



This Link Letter contains news, forthcoming events and information, helping you to keep in touch with school.

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Welcome to October!

The weather is really feeling autumnal now. Please remember to send your child with a waterproof coat each day and a cardigan or jumper to keep them warm. Thank you for your continued support.

Children's Work

During next week children will be bringing home some of their previous work as we have been reorganising and updating our evidence of children's work in school at the beginning of the year. We hope you enjoy sharing memories with your child!

Dropping off and picking up

As you know, drop-off and collection times are staggered for groups of children to limit contact. We have been so grateful for how parents and families have responded to this and tried hard to keep to timings. It has been very helpful for the smooth running of the staggered system. ***Next week we will be making some minor changes to the pick-up times to try and speed up the process a little now that we have got good at it!*** We will keep the drop off the same as this works well with children having a little more time between groups upon entering school and washing their hands / applying sanitiser before sitting down in class. The new times are therefore set to be:

Surname	Drop off Time	Updated Pick up Time
Surnames A - F	8.40am	3.15pm
Surnames G - L	8.50am	3.20pm
Surnames M - Z	9.00am	3.25pm

A reminder that at drop off and pick up please ensure that you cross the road as needed to leave plenty of space and room for children and families to pass each other with appropriate social distancing.

Thank you for your continued support.

A Special Dinner - it was delicious!

Many of you enjoyed our special dinner of sausages, chips and ice-cream served in a 'hot bag' this week. As this was popular we are planning on offering this once a week, on Friday. We will be in touch at the beginning of next week with the menu choice and children will be able to order on the day if they would like to have the 'hot bag' choice. This will enable the children to have a hot packed lunch but still have social distancing in their class areas! This will continue to be a free meal for all pupils in Years Reception, 1 and 2 and is a paid option for pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (£2.30 per meal) unless they are in receipt of Free School Meals. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Parental Questionnaire about Home Learning

We have this week shared the results of our home learning survey. We were pleased to receive your comments and feedback and it will really help us as we continue to develop our provision. If you have not received the results letter, please let the school office know and we will be happy to help. Thank you for your continued support.

Home Learning

In the event of your child being unwell / self-isolating please remember that the home learning page of the school website will be updated by the beginning of each week so that your child can share in what their class will be learning at school. This will help when they are well and able to re-join school as they will be familiar with the work covered.

Individual School Photographs

We are expecting delivery of the proofs of the individual and sibling school photographs that were taken recently. They should arrive at the beginning of the week and we look forward to sharing them with you!

Flu Vaccination

All children in school will be offered a flu vaccination on December 1st. Further information about the vaccination and links to relevant NHS websites where you can find out more information will be coming soon!

Lego Cards

A number of children have been bringing in Lego cards to swap. Please accept this polite reminder that children must not be bringing items into school - especially not to swap with their friends. This is part of our risk assessment and agreement in light of Covid-19. We are working hard to keep things that come in from home safe - such as by quarantining returned books for 72 hours before reissuing them - and are grateful for your support with this. Thank you.

Applying for Secondary School Places

If your child is currently in Year 6 you will need to apply for their secondary school place for when they transfer from primary. The Leicestershire County Council website has information which can be found at <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place> and you may find this useful. The deadline for applications is 31st October 2020. Everyone must apply for a place as there is not automatic entry for any school. Schools in the local area will be holding their own visit sessions and you can find out more information from specific schools by visiting their websites. If you have any questions or would like any help with this, please ask Mrs. Bye.

Next week in school.....

Monday 5th October:

Tuesday 6th October: KS1 Multiskills after school

Wednesday 7th October:

Thursday 8th October:

Friday 9th October: KS2 Hockey Club after school

Diary Dates - *new and revised dates added in red*

16th October - End of Term

25th October - Clocks go back

26th October - School Opens

1st December - Flu Vaccination in school

18th December - School Closes for the Christmas Holiday

4th January - Training Day - School Closed to children

5th January - School Opens for the Spring Term

We will continue to add dates as the year progresses and will also keep them on the school website.

Please remember that we are all here to help and if you have any queries about how things are working or questions about health or illness in relation to Covid do not hesitate to ask. Thank you all for your continued support and understanding as we all get used to new ways of working.