



### Lyon Park Primary School

January 2022

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another positive start to the term; our new members of staff have settled in well to the team and are enjoying working with the children.

I wanted to take this opportunity to inform you all of some changes that will be taking place from April 2022. Many of you have already realised that I am pregnant and I thank you for your well wishes. I will be taking maternity leave for one year from after the Easter break. Mrs Pacquette, current Deputy Headteacher, will be stepping in as Acting Headteacher for the duration of my leave. Please be reassured that this will not mean any changes for your child and Mrs Pacquette and the team will continue to lead the school to ensure good outcomes for all children.

Ms Bhambra ☺



#### CLUBS

It has been wonderful to see continued good attendance at our extra-curricular clubs. During the Autumn Term, we had over 350 children attending a wide range of clubs organised by our Sports Coaches and staff.

Please remember to ensure that you update the office with details of how your child will go home, e.g. walk home alone, collected, etc.

#### ONLINE SAFETY POSTER COMPETITION

Mr Chatton, our Computing Lead, will be launching an 'Online Safety' poster competition for children to complete over the half-term break. During our assemblies, I have been impressed with how knowledgeable the children are about how to keep themselves safe online.

Each class will have a winner with the prize being one of our new sweatshirts, fleeces, rucksacks or book bags with the new school logo!

#### COVID CHANGES & REMOTE EDUCATION

You will all be aware that there are a number of changes in relation to the Government guidance and rules in relation to Covid. I appreciate that sometimes it may be difficult to keep up with the changes. In the event that your child is displaying symptoms, etc, please contact the school office, who will be able to give you the most up to date advice.

As it stands, if you test positive on an LFD test then you need to isolate; you do not need to take a PCR test. If you then test negative on day 5 and 6 of your isolation period with LFD tests and they are 24 hours apart, e.g. take them in the morning, then your isolation periods ends.

Rules are slightly different for those who are unvaccinated. I would encourage you all to continue to take regular LFD tests when you are able to.



#### NUT FREE SCHOOL

We have a number of children and adults at school, who have allergies to nuts; therefore, please ensure that your child does not bring these to school. For some of our children, even a slight touch of nuts can cause a severe allergic reaction.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Spring Term Holidays 2022

- Half term - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 - Children start back at school
- Term ends - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 1.30pm.

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.

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

Thank you for your patience regarding the work in the school kitchen. We are pleased to confirm that hot lunches are now resuming. 😊

## ATTENDANCE ASSEMBLIES

It was wonderful to relaunch all of our Attendance Celebration Assemblies again. In total, we had **237 children**, who achieved 100% attendance during the Autumn Term.

EYFS: 40 children

Years 1 & 2: 59 children

Years 3 & 4: 66 children

Year 5 & 6: 72 children

Congratulations to Sahil (RY), Krisha (2Y), Naman (3O) and Urvik (5O) who were our Argos prize winners. The prizes arrive this week.

## FACE COVERINGS

Although the Government advice has now changed in that face masks are no longer mandatory, as a school, we are asking that you continue to wear these during busy times of the day when dropping off and collecting your child(ren).

This will help to safeguard all of our school community.

Thank you.



## PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Just a general reminder to all parents / carers that you must not park on the 'Keep clear' markings outside both school entrances. Whilst I appreciate that parking is sometimes difficult around the school area with it being a residential area, this is to ensure the safeguarding of all.

We have had some local residents, who have been unable to exit their drives as they have been blocked in, etc. Please ensure that you park in a safe and responsible place on the roads.



## READING

I am pleased to inform you all that Ealing Road Library has reopened its doors to allow for school visits. Miss Colgan will be meeting with teachers to arrange for our classes to start visiting again.

I would also like to encourage you to take some time to register your child at the library and take them for a weekly or fortnightly visit.

The library is a fantastic additional resource for your child to access a wider range of high-quality texts and there are also often workshops that they run for children and families, particularly during the holiday periods.



## COVID-19

Please remember to phone the school office (0208 902 5454) if your child displays any of the 3 covid-19 symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough or loss or change to sense of taste or smell). **DO NOT** send your child to school. If you are unsure about isolation or quarantine rules, please phone the school office, who will then provide you with the correct guidance.

## **School Value of the Month: Responsibility**

**"Responsibility is accepting that you are the cause and the solution of the matter."**