework displays, the lighting of fireworks and the safe disposal of fireworks once they have been used (and remember, alcohol and fireworks don't mix!). Children and young people should be supervised, and watch and enjoy fireworks at a safe distance. Follow these top 10 tips for a safer fireworks party:

1. Plan your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable, and ensure it finishes before 11pm
2. Only buy fireworks which carry the CE mark, keep them in a closed box and use them one at a time
3. Read and follow the instructions on each firework using a torch if necessary
4. Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back
5. Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks
6. Never return to a firework once it has been lit
7. Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them
8. Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators
9. Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire
10. Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.

PTA

It is amazing to see so many new faces and so many eager to join our PTA - Thank you!
Please remember you don't need to be a committee member to take part in the PTA or offer your ideas.
If you can help, please get in touch.

Dress Down Day

Thursday 12th November will be a dress down day for the children.
This will be a dress down with a difference and we ask that in return you bring in a donation in your class colour for Class Hampers which will be used as prizes in our Christmas Raffle.
Mrs Pell: **RED** Mrs Gittins: **GREEN** Miss Gallagher: **PURPLE** Miss Frearson: **BLUE**
Ideas of what you could donate: Biscuits, Books, Toiletries, Teddies, Toys, Chocolates, Drinks, Gift sets, Sweets, Games, Craft Sets, Stationary.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! Please see attached poster

Christmas Cards

New Lubbesthorpe PTA want to give a huge THANK YOU to everyone who ordered cards and gifts before half term.
We are on track to raise just over **£400** for these - We will confirm the final figure once we receive the invoice.
78 of you took part ordering 210 items! WOW! Thank you once again and we hope the children enjoyed creating their cards

Christmas Raffle

This year New Lubbesthorpe PTA are unable to host a Christmas Fair but we are still arranging a fantastic raffle offering some great Prizes! Tickets will cost just £1 each. We already have some top prizes but in order for this to be a success **WE NEED YOU!**
2 ticket books (10 tickets) will be sent home in book bags for parents/carers to sell for us. Speak to all your relatives and friends and get them to support us this Christmas.
We will give the class who sells the most tickets a special treat for their classroom.
If you need more tickets that's great...please speak to the school office so this can be arranged.
Ticket stubs, money and any unsold tickets are to be returned by not later than Friday 27th November.

Letters from Santa

This year New Lubbesthorpe PTA are so excited to be offering a personalised Letter from Santa service for the Children. These Letters will be individually personalised with your Child's details.
We can also send letters to siblings not yet attending the school
Letters will be sent home and reply slips and money to be returned by Friday 27th November.
The letters will then be handed out during the last week of school - Week commencing 14th December.
we hope the children enjoyed creating their cards.

Anti-Bullying Week

This year Anti-Bullying week is Monday 16th- Friday 20th November will be Anti-Bullying week. We will be talking to the children about the school definition of bullying. We have also been explaining what bullying is and how to report it and stop it. If you would like any further information please see <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week>

Diamonds of the week

In Rabbits class the Diamonds of the week are;

Inaayah– For always demonstrating kindness and concentration.

Sienna -For working independently to write challenge words in Phonics.

In the Hares class the Diamonds of the week are;

Arlo J - for being a kind friend.

Bailey - for amazing progress in his phonics and reading.

In the Koala class the Diamond of the week is;

Ollie for working hard to produce excellent pieces of science work

In the Kangaroos class the Diamond of the week is;

Maggie, for working hard in her lessons and producing excellent English work.

Remembrance Poppies

Poppies and other items - such as wrist bands are now on sale to coincide with Remembrance Sunday. The children will be learning about Remembrance in Assembly. All proceeds go to the Royal British Legion.

Children In Need

This year for Children In Need we are going to have a Non- school uniform day. Children will need to bring in £1 to wear their own clothes. We will have fun PE activities on throughout the day.

Other Information

We are excited to tell you all that our kitchen oven is back up and running and we will be back to the normal menu from Monday 2nd November! We will be on week 1 W.C 9/11/20. All information is on the school website- here is the link attached for your reference.

<https://www.newlubbesthorpe.leics.sch.uk/about-us/school-meals>

Sunset Club will be finishing early on Friday 11th December, this will be at 5pm instead of 5:30.

Our EYFS Christmas nativity will look a little different this year. We will be recording the play for parents and carers on the 9th December. Details of arrangements to follow.

Please can all EYFS parents return their Nativity slips as soon as possible, Thank you.

Dates for Your Diary

November

Thursday 5th November

Bonfire dinner menu.

Main meal Red- Hot chocolate burger (Beef mince)

Green – Jacket, cheese and beans.

Puddings Toffee Krispy cakes & Catherine wheel

Wednesday 11th November

National roast dinner day

Thursday 12th November

Dress down day (PTA)

Friday 13th November

Children in need

December

Friday 4th December

Christmas raffle draw – Presents from Santa

Thursday 10th December

Flu Immunisations at school

Tuesday 15th December

The Night Before Christmas – Theatre performance in school

Wednesday 16th December

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day

Friday 18th December

School closes for Christmas break 3.15pm

January

Monday 4th January:

School re-opens

New Lubbesthorpe PTA

DRESS DOWN DAY

Thursday 12th November 2020

A donation for our class hampers is requested in
JOIN OUR
Your Class' colour theme

SPONSORED

Mrs Pell: Red

Mrs Gittins: Green

Miss Gallagher: Purple

Miss Frearson: Blue

Need some inspiration?

Biscuits	Books	Toiletries
Teddies	Toys	Chocolates
Drinks	Gift sets	Sweets
Games	Craft Sets	Stationery

These donations will be used to create 4 class hampers that will be raffle prizes in our Annual Christmas raffle
THANK YOU!

Please email us with any queries:
newlubbesthorpepta@outlook.com

Please ensure all perishable food and drink items have a long best before Dates. Alcoholic drinks may be donated but need to be delivered to the school office by an adult.

Parentkind
Member Association

Date: 28/10/20

Ref:

Tel: 0116 305 0705

Email: phpool@leics.gov.uk

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly we'd like to welcome you all back to the second half of the Autumn term and thank you for your continued support and help in trying to reduce coronavirus infections in our community.

The first half of the autumn term presented many challenges to parents, school staff and wider support staff, as we all adjusted to new rules and arrangements and worked hard together to keep children safe in school and engaging with their learning.

We are writing to you to remind you of important steps we can all take to reduce the risk of infection both in schools as well as in the community:

'Rule of six'

Please take note of the local alert level in your area and follow the rules. The 'rule of six' is particularly relevant to children and young people who may be continuing to meet together. It also applies to groups of parents/ carers and children and young people meeting outside of school gates before and after school.

Your school arrangements

You'll be aware of any particular arrangements your school has in place to reduce risks – such as staggered start and finish times, or one-way systems. Please respect these arrangements in order to keep the number of people coming in and out of school, at any one time, to a minimum.

Face coverings in school

We request that face coverings are worn by parents and carers (excluding those exempt due to underlying health conditions) at school pick up and drop off in Leicestershire. If you have decided not to wear a face covering, please stand at least 2 metres away from other adults and children when on site, as this will protect others.

Self-isolating

Please take note of the guidance around self-isolating.

If your child is in a bubble where there has been a positive test, your child will be sent home and will have to self-isolate. This also includes if a family member within the household tests positive.

Self-isolation means your child must remain at home both during the school week and during weekends. They shouldn't be taking part in any activities such as sport during this self-isolation period or coming into contact with anyone outside of their home. Your child should also remain at home while taking other children within the household to school.

Note: although the whole family doesn't have to self-isolate unless your child themselves develops symptoms, you may wish to take extra care during this period, especially to minimize contact you have with older relatives.

Your child must stay at home for 14 days. This is because it can take several days before an individual develops symptoms, or the virus can be detected. If a child has been identified as a contact, a negative test result does not mean they can return to school earlier.

If your child or anyone within the household develops any of these three COVID-19 symptoms, please do not send them into school:

- a high temperature – this means they feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste – this may mean that they cannot smell or taste anything, or that things smell or taste different to normal.

If your child develops symptoms, you should follow the national guidance and seek a test. They must stay at home for 10 days from when the symptoms began, unless their test result is negative. If your child is awaiting a test result, please do not send them into school. This can contribute to the spread of COVID-19.

The NHS has produced guidance to help parents understand when their child can and cannot attend school which you may find useful:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance

We would like to take this opportunity to recognise the hard work that schools are undertaking to manage this pandemic and keep our children safe and to thank you for supporting these arrangements.

It is vital for children's learning, wellbeing and future opportunities that they can return to school. Therefore, it is really important that we all work together and do our bit to make this possible.

Thank you for your support in reducing the spread of this virus.

Kind regards

Jane Moore
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Leicestershire County Council

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