



Lyon Park Primary School

February 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all well and safe and that you and your families had a lovely half-term break. Although this is quite a short half-term, there will be lots going on at school.

The weather has been quite up and down lately but hopefully we will be receiving some lovely, warm weather over the next few weeks. Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for the school day including footwear. I have also spoken to the children regarding jewellery; children should not be wearing any jewellery in school with the exception of stud earrings.

I know that Mr Chatton will be launching the Online Safety Poster competition soon; I look forward to seeing all of the entries. Remember that we will be giving away school sweatshirts, book bags, rucksacks and fleeces as prizes to each class.

Finally, for those of you who have been unsure, I will be working for the remainder of this half term until the Easter break.

Ms Bhambra ☺



HOLIDAY REQUESTS

I have noticed quite an increase in the number of term time holiday requests. Although I appreciate that for many of you, travel has been every limited due to the pandemic, every effort should be made to avoid travelling abroad during term time. Our children receive 13 weeks of holiday time over the year. No request will be authorised unless this is due to extenuating circumstances.

SEND ISP TARGETS

Over the next few weeks, our staff will be updating the targets of the Individual Support Plans for all of our children with special educational needs or disabilities.

The teacher will arrange to meet with you to discuss this briefly so that a copy can be signed and to enable you to work on the same targets to support your child at home. Please make every effort to try and attend these meetings.

COVID

There is no longer a legal requirement for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) infection to self-isolate, however if you have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test result, the public health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

In order to safeguard the whole school community, we are asking that you inform the school of any positive tests as we have a number of vulnerable children and staff across the school.

If you have a negative LFD test on day 5 and 6 of isolation then you may return to school.

LUNCH PAYMENTS

Please ensure that for any child having a school lunch, money or online payments are made weekly on the Monday of each week.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring Term Holidays 2022

- Term ends - Friday 1st April at 1.30pm.
- Tuesday 19th April 2022 - Children start back at school

Every school day that your child attends is important therefore, please ensure that no holidays are booked during term time as these will be unauthorised.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Just a reminder that our next Attendance and Punctuality Celebration Assembly will be held the week after the Easter Break. For all children, who have attended every day and on time since September, they will receive a silver certificate with a prize. For those children who have attended every day and on time for this term from January, they will receive a bronze certificate and a prize.

Every child should be aiming to have an overall attendance achievement of at least 96%. Any child who has 90% or less will be classified under persistent absenteeism in which case school will make a referral to the Education Welfare Officer in Brent. Please remember that school starts at 8:40am and therefore children should arrive at least 5 mins prior.

LOOKING AFTER OUR ENVIRONMENT

Unfortunately, I have received a few complaints from our local residents which include:

- Fly-tipping (please ensure that your waste is being disposed of appropriately and not just left on the pavement or next to bins).
- Spitting (this is not acceptable and also not very hygienic).
- Disturbing residents (some children have reportedly been entering gardens or knocking on doors of local residents; please speak to your children about avoiding this).

NO FLY TIPPING!
Anyone found
doing so
will be liable for
prosecution

COMIC RELIEF

On Friday 18th March, school will be holding another fundraiser day to raise money for Comic Relief. Our School Councillors will be meeting next Monday with Ms Bhambra to talk about activities that will help us to raise money.

Comic Relief is a major charity based in the UK which strives to create a world free from poverty.

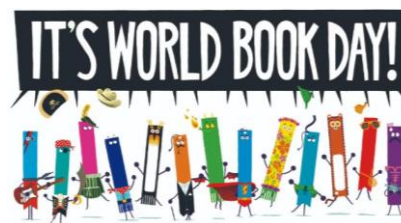
We will send you more information closer to the time with a list of how we will be raising money.



WORLD BOOK DAY

Next Thursday (3rd March) will be World Book Day. The English Team have been working hard with our staff to ensure that this day is a huge celebration of reading across the school.

Children are being encouraged to wear pyjamas and our staff will be dressing up as characters from books. We look forward to having a fun-filled day with lots of wonderful activities taking place; we are asking that every child brings in a donation of £1.00, which will be used towards buying new books.



SAFEGUARDING ASSEMBLIES

At Lyon Park, there is a high culture of vigilance around keeping children safe. We feel it is important to ensure that we talk to the children about a range of topics, which will help them to have a better understanding of how to keep themselves and each other safe.

This week, we have been talking to the children during assembly about safe and unsafe touch; we have been very impressed with the sensible discussions that we have had with the children.

School Value of the Month: Love

"Love is like the wind, you can't see it but you can feel it."