

Newsletter

Dear Parents/carers

As we draw near to the end of Term 1, I would like to thank you for all your support. School life is considerably different due to the current situation but parents, pupils and staff have risen to these new challenges magnificently. We have an amazing attendance rate (well above the national average) and the children have appeared so fit and healthy. It is now time for a well-deserved rest ready for the excitement of Term 2!

In case of a second lockdown

The staff are well prepared to be able to set learning tasks in case of a second lockdown. The information for this will be found on the Class page of the school's website. Our "go-to" tasks are on-line based and it is important that your child's log-in details for the following programmes are available and to hand:

- My Maths (KS2 only)
- TT Rockstars (KS2 only)
- Numbots (KS1 only)
- Activelearn (all children)

The log-in can be found in your child's reading record book or in the home/school book. Please e-mail your child's class teacher if you cannot find them. If we are required to close, the teachers will be setting a weekly learning guide for your child to do at home to keep the learning "ticking over". It is so important for all children to consistently practice their "basics" to ensure they don't lose them.

On the Coronavirus tab on the website there is also a link to the Oak Academy website. Here you find details of learning activities based on your child's age and year group. These are based on the national expectations and, although a useful site, are not personalised learning activities linked to your child's learning at Lydbrook.

It is important for you to know, at the current time, that your child's class teacher can always be contacted through the class e-mail account (e.g. owls@lydbrook.gloucs.sch.uk) or by telephone on 01594860344.

Homework

Your child will be set some holiday homework which will link to reading (whole school) and maths (for KS2 only). It is important for every child to read to an adult (3 times a week Owls/Woodpeckers/Magpies and 4 times a week Jays/Hawks). This helps the child to develop accuracy and fluency and allows the adult to model it to the child to help them improve. Please remember to sign your child's reading record book. The number of reads is checked weekly and children do have to stay in to catch up, for one morning break, if they have not read the expected number of times.

Maths Passports

The staff have spent this term checking where children had got to and what they have remembered with their maths passport. I really enjoy seeing them at "Passport Control" when they have successfully shown, over a period of time, a good understanding and fluency in their current passport. From the start of Term 2, I will also be incorporating some of the geographical information linked to the passport into my conversations with each child. Although it is fantastic that they have shown progress in their mathematical skills, it would be great to see their increased knowledge about places around the world too. Don't forget all the information linked to the maths passports can be found on the school website.

Headteacher Certificates

We will be celebrating those who are rewarded with a Headteacher certificate for Term 1 on Friday 6th November. These certificates are given to a pupil who has shown a consistent effort in all areas of school life over a whole term. This effort is recorded regularly on the Class Dojo system using the key secrets of success. Sadly, due to the current situation, we cannot invite you in to see your child receive their certificate but they will be bringing it home on this day. A small assembly will take place in each class and a photograph will be taken. This photograph will be sent home along with the certificate and we will also be displaying all the photographs on our success board in the main corridor. For those who are new to the school, it is important to keep these certificates and to try and collect 6 certificates in their time with us. If they manage this (an amazing achievement!) they will be rewarded with a £10 book token to be spent on a book of their choice.

The Lydbrook School Association

Due to the current situation it is difficult for the LSA to function. Over the years, the ISA has supported the school in raising much needed funds. Some of the projects that have benefited from are the development of the school grounds including the wildlife area, Forest School and the recent well-being garden. When the situation improves, it will be important for the LSA to start up again and I hope it will attract some of our newer families in to become committee members.

Social distancing

Can I remind all parents to properly socially distance when bringing and picking up the children. The staff are working extremely hard during the school day to keep the "class bubbles" apart and the children have responded well to this. As staff, we also model to the children how to keep a social distance from one another.

Diary Dates

Start of Term 2	Monday 2 nd November
Children in Need Day	Friday 13 th November
Anti-bullying week	The week starting Monday 16 th November
End of Term 2	Friday 18 th December

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday break and I look forward to seeing you all back safe and well on Monday 2nd November.

Yours sincerely

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