



NEWSLETTER

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16th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is my final newsletter of the year and it is certainly a year none of us will forget and one we could never have imagined way back in February! I would like to take this opportunity to thank you as parents/carers for the support you have given through these difficult times and the strong partnership you have shown between home and school, helping the children develop and achieve .

Most importantly it has been lovely to welcome back our year 6 this week to celebrate their time at XII Apostles and say our final farewells. I wish them all well in the next stage of their school career. We will never forget the class of 2020!

I will be sending a letter out tomorrow with all our arrangement for re-opening in September. This will have a lot of information so please take the time to read and digest this.

Have a lovely Summer break

God Bless

Mrs Newton

Summer Holiday

We will not be open over the Summer Holidays and break up on **Tuesday 21st July** and return on Thursday **3rd September 2020**

School Uniform: Be prepared for September!

As from September children will be required to wear school uniform. At this time of year parents will be purchasing new uniform so please read and adhere to the following. Our website clearly states the dress code for pupils at school. Our uniform is kept simple so that it is easily affordable to parents.

See website: www.twelveapostlesleigh.co.uk

Click on the Parent Tab then school uniform.

Local Uniform Suppliers: A&H Rosenfield on Leigh Market, website: andhrosenfield.co.uk

Or Jaymax in Spinning Gate shopping Centre, Leigh Website: www.jaymaxuniforms.com

It is important that children have a warm waterproof coat for outdoor play as they do play outside in all weathers with the exception of extreme downpours.

Star of the Week!



Friday 3rd July

Reception: Mason Goodwin - for trying his best a brilliant progress since starting back at school. He is always kind, polite and very helpful too. Great work Mason!

Year 1: Jacob Love - for his fantastic effort in our virtual indoor sports day! Jacob was excellent at the activities and tried his best! Well done Jacob!

Year 2: Tommy Lovett and Robson Ogden- for settling back into school so well and for joining in fantastically with our Year Two zoom phone call. Well done Tommy and Robson!

Year 3: Dixie Yates -for always trying her best with her home learning. She has completed some wonderful work and has also been doing lots of exercise too including running and bike riding! Well done Dixie!

Year 4: Ona Coleman - for working hard during lock down, keeping herself busy and continuing to follow her passions. Well done, Ona! and

Sienna Prescott - for super hard work every week, at home and in school, and for being really thoughtful and kind to her sister. Well done!

Year 5: Lois Hartington - for an excellent week in school and working especially hard on her maths work! Keep it up Lois!

Year 6: Matthew Peachey - for working on his transition tasks and being respectful to others. Fantastic work Matthew!

Friday 10th July

Reception: Kacper Kiejko- for working really hard, especially in his reading. Keep it up Kacper!

Year 1: Verity Coburn - for her fantastic manners and kind caring manner with others she is very good at helping others and being a super role model. Well done Verity!

Year 2: Jorgie Williams - She has been in school right from the start of lockdown and she has shown fantastic effort and attitude every single week! Well done Jorgie!

Year 3: Sofie Martynkova - for giving 100% effort in all of her home learning tasks. Keep up the hard work Sofie we are very proud of all your efforts!

Year 4: Daisy Booth and Charlie Nixon - for working hard in school and being very creative. Well done both of you!

Year 5: Evie Ryan - for working so hard with her work in school and helping to organise playtime games within her bubble. You are a superstar Evie!

Year 6: Chloe Hilton is the star of the week in Year 6 for her positive attitude towards school and her excellent behaviour since returning to school. Great work Chloe!

Annual Reports

All annual reports were emailed on Friday 10th July . Acompanying the email was a link to a parental survey so you can confirm receipt and you and your child can

PE

- Children **must not** bring PE kits to school but instead will be required to wear their kits on their PE day. They can come in black leggings or jogging bottoms worn over their PE kit; black shorts and red school T shirt with logo. They can wear either their school cardigan or jumper or a red hooded top.
- Both of the above suppliers are selling red hoodies for children to wear to school on their PE day if you wish to purchase them. They are priced at £10 without the school logo and around £12 with the logo.
- As children are unable to bring a PE kit to school they can wear plain trainers on their PE day **NO LOGOS**

PE Days

Rec Wednesday

Year 1 Thursday

Year 2 Wednesday

Year 3 Thursday

Year 4 Friday

Year 5 Monday

Year 6 Tuesday

- **NO BAGS** at all to be brought from home
- Homework will be set electronically
- Lunchboxes must be a Tupperware box or plastic box that can be wiped down

We need to minimise the risk of cross contamination and therefore keeping resources brought from home to a minimum.

Toast and Milk

Payment for toast and milk will need to be paid in advance each half term to minimise handling of money in school and again cross contamination. If your child wants toast and milk please send in £9.00 in an envelope with their name clearly written on it. If your child just wants toast please send in £3.00 for the half term. Toast will be made to order

Dinner Money – Price Increase

Please note from September school dinners will be £2.25 per day / £11.25 for the week. Please ensure you have your log on details for parent pay, if not please contact the school office.

Reminder Class Arrangements for September

As part of our transition programme your child's new class teacher is in the process of contacting all parents by phone to introduce themselves, discuss home learning experiences and any worries and concerns you may have. In addition they will be posting a video on class dojos with a Summer challenge and information for your child about the year ahead.

make any comments. Please take time to complete this. If you have any questions about the report, please do not hesitate to ring the school to arrange to speak to the class teacher.

Retirement and Final Farewell

As I have previously mentioned we also say farewell to a long standing member of staff, Miss Ryan at the end of the academic year. Miss Ryan has been a valued member of our school community for 15 years. She taught in year 3 and then year 4 for many years. However, in more recent years, she has specialised in teaching and leading French throughout Key Stage 2, developing children's skills in speaking and listening, reading and writing...and having lots of fun along the way. Miss Ryan's professionalism, flexibility, warm caring nature and, above all, her wonderful sense of humour will be greatly missed by the staff and children alike. I know you will all join me in wishing her well for her forthcoming retirement and we hope that she continues to keep in touch. Bon voyage, Madam Ryan!

We also say goodbye to Mrs Evans who has been teaching on a job share basis in Year 3 during this academic year. Although Mrs Evans has only been with us for a short time, she has been a real asset to our school community and will certainly be missed by all. Good luck, Mrs Evans!



XII Apostles Reading Rainbow Challenge



Our whole school reading challenge is almost complete and, once again, there have been so much effort put into the challenges set. The blue challenge

was to celebrate a word selected from a book. There were lots of creative ideas and great word choices.

Class Arrangements September 2020

Reception - Mrs Parry

Year 1 - Mr Ahmed

Year 2 - Miss Hope and Mrs Featherstone

Year 3 - Mrs Yates

(she will move up with the current Year 2)

Year 4 - Miss Phoenix

Year 5 - Mrs Marsden

(She will move up with current Year 4)

Year 6 - Mr Rowlands

Parental Survey: Home Learning and Communication

Thank you so much for taking the time to respond to our questionnaire. This was the first time we have used an electronic survey and there was a good uptake with 96 responses. The responses were overwhelming positive however there are certainly things we can learn from this experience and improve on in the event that we might have to lock down in the future.

Mrs Whitton has prepared an analysis and I have attached this to the newsletter.

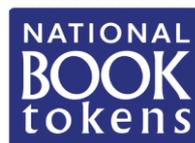
Virtual Sports Day

A huge well done to all of our 'Twelvies' competitors. It was so nice to see all of you taking part and having so much fun. You really have done us proud and you made this year's stay at home Sports Day a big success! Here are this year's winners. Thank you to Miss Hope for organising this event.



The **indigo** challenge was to read to somebody...but make it special. Lots of children curled up with a family member and shared a book. Lovely!

Our final challenge is the **violet** one. We are creating a children's all-time top ten of books and we need to know which ones should be included. Why should your favourite book be in our top ten? Your challenge is to persuade us to include your book. You can do this in any way you wish...make a poster, write a letter or even make a persuasive video to convince us that your favourite book is the best! The more reasons and detail you give, the better.



Finally, as you know, reading is crucial for all children's development. Studies show that reading for pleasure does not just give children an advantage academically; it can improve their wellbeing, too.

Every year, the national book token scheme has a prize draw for schools across the country for £5000 worth of books.

Our school has been entered into this draw already, but the more entries we have, the better our chances of winning are.

Please could you follow the link below

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>

scroll to the bottom of the page and complete the 'Nominate a School' form? It will take less than 2 minutes and you could also win £100 of tokens for yourself. Fingers crossed and thank you!



"What's the best thing you've learned about storms?"
"That they end" said the horse.

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