

LEARNING & GROWING TOGETHER

Lyon Park Primary School

December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

How quickly the term has passed! The Autumn Term has certainly been a busy one with lots of learning going on. Our School Council is set up and have also started to think about the work that they will be doing throughout the school year. It was lovely to see so many of you attend the parent/carer consultation meetings and trying out the school meals in our dining hall. We will be working closely with our catering company over the next 2 terms on some exciting projects at the school...watch this space! As the weather becomes colder and wetter, please can you remind all children to ensure that they wear appropriate clothing for school (coats and footwear). For those families who will be celebrating, I wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year; please stay safe and warm.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Bhambra
(Headteacher)

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Wednesday 18th December, the kitchen will be serving Christmas Lunch. If you would like your child to have a Christmas Lunch on this day, please complete the attached letter and send it into school along with £2.00. This day is also Christmas Jumper Day, which has been organised by the School Council; children are to wear a Christmas jumper (or they can decorate a jumper to wear) and bring in a donation of £1.00. All money raised will be donated to a charity for the homeless called Crisis.

This year, we also have some exciting news...we have negotiated 100 FREE Christmas lunches for parents/carers to come and eat with your children. If you are available and would like to enjoy a free Christmas lunch with your child(ren), please also indicate this on the form attached. All names will then be added to a raffle and we will draw out the first 100 names. Further information will then be provided to you in relation to timings for lunch on the day.

ATTENDANCE ASSEMBLIES

This year we will be holding our Autumn Attendance assemblies during the first week of January. This is to ensure that children do actually achieve 100% throughout the whole of the Autumn Term and are not absent from school during the last few days of term.

We have had lots to celebrate in relation to positive attendance over the last year and are in line with national figures. Thank you to all of our family members, who work hard to ensure that the children attend school as regularly as they are able to and on time. Please keep this up!

READING

The children are continuing to regularly change their books in the library and complete quizzes in school. With the launch of Myon, the children now have access to over 1000 free books at home that they can also quiz on. Some children have been reading rapidly which is fantastic. Well done to the following children who have read the most books and passed the most quizzes in their year group:

Kathirshan: 33 (Year 2); Swapnil: 15 (Year 3)

Yashvi: 31 (Year 4); Rudra: 28 (Year 5)

Priyashi: 43 (Year 6)

Please keep up these efforts!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Autumn/Spring Term Holidays 2019/2020

Term ends - Friday 20th December 2019 at 1:30pm

Monday 6th January 2020 - Staff Inset Day (Children not in school)

Tuesday 7th January 2020 - Children start back at school

Half term - Monday 17th February 2020 to Friday 21st February 2020

Term ends - Friday 3rd April 2020 at 1:30pm

Christmas Jumper Day: Wednesday 18th December (£1.00 - Non-uniform day)

SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN

Please can we remind all parents/carers about ensuring that children are supervised in the playgrounds until school members of staff are present at 8:30am. There have been a few instances where children, particularly in Year 1, have been left unsupervised.

If for any reason you are not able to stay with them, please speak to a member of the office team, who can pass the information to the relevant member of staff.

Everybody is responsible for safeguarding.

PE / SPORTS CLUBS

It has been really pleasing to see the majority of children wearing the correct PE kit during lessons. Please can we remind you to speak to your child about not wearing any jewellery during these sessions as this can be dangerous. There can be instances where jewellery can catch on equipment and other children.

If your child attends a PE / sports club, please can you ensure that they attend school in their school uniform. Your child will then need to change into their PE kit for the afterschool club. The school has toilet cubicle facilities where the children can get changed.

Please ensure that children wear their school sweatshirt on the day they have PE as the coaches do take the children outside when they are able to and a t-shirt is not enough to keep them warm.

PE NEWS

Firstly, I would like to start by congratulating our school netball team for their teamwork and sportsmanship at the recent Brent Hi5 tournament. In recognition of this, they were announced winners of the *Sporting Spirit Award* which we are all very proud of. Our boys' football team have been very busy recently, taking part in three fixtures both home and away. The team have made lots of progress with many of the boys playing in a competitive match for the first time this year. Coach Afrah has been impressed with the improvements the team have made and is looking forward to taking part in more fixtures in the next few months.

DAILY MILE

Across the school we have launched the Daily Mile (you may have heard your children already talking about it). The Daily Mile is 10 minutes of physical activity which every child takes part in 4 times a week. Each year group has a dedicated time during the school day where children can decide to run, skip, jog or walk the perimeter of the playground. The health benefits of taking part in physical activity each day are enormous and we are already seeing improvements in our children's fitness levels.

School Value of the Month: Sharing

"Share your ideas with other people and make something new."