



Lyon Park Primary School

November 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children are all back into the swing of their learning this half-term. During the year group assemblies, it has been wonderful to hear about all of the exciting activities and learning the children have been exposed to. They talk about their learning with lots of enthusiasm.

You will all be aware from the daily news that Covid-19 cases are rising across the country. Although I appreciate that this is not mandatory, if you are able to wear a face covering when visiting school then this would be very much appreciated.

Thank you to those of you who helped to raise money for the Poppy Appeal; we raised **£89.62**.

As the winter months now approach, it is important that all of the children bring a suitable coat and footwear to school; please do not send your child to school with a hoodie or tracksuit top.

Ms Bhambra ☺



CHIT CHAT MORNING

Our first meeting for parents/carers will be held this Friday (26th November). Please remember that this is an opportunity for you to share your thoughts about what the school is doing well and what you would like us to do to further improve.

The meeting will be held in the downstairs hall with Ms Bhambra at 9:00am; if you would like to attend this meeting, please wait outside the main school office.

CHRISTMAS CARDS & BIRTHDAYS

This year the children will not be allowed to distribute Christmas cards across school; if children wish to give a card to children in their classes, this will be allowed. Similarly, many of you have been asking about whether children can bring in chocolates, sweets or other treats for birthdays; this is not allowed. I thank you all for your patience in these matters and am sure that you understand about keeping everybody safe.

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2021 - 2022

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our new School Councillors for being the winners of our Polling Day. Our Councillors are:

Year 1: Lavelle, Shivam, Valentina & Naman

Year 2: Sarvika, Krish, Shanvi & Visha

Year 3: Kavya, Urvika, Devam & Krishiv

Year 4: Khushali, Arya, Utsav, Harsh

Year 5: Dhruvang, Yagneshkumar, Dhruvika, Cavali

Year 6: Dibesh, Sagar, Harsh & Drasti

They have already been busy helping our Senior Leaders during our fundraising day for Children in Need; we all raised an amazing **£1072**! I am so proud of you all. ☺

The School Councillors will be meeting with Ms Bhambra this week to create their action plan for the year. These will be the themes for this year:

- Safety
- COP 26
- Curriculum



VALUES

We have a simple set of four core values; **Friendship**, **Achievement**, **Resilience** and **Respect** (FARR). These core values underpin the other values that we celebrate every month across the year. Our values are celebrated and taught alongside the British values and are the bedrock of the culture at our school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Autumn Term Holidays 2021

- Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day - Wednesday 15th December 2021
- Term ends - Friday 17th December 2021 @1:30pm
- Tuesday 4th January 2022 - Staff Inset Day (Children not in school)
- Wednesday 5th January 2022 - First day of Term for children

Please remember to book all holidays and leave outside of school hours; leave during term time will not be authorised, except for extenuating circumstances.



FLU VACCINATIONS

Unfortunately, due to a shortage of staff to administer the vaccines, these were postponed. These have been rearranged to take place on Tuesday 14th December 2021.

SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER

I am delighted to say that the school has appointed a School Business Manager, Mr Boansi. We are delighted to have Mr Boansi join the team at Lyon Park and look forward to the new ideas and initiatives he will bring to the school.

I would also like to take this Opportunity to thank Mrs O'Donnell, Business Manager at Wembley Primary School, for her support over the last 2 years.



COLLECTION OF CHILDREN

Thank you all for the patience that you have shown in following our home time procedures. Please ensure that you wait at the gate until a member of staff asks you to enter the playground. We are working very hard to ensure that we continue to limit the number of people in the playgrounds to safeguard the whole school community against Covid-19. Please see below for a reminder of the finish times:

3:10pm (Reception) & 3:15pm (Years 1 & 2)

3:20pm (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

You will be allowed to enter 2 minutes before.

FUNDAMENTAL BRITISH VALUES

For a number of years now, all schools have been following the government advice of teaching children about "fundamental British values" which covers:

- democracy
- the rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect
- tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

At Lyon Park, we focus on one of these areas every half term. Last half-term the children learnt about democracy and had the opportunity to demonstrate this through the School Council Polling Day. This half term, children are learning about the rule of law; please speak to your child about how important it is to follow rules for the safety of everybody.

READING

Across Years 2 to 6, children have been focusing very hard on improving their reading ages through the Accelerated Reader Programme. Please see below for the names of some of the children who have made progress of more than 1 year since September 2021:

Year 2: Daniel (2L) & Jay (2L)

Year 3: Himisha (3O) & Miguel (3Y)

Year 4: Rudra (4L) & Kritik (4Y)

Year 5: Jay (5O) & Hiral (5N)

Year 6: Avia (6L), Daksh (6L) & Denis (6N)

Keep up the good work!



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: Peace

"We need diversity of thought in the world to face new challenges."