



## NEWSLETTER

XII Apostles RCPS, Nel Pan Lane, Leigh, Wigan WN7 5JS School Web Site: [www.twelveapostlesleigh.co.uk](http://www.twelveapostlesleigh.co.uk)  
Headteacher: Mrs S. M. Newton BA Hons QTS 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### Dear Parents/Carers

This has been a roller coaster of a half term. We were all so excited for a new beginning in September and looking forward to welcoming all of our children back to school and returning to some normality. We had no idea of what was to greet us as the weeks rolled by. As you are all aware, we had a number of positive cases of COVID 19 in school among staff and children and in response have had to send year group bubbles home to self-isolate, which I know has further disrupted your child's Education and also caused many of our parents issues with child care and work commitments. However, I am pleased to report that all those that contacted the virus have either fully recovered or are well on the road to recovery. The children that contracted the virus have either had no symptoms or very mild symptoms.

I have been very proud of all the children this half term who have shown great maturity and adapted so well to all the new routines and procedures in place. They have been a credit to their parents.

We look forward to next term and pray that as a school community we are over the worst. However, as you are all aware the National picture is still very uncertain with infection levels on the increase in the North West, therefore it is more important than ever that we all follow the Government guidance and regulations that are in place. **We all need to work together to keep everyone safe.**

Thank you for your support, patience and understanding throughout this challenging time.

Mrs Newton

### Prime Ministers Announcement New Local COVID Alert

The Government have introduced a 3 tiered system of local levels in England and Wigan falls into the high Category.



### Star of the Week

#### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Well done to the following children:

Reception – N/A

Year 1 – Noah Hindley

Year 2 – Bliss Maxwell-Ogundu

Year 3 – Jayden Hamer

Year 4 – Sofie Martynkova

Year 5 – Heidi Gallagher

Year 6 – Oliver Robinson



#### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Reception – N/A

Year 1 – Emmie Wilcock

Year 2 – Caitlin Ackers

Year 3 – Kyrie-Rae Bailey & Charlie Parkinson

Year 4 – Macey Gastall

Year 5 – Ona-Louise Coleman

Year 6 – Ellie Morrie

### Half Term

We break up tomorrow, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October for 2 weeks Half Term Break and return on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

### Reception Intake 2021

We are asking all parents that have an interest in their child starting at XII Apostles in September 2021 to contact the school office and give an email address so that you receive all correspondence about admissions and the virtual open evening. If your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017, they will be due to start school in September 2021. The online application service and details of how to apply for a place in reception class for September 2021 will be available on the Wigan council website on the evening of the 30th September 2020.

Further information on what you can and cannot do if you live, work or travel in each of the local COVID Alert Levels can be found using the links below:

[Medium](#)

[High](#)

[Very high](#)

The government has prioritised ensuring all children can attend school safely, to support their wellbeing and education and help working parents and guardians. The tiers of restriction for education and childcare, summarised in annex 3 of the [Contain Framework](#) and in [guidance on higher education](#), are not in scope of the Local COVID Alert Level framework.

### Home Learning

The teachers would all like to thank the children that have engaged so well in the home learning work set during periods of self isolation.

### Self - Isolation

Can I remind parents that if your child is sent home to self-isolate then they should not leave the house and only play in the garden for the isolation period.

Unfortunately, we have had a few reports where this is not happening and as the Health Protection team have stipulated, this is putting others at risk.

Also, if your child or a member of your family develop symptoms and or has a test, please can you notify school as a matter of urgency and up-date school during the process.

### Risk Assessment

We have a comprehensive risk assessment in place to keep our whole school community safe. This has been approved by the Local Authority. However, it is continually being updated and amended in line with new guidance and is therefore a working document. If you wish to see this, please ask the office and they will email you a copy.

### Reception Remote Open Evening Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 6 pm

We will be sending invites via email to a remote open evening via zoom for those parents that are interested in sending their child to XII Apostles.

### Toast and Milk Money

If your child requires toast and milk after half term please can you send it in an envelope tomorrow, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October, clearly marked with their name and class or on the first day back Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. As you are aware toast is made to order now.

£3 for toast    £6 for milk

£9 for both toast and milk for the half term.

If your child's year group bubble has isolated this half term for 14 days, then you will only need to pay £2 for toast, £4 for milk or £6 toast and milk.

Thank you.

### Drop off and Pick Up times

These will remain the same for the foreseeable future. Thank you for your efforts in adhering to the specified times. It is essential that children arrive at school at their designated times and **no earlier** as we need to avoid congestion on the playground and also year group bubbles mixing.

The time table is available on the school website <https://www.twelveapostlesleigh.co.uk/>

### Parents Evening

The teachers in Year 1 ,2 and 6 are all conducting parent consultations by phone this week. Once again, we are all getting use to a new way of working and I hope that these gave you an insight into how well your child has settled back into school.

The class teachers will continue these after the half term break. Please be mindful these will not exceed 5 minutes so that the teachers have time to talk to all parents and will be between 3.30 pm and 5.50 pm.

Reception - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Year 2 –Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Year 3 - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Year 4 – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Year 5 – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Year 6 – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October



Miss Grundy will email you via ParentMail an allocated day and time slot. Please note it will not be a precise time, it will be within a 30-minute window. Please can all parents ensure they have downloaded the **ParentMail app**, if you have not already done so.

### **After School Clubs**

Mr Moore will be delivering the after school sports club for year 6 tomorrow.

All the clubs will resume on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

All children attending are to come to school in their PE kits and trainers.

#### **Monday**

##### **Year 3**

Badminton

3.00 pm – 4.00 pm

#### **Tuesday**

##### **Year 2**

Multi Skills

3.15 pm – 4.15 pm

#### **Wednesday**

##### **Year 4**

Netball/Basketball

3.00 pm – 4.00 pm

#### **Thursday**

##### **Year 6**

Bench Ball

3.30 pm – 4.30 pm

#### **Friday**

##### **Year 5**

Football

3.15 pm – 4.15 pm

## **Sponsor**

### **9<sup>th</sup>–15<sup>th</sup> Leigh Scout Group**

Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Leigh - (next to the church)

Cubs Group – Ages 8 to 10.5 years

Monday 7.15 pm – 8.30 pm

Beaver Group – Ages 6.5 plus

Thursday 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm

Boys & Girls Welcome

Contact: Jane Riley

On 07714417263

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Whisper International - Neil Sumner - 0161 794 0818 or 07760174537

ABC Domestic - Ian McGowan - 01942 730468 or 07715986396

Feet First - Chiropodist - Nicola - 07767696014

9<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> Leigh Scout Group - Jane Riley - 07714417263

XII Apostles Rainbows, Brownies, Guides & Rangers - Cheryl Garvey - 07719357069