

### Lyon Park Primary School

OCTOBER 2021

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great start to this academic year. I would like to express my thanks to all of you for continuing to follow our school rules surrounding our safety measures for Covid. It has been lovely to see the school full of children again. Our current attendance stands at 96.1%; our aim is to achieve 97% by the end of the academic year.

It is important that children have a balanced diet and unfortunately, we have noticed quite a number of children bringing in lunches which are unhealthy; please find attached to this newsletter examples healthy food.

Finally, I would like to wish everybody celebrating a very Happy Diwali and Bhandhi Chor Divas for when we return. I hope that everybody has a restful half-term break.

Ms Bhambra ☺



#### PROCEDURE FOR PARENTAL / CARER COMPLAINTS

At Lyon Park, we have a close working partnership with all of our families; this does sometimes mean that there are some difficult conversations to be had. Although this does not happen often, we wanted to ensure that parents / carers have a clear understanding of how to make a complaint should the situation arise.

In the first instance, alert the matter with the relevant member of staff (teacher, support staff, office, Senior Leader).

- If you wish to make a formal complaint, please ensure that this is put in writing and addressed for the attention of the Headteacher. If this is sent via email via [admin@lyonpark.brent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lyonpark.brent.sch.uk) please make it clear that you wish this to be forwarded to the headteacher.
- If the complaint is regarding the Headteacher, please put your complaint in writing or email for the attention of the Chair of Governors (Ingrid Yarde) or Executive Headteacher (Rob Fenton).
- The school will follow the Complaints Policy; a copy of this can be requested by you from the school office. We will always aim to resolve any issues as soon as possible.

#### PARENT / CARER CONSULTATION MEETINGS

We look forward to seeing you all at our parent / carer consultation meetings on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November for Years 1 to Year 6. Please remember to follow the following rules:

- Only one parent / carer to attend the appointment (you may bring your child as school will be closed to children on this day).
- All parents / carers to wear a face covering.
- The only entrance and exit point will be the front entrance on Vincent Road.
- Do not arrive more than 15 minutes prior to your appointment; if you arrive earlier, you will be asked to wait outside.
- Maintain distancing whilst in school.



Don't forget  
parents'  
evening!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Autumn Term Holidays 2021

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

### 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 COUNCIL

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October, we will be holding our School Council Polling Day for Years 1 to Year 6. Thank you to all of the children who submitted letters of application; I was extremely impressed with the quality of some of these. The results will be announced in assemblies when we return after the half-term break.

Each School Councillor will receive a different coloured t-shirt and sweatshirt including the new school logo, which is currently being created by a graphic designer. Good luck everybody!

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Next month the children will be learning about black people, who have made a difference. As always, each year group will be studying different people and be talking about the impact of their actions and how they have influenced change.

There will be a poster competition with a prize for each year group; please do encourage your children to take part in this.

I look forward to seeing all of the wonderful entries.

### PARENT / CARER CHIT CHAT MORNINGS

Next half-term I will be relaunching our Parent / Carer Chit Chat morning. These will be held once a month with the purpose being for parents / carers to tell us about what you feel we do well as a school and share with us areas you would like to develop.

At the end of every meeting, we will issue you with a copy of our Parent / Carer Promise letter to outline what was discussed so that those of you who are unable to attend, are kept up-to-date.

I will inform you as to when the first meeting will be and look forward to seeing you there.



### READING

Reading is a huge focus for all of our children. This year, Senior Leaders have been listening to children read; this has been a very enjoyable experience and there is a definite sense of children enjoying this 1:1 time.

This half-term we have also had the opportunity to speak to a sample of children from all year groups regarding their reading experiences at home. It was lovely to hear that they enjoy reading with an adult at home. Thank you to those of you who manage to do this.

Please remember that you can support your child with reading no matter what stage they are at. This can also include talking about picture books. If children have the opportunity to visit a local library, this is also a good idea.

### TIMES TABLES

We are having a big push on the children learning the multiplication facts to 12 x 12. Our children in Year 4 will be taking part in a national test in June 2022 and we want to make sure that they score as highly as they can. There are lots of online games you can use with your child to help them practise or simply count with them. If children know their multiplication facts, they can access a lot of other maths areas with more confidence.

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

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