



# Leckhamptonbulletin

C of E Primary School



Dear Parents

I should like to take this opportunity to thank you for the trust that you have placed in the school over the past weeks. It has been a pleasure and privilege to welcome the children back to school and to support them in their learning and transition from home this half term.

We are acutely aware that for many communities across the country, infection rates and cases of COVID-19 are rising. Here in school, we are carefully balancing our COVID - 19 risk assessment requirements with the needs of our children and staff. The children have settled back into school life really well and it is reassuring to walk the corridors and hear learning and laughter. Whilst we must continue to implement Government guidance, the staff have worked hard to ensure that the children understand the routines without undue worry and they now naturally form part of the school day. The Senior Leadership Team continue to keep COVID related plans and systems under review and we are pleased to announce that music lessons are commencing next half term. As parents will understand, we have had to take account of our music teachers altered work patterns and availability, as well as addressing some of the concerns or requirements they have had in terms of delivering lessons to the children.

We have been speaking to outside providers regarding extra-curricular provision and we are pleased to be able to offer Andy Tucker Football and Handball as an after school club next half term. These opportunities have been prioritised for our Year 6 pupils in the first instance, as we are conscious that their time with us is more limited. Information on how to sign up for these clubs will be shared in the first week back after half term. School staff are unable to run after school clubs at this time and I do hope that parents understand and support the school's decision on this. The well-being of our staff is important and they have willingly gone above and beyond in order to reach out to families, through sessions such as the catch up conversations, the management of class emails and posting regular, weekly class updates via Edmodo. In addition, for those children who are self-isolating, teachers are setting work online, communicating with families and responding several times a week to individuals via Microsoft Teams at the end of the school day. As a Senior Leadership team, we recognise that these additional responsibilities are time consuming for teachers, leaving them with less capacity to take on board additional after school club commitments at the level that has previously been the case.

For those families who make use of after school child care, you will understand that this provision impacts on room availability. At the moment, 5 classrooms are taken out of action at the end of each school day and I am grateful to staff for facilitating the use of their classrooms on a weekly rota basis. After school club continue to maintain small and consistent groups each week and are meeting the Government guidelines set out for child care provision. I am grateful to our Governing Body for their support in facilitating the start of before school club after half term. As an outside agency, ChildsPlay UK hire the premises from the school and we have made the decision to minimise any charges thus enabling them to offer this much needed provision to parents.

Our remote learning plan is working well and we have had positive feedback from families who have been involved. As always, our intention is to work in partnership with parents and we do understand that there may be extenuating circumstances which impact on a family's ability to participate in the remote learning plan as outlined. If you find yourself in this position, please do let us know and we will do our best to provide learning opportunities in a way which supports your family's needs.

I thought that this would be a good opportunity to remind parents of our altered drop off and pick up times which will commence after half term. In order to maintain the health and safety of all members of our school community, please could I remind parents of the following information sent out in our September Road map:

### **How do I speak with my child's class teacher?**

Parents will be unable to pass messages to teachers at the start and end of day. For general notices to teachers, parents must put this in writing. For example, changes to pick up arrangements. For concerns relating to their child's learning or wellbeing, parents should contact the class teacher via the class email account. Parents should not use the class account for general messages as these will not be picked up during the school day. In line with our Communication Policy, teachers will contact parents within 48 hours of receiving an email. This may be an acknowledgement in the first instance, with a clear indication of when parents can expect further contact with the teacher.

Finally, I should like to wish you and your family a restful half term. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement at this time. We look forward to seeing you all at the start of the new term on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Take care  
Sam Porter  
Headteacher

Tempest Photographers will be in school on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 to take individual and sibling group photos. All children will be photographed individually and you are under no obligation to purchase the photographs. A link will be made available on ParentPay after half term for you to request a sibling photograph – only those families who have requested a sibling photograph will be photographed together.

A text will be sent out during the week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> November to alert you once the link in ParentPay is available.

### **Flu Vaccination Programme**

A reminder that the Flu Immunisation Team will be in school on 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November to carry out this year's programme for children from Reception to Year 6. A reminder please to return your forms to school if you have not yet done so, thank you.

Parent Teacher Consultations will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> November from 4.30 p.m. until 7.00 p.m. and 12<sup>th</sup> November from 3.30 p.m. until 6.00 p.m. Booking will once again be via the School Cloud System (Parents Evening Online) portal and will go live on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 9.00 a.m. Instructions on how to access the portal are available on the school's website [www.leckhampton.gloucs.sch.uk/parents/letters](http://www.leckhampton.gloucs.sch.uk/parents/letters) Parents are asked to book only one appointment per child and the Zoom links will be emailed out during the week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 Please remember to use your child's legal name – if you have any problems then please do not hesitate to contact the school office for assistance.

Our stocks of spare clothes suitable for Reception and Year 1 children are running low. Any donations of socks, underwear, shorts, trousers or skirts appropriate for our youngest children would be gratefully received.

If your child has needed to borrow any of these items from school, please could they be returned after the half-term holiday.

Many thanks  
S Taylor

## REMINDER

### Year 6 Secondary Transfer

We have been asked by GCC to remind parents that the deadline for submitting your child's preference for secondary school is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

<https://emsonline.gloucestershire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2FCitizenPortal%2F>

## Clubs4Kids

Dear Parents

I really hope term has started well. I am really looking forward to seeing the children in French club. Until we are able to return into school for French club which I fear could be while, we will have the following French language clubs via zoom learning the language through games, songs and role-play.

**Reception and Year 1 beginners:** Mondays and Tuesdays at 3.30pm

**Year 1, 2 and 3:** Tuesdays and Thursdays 4.15pm

**KS2:** Mondays 5pm and Wednesdays 4.15pm

**Club de cuisine:** Saturdays at 9.30am

During our zoom holiday clubs during lockdown, the cooking days were always really popular and so I am starting this new club: Club de cuisine will be a Saturday morning zoom French Cooking lesson where children will learn French recipes such as soupe à l'oignon, quiche lorraine, mousse au chocolat. Your child will learn French whilst also creating some fantastic traditional French dishes.

If you are interested in the French language or cooking clubs, please contact Anna-Kate on +44 (0)7375 306 881 or email [ak@clubs4kids.com](mailto:ak@clubs4kids.com). Updates and fun French facts can be found on our facebook and instagram pages - please do follow/like us.

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