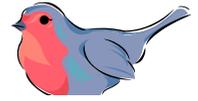


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Dear parents & carers,

Term 3 is already beginning to whizz by! The weather currently is being kind to us allowing for full use of our outside facilities, both during class time or through our enrichment clubs after school. It is lovely to see so many children attending the range of clubs available. These include a gymnastics club (Y3/4), music club (Y5 & 6), football club (Y4, 5 & 6) and variety club (Y1 & 2). It has been exciting to see the launch of a new Lego club for Y2 & 3 too and this is proving to be fun and competitive! We also run some instrumental lessons in piano, brass and violin. Lots of opportunity for such a small school! I would also like to wish our "Lydbrook Lionesses" the very best of luck when they play in a girls football tournament on Monday 6th February. I know they will do us proud!

Attendance

Recently the Governors reviewed our attendance policy and this can be found on the school's website. Our absence rates currently are not too bad considering the amount of illnesses that have been circulating. However, there are a number of pupils arriving late in the mornings by a few minutes. Please can I remind you that the classroom doors are open at 8.45 a.m. and registers are taken at 8.55 a.m. Every child needs to be in class by this time (8.55 a.m.) otherwise they will be marked late.

School lunches

We are very sorry for the recent problems with the cooked school lunches. Unfortunately, the school was taken off the mains and transferred onto a generator for a few days. This had such an impact on the power and we therefore could not trust it to be able to provide the electricity needed for cooking. It also impacted on the heating and the use of IT and the internet. I am pleased that all the forestry work has now been completed and we have been placed back onto the main grid.

Please can you also make sure that you order your child's school lunch before the day. We are getting a lot of "late" requests when the registers are taken. Thank you

Mental Health week

You would have received yesterday, details regarding our links with Mental Health week which starts on Monday 6th February. So many children nationally appear to have the world on their shoulders and we will explore ways to help them relax and feel good about themselves. Research is showing that mental health is just as important as physical health and if strategies are not put into place early in a child's life, then they can seriously affect their future years and even into adulthood. Next week, we will be looking at the important area of CONNECT and how we can cheer each other up by engaging in conversation and being interested in the person you are speaking with.

End of the school day

I have been increasingly concerned for the safety of both children and their families at the end of the school day. This is due to an increase in cars coming up to the school looking for spaces to park and with children not been supported appropriately and have been seen playing in the road and running off well in front of the adults. I am worried that there will be a serious accident if something better is put in place.

Prior to Covid and over many years, we have operated "safe" routes to school. We worked closely with the Local Authority and as a result a designated "safe" route to school was created. This is through the main gate by the main entrance. The "red path" was laid down to encourage families and children to walk safely up to and down from the school. The allocated "safe" route is to continue up to the main gate rather than use the side entrance as there are more cars that use this side.

From Monday the 6th February, the side entrance gate will remain **locked** at the end of the school day to encourage all children to use the “safer” side. Robins, Owls and Magpies will depart through the gate by the kitchen and Jays and Hawks will continue to exit through the gate on the main playground.

This will run for the 2 weeks as a trial leading up to the end of Term 3. I will monitor the situation and please contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

I also understand that this is not an easy site for families who drive and have babies/toddlers who have to be carried. If we can help in any way (e.g. a slightly later pick up when the school has cleared and there would be spaces to park near the school) please talk to either myself or Mrs. Symonds.

Things being brought in from home!

Please could you ensure that children do not bring anything in from home that they do not need. There are quite a few toys that would be best left at home and to look forward to playing with at home! Some children are also coming into school with jewellery including necklaces which are not part of the uniform code.

Diary dates

Friday 17th February End of Term 3
Monday 27th February Start of Term 4
Friday 31st March End of Term 4
Monday 17th March Start of Term 5

Best wishes and thank you for your support in the matters above.

S. T. Lusted

Head