

LEARNING & GROWING TOGETHER

Lyon Park Primary School

September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great start the children have made to the term. It has been lovely to see all of you following on from the summer break and welcoming our new families to the school. There are a number of new teachers we have at the school including our new SENDCo, Mrs Mistry.

I have noticed the large majority of the children looking extremely smart in their school uniforms; please ensure that this continues for the whole school year. Could I also remind all families that children must also wear the correct PE kit, including footwear. As the weather becomes colder and wetter, please ensure that all children come to school with an appropriate jacket or coat.

Chit Chat Mornings will resume next Friday; please look out for a text message with details. I have already seen some fantastic work from our children and sent out some postcards to inform parents/carers about this. I look forward to meeting all of you throughout the school year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Bhambra
(Headteacher)

READING

Following the success of reading in Year 3, we have now launched Accelerated Reader from Years 2 to Year 6. This programme allows for an individual approach to developing independent readers as the children select their own book.

Each day, every child should be bringing home:

- a Reading Log (please listen to your child read, ask them questions about the book and record a comment in these weekly);
- AR levelled book in a zip wallet (please keep these safe and encourage children to look after these);

Children will also have a weekly opportunity to visit the school library but these will be kept in school. A parent/carer contract was sent home this week; please ensure that this is signed and returned to school.

A whole school priority for us at Lyon Park is to create a culture of reading for pleasure; please try to read to your child at home or ask them to read to siblings.

PE

Thank you to all the children who have signed up to our extra-curricular sports clubs. We have over 300 children now taking part in a variety of clubs for all ability levels.

We still have some places in our Health & Fitness Clubs for Years 3, 5 & 6, which will be held on the children's PE day before school from 8:00 - 8:30am. Any parent/carer interested needs to speak to the office for a letter.

PUNCTUALITY



8:40

Please can we remind everybody that school starts at 8:40am for all children in Reception to Year 6. Children arriving after this time, will receive a late mark.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Autumn Term Holidays 2019

Half term - Monday 21st October 2019 to Friday 25th October 2019

Monday 28th October 2019 - Staff Inset Day (Children not in school)

Tuesday 29th October 2019 - Children start back at school

Term ends - Friday 20th December 2019 at 2:00pm

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

Week beginning Monday 7th October 2019

Meet the teacher meetings; please look out for a letter to invite you to a meeting in which you will meet your child's teacher and find out about what the children will be learning about throughout the year and how you can help them.

PARENT PAY

Thank you to those of you who choose to use Parent Pay as a means of paying dinner money. Parents and carers of children in Year 3 have been provided with information about activating your account.

For those of you who prefer to pay by cash, please do so by handing in money in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's full name and class to the school office.

PUPIL DETAILS

Thank you to those of you who have updated us with new contact or address details. In line with our safeguarding policy and in order for us to be able to contact you in the case of any emergencies, it is important that we have the correct contact details. We will be providing you with details we hold of your child in the next couple of weeks; should you notice any incorrect information, please inform the office so that they can be updated on our system.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Well done to all children, who wrote a letter of application to Miss Colgan for the position of School Councillor. Polling Day ran successfully with all children demonstrating the skills of democracy whilst they voted. Results were announced in Celebration Assemblies on Friday; congratulations to our newly elected School Council Representatives:

Year 1: Pravin, Isabela

Tanish, Ziya

Year 2: Viann, Isabella

Maja, Shajanika

Year 3: Jasmitha, Adhvika

Riya, Himani

Year 4: Mohamed, Sarani

Khushi, Kinza

Year 5: Sharanjan, Vaishnavi

Shaisvi, Sienna

Year 6: Ria, Rahul

Neil, Prachi

Mr Mistry will be visiting school this week, to take measurements of our new School Council, as they receive their new sweatshirts and polo shirts next week.

School Value of the Month: Friendship

"Friendship isn't a big thing...it's a million little things."

LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Please find below examples of what our children have been up to at school this month and what they had to say...

School Council Polling Day

Everybody was excited about placing their votes. Miss Colgan had some well-written letter of applications. Congratulations to our new School Council, who will be meeting with Miss Colgan monthly.



"I felt curious because I wasn't sure about who was going to be chosen. I feel so impressed with myself because I will be able to help solve any problems for children." Mohamed, Y4

"Polling Day was a good idea because it helped us to make choices. I feel really proud of myself because I wrote a really good letter and think I'll do a good job to make sure children are doing their best and not left out." Sharanjan, Year 5

"Polling Day was well organised and meant that children did not rush when they were making their decisions. I'm really excited about taking the opinions of my class to the meetings because they will have lots of good ideas." Ria, Year 6

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons have started for our Year 4 children. Swimming is such a crucial life skill for children and adults alike. Well done to 4L for bringing in the correct swimming kit; we look forward to seeing how many of you manage to gain your swimming badges!

Local Area Walk

Our Year 5 children had the opportunity to find out more about some of the key buildings around Wembley and how they came to be built.



"I was fascinated about how the style and structure of the buildings have changed between the 1800s and now. I learnt how technology changed throughout the years to help build the structures." Marisha

"I learnt that the population in Wembley had increased a lot because people had moved to the UK because of wars happening in their countries. This made me feel sad because people love their home countries and they should not have to move for those reasons." Keshani

Secondary School Applications

It's that time of year again; our Year 6 parents / carers will be completing secondary school application forms. Our children had a visit from the Headteacher of Wembley High School; they asked lots of interesting questions. This is a very important decision for you and your child. Where possible, please try to make every effort to visit any prospective schools during open evenings; do not simply rely on the opinion of others. You will gain a lot from a first-hand visit. Mr Moran has arranged for workshops, which will be held at school, to help you complete your form should you require any translation or other help. A letter has already been sent out this week with dates and times.