



23 February 2021

Weekly letter – Return to School on 8th March

Dear parents and carers

The Prime Minister told us yesterday that all children can return to school on 8th March, when attendance at school will again become compulsory. I have been working with colleagues today to ensure that we follow the new guidance and make the school as safe as possible for you and your children.

I am pleased to see that local cases of coronavirus are at their lowest for twelve weeks and are continuing to fall and I feel that it is now much safer for children to return to school than it would have been in January.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on 8th March. After that date, remote learning will no longer be available (except for children who are shielding according to medical advice) and we expect all children to return to school.

When school re-opens, school dinners will be available and children should wear their normal uniform and attend at the usual times. I will send further details next week.

Uniform

When the children do return to school, I imagine that a number of them may have grown too big for their uniform. Happily, our uniform supplier, Ricky's Fashions, is currently able to take orders for delivery by email and phone: email - ployal2012@gmail.com , phone - 07476 205255 or 01582 456609.

Online Author Visits

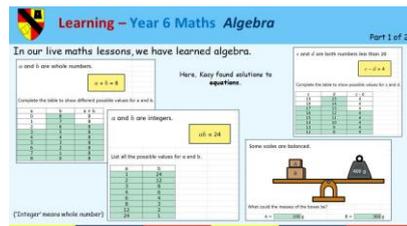
This morning, Year 6 hosted the first 'visit' from a real author. Jennifer Killick, author of 'Crater Lake', the current Year 6 class reading book, joined Zoom sessions with Year 6 – one for children in school and one for those at home. Jennifer led the children in some activities to promote their creative writing and there was a chance for children to ask her questions.



It will be World Book Day on March 4 and we are planning for some remote events to celebrate this, including a remote Book Fair.

Celebration Assembly

As usual our slides showcase work from every year group along with the latest Golden Awards and the House Competition latest! You can view the assembly here: bit.ly/SJScelibration12Feb

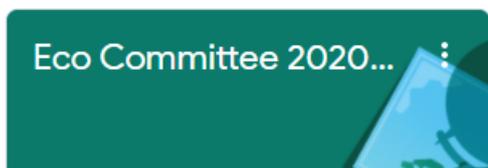


Castle Club

Castle Club, our before and after school provision, is open and is currently taking bookings.

Pupil voice

Miss Perini and Mrs Whiting have set up Eco Committee and School Council virtual classrooms so that these groups can continue to function in lockdown. On Friday 12 February the school council met online and made some decisions regarding playground equipment that they will be telling their classes about.



Rapid Coronavirus tests

Free community-wide rapid testing (lateral flow tests) is available to anyone who lives, works and studies in Luton. The council are encouraging people who leave home and come into contact with others (key workers, essential shopping, caring, volunteering or school run) to get a rapid test on a weekly basis.

Rapid testing is being delivered in partnership with the council and NHS Test and Trace. [More information about this is available on the government's website.](#)

You do not need to book – just 'walk up' at a rapid testing centre, open 8am-8pm, seven days a week:

- Lewsey Community Centre, Landrace Road, LU4 0SW
- Farley Community Centre, Delphine Close, LU1 5RE
- Luton Central Library, St George's Square

The testing centres are safe and social distancing measures are in place at all times. It takes less than 15 minutes to self-administer the test and you will get your result within 45 minutes by text or email. It would help reduce the risk of someone bringing coronavirus into school, if families could get weekly tests. At school, we have twice-weekly home testing for staff for the same reason.

Acting on the parent and pupil surveys

In light of your feedback from the recent surveys, we are implementing some refinements to our remote learning over these final two weeks:

- There will be a **weekly overview** for each class which will include outlines of events, live lessons and project details (particularly if these might require materials). This should be posted at 5pm on Friday for the following week.
- A **daily overview** listing the subjects/tasks to be completed (including assemblies and live lessons). These will be posted the evening before to help plan for the following day. (See example below)
- Allowing work to be uploaded in the evening by having due times later than school hours (unless teachers need to mark this earlier ready for the next day's tasks).
- Setting up smaller Zoom session for some children who find the big live lessons too daunting.
- Increasing the number of differentiated tasks (that is, with work at different levels) so that most children can attempt work without support.

We hope that this makes remote learning more manageable for families.

Yours sincerely

Mr Hunt

Mr Robinson
8:04 AM (Edited 9:35 AM)

Good morning Year 4
Today's timetable:
* values assembly
* Reading
* RE/Writing (2 small lessons)
* Maths - Zoom lesson at 11am followed by independent learning
* PE
Please also see the attached Weekly Plan.

Year 4 Weekly Plan
Google Docs