

# LEARNING & GROWING TOGETHER

## Lyon Park Primary School

October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy half term we have had! Our Nursery and Reception children are now well settled at school. It was lovely to see so many of you at the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings last week. I hope that the documents you received in relation to what the children will be learning about throughout the year will be useful. For those of you who could not attend, these are also on our school website.

Governors have informed us that some parents/carers do not understand the role of the Executive Headteacher (Mr Fenton). Please see the structure of the leadership team below. Mr Fenton will attend the next Chit Chat morning to explain his role in more detail and this will be followed up by our parent/carers promise letter for those of you who are unable to attend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Bhambra  
(Headteacher)

### LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

Mr Fenton (Executive Headteacher - oversees Lyon Park Primary & Wembley Primary School)

Mrs Bhambra (Headteacher of Lyon Park Primary School)

Mrs Pacquette (Deputy Headteacher)

Miss Gallagher  
EYFS

Miss Colgan  
Years 1 & 2

Mrs Lachani  
Years 3 & 4

Mr Moran  
Years 5 & 6

(Assistant Headteachers)

### PE

This month, our school netball team have been really busy training for the Brent Netball competition which takes place on October 29<sup>th</sup>. They have dedicated their lunchtimes to extra practise sessions and should all be really proud of how much they have developed their skills. Our boys' football team are also getting ready for their first match of the season which takes place after half term. I would like to thank the staff who give up their time to lead the training sessions for these teams and look forward to hearing about all of their successes.

### READING

It has been lovely to see all of our children from Years 2 - 6 accessing our new KS2 library this half term. The children have also enjoyed reading the new Accelerated Reader books that school has purchased and regularly come to tell me that they have achieved 100% when they have completed the quiz for the book.

Thank you to those of you who regularly listen to our children read and write a comment in their Reading Logs. It is really important that when listening to them, you check their understanding of the text through comprehension style questions.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Autumn Term Holidays 2019

Half term - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019 - Staff Inset Day (Children not in school)  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019 - Children start back at school  
Term ends - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 1:30pm

Diwali parties: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November @ 1:30pm (Non-uniform day)

### Holiday Requests

We have had a number of requests in relation to holiday leave during term time. Please can we remind parents and carers that all holidays should be taken during the 13 weeks holiday that the children already have throughout the year.

### PARENT / CARER CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Please find attached to this letter a copy of the letter for parent/carers consultation meetings. It is important that you all make an appointment to see your child's teacher so that you are able to discuss the progress they have made and to find out about the areas in which they need to develop so that you can support them at home. Please sign and return the slip as soon as possible.

### PLAYING CARDS

I have noticed that more and more children appear to be bringing in playing cards from home, e.g. Pokémon cards. Please can I ask you to speak to your child about not bringing in any toys or cards from home as this is resulting in some children falling out. Any cards that are now brought into school will be confiscated from the children and will only be handed to a responsible adult.

### HARVEST COLLECTION

Last week, Mr Wood launched our Harvest assemblies. Children had the opportunity to learn about what happens during the harvest collection, why food is collected and how this impacts on others.

There is currently a competition running in school in which we have asked children to bring in any donations of food. This food must be tinned or dry food (no fresh fruit such as bread, vegetables and fruit). All of the donations of food that we receive will then be taken to the food bank.

Thank you to those of you who have already sent in a donation of food over the last week. Please can I encourage you all to send in a small donation as this will make a huge difference to families who access the food bank; every bit will help.

There will be a prize for the winning class from each Phase, who bring in the highest number of food donations.

Thank you in advance.

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

**"It's because we are different that each of us is special."**

# LEARNING EXPERIENCES

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

## Library in use

Our children have enjoyed using our new library.



"I like the library because the new seats are very comfy and there's a good variety of books." Shubh, 5L.

"I like the new library because you get to know what level you are at and what stage you are at in reading." Prisha, 5Y.

"I like the new library because it's very useful and I like the concept of taking tests after each book. Abrar Ali, 6L.

"I love the new library; I've already read 5 of the books and passed the quizzes for these." Parthavi, 6Y.

## Diversity Workshop

This week, all of our Year 4 classes participated in a Diversity Workshop; they all had a fantastic day learning about values such as respect, tolerance, gender equality, etc and we received excellent feedback from the man running the workshop.



"I thought it was fun; we learnt about languages from other people's cultures." Hasti, 4L.

"We had lots of fun and I enjoyed playing different pieces of music." Kenny, 4Y.

"We learnt about respect and being kind to each other." Mansita, 4O.

"I enjoyed the workshop because we talked a lot about what diversity means and I liked acting." Kenzie, 4N.

## BOOK SALE

On Friday, we will be holding a jumble sale in our Dining Hall after school. We will be selling lots of items such as reading books, exercise books, etc. These will be on sale for between 20p - 50p.