



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we were able to welcome back many of our Year 1 children on a full time basis.

The children have been so excited to see their teachers and each other. Mr Ahmed, Mrs Yates and Mrs Parry have reported that the children have settled in well despite some being with a different teacher and in a different classroom. They have adjusted to new routines and procedures. We are now exploring ways to bring back our Year 6 children before the end of term and will be writing to Year 6 parents separately with the arrangements to create an eighth bubble.

As my previous correspondence detailed, we are currently providing places for critical key worker and vulnerable children and the numbers are steadily increasing.

We will not be open over the Summer Holidays and break up on Tuesday 21st July and return on Thursday 3rd September (please note the change of dates). We have moved the INSET days so we are remaining open a bit longer and returning 2 days later than originally planned. This will give us time to respond to the most up to date situation regarding COVID and also any Government guidance that may come out during the Summer Holidays.

The government confirmed its intention to bring all children back to school in September. This is obviously welcome news to us all. Back in March, I don't think any of us had thought that the school closure would last so long. We have yet to receive all the guidance to advise how we are to facilitate a full reopening safely, but the announcement certainly gives us some hope and reassurance. To enable a full return they will need to lift the restriction on class sizes, which is the main limiting factor at the moment. We are also unsure how the 'bubble' system will operate. Hopefully some clear direction will follow very soon so we can plan for a successful transition.

Star of the Week!



Friday 19th June

Reception: Hope Smith for having a super attitude towards school and learning during her first week back. Great work Hope!

Year 1: Bliss Maxwell for her fantastic explanation about what makes someone a hero. Fantastic work Bliss!

Year 2: Jaya Jesani for really trying her very best with her home learning this week. She has completed some fantastic Maths, English and Science work. It is clear that she has been working really hard. Well done Jaya!

Year 3: Kamil Mintas for being super smiley in school and trying his best with all his home learning. Well done Kamil!

Year 4: Kornelia Bialek for working hard every week during lock down and for this fantastic recreation of Johannes Vermeer's 'The Girl with the Pearl Earring'. A super effort, Kornelia!

Year 5: Juliette Omrod for her brilliant effort and creative work in her home learning. Great work Juliette!

Year 6: Aston Radzikowski is for working very hard in Maths all week and being a good role model to others. Keep it up Aston!

Friday 26th June

Reception: Emmie Wilcock for designing a fantastic princess outfit. Great work Emmie!

Year 1: Jessica Midgely for her work on Traction Man and linking it to magnets! Fantastic work Jessica!

Year 2: Kia Huyton for always trying his best with his home learning. He has completed some wonderful work and has also been doing lots of exercise too, including a 12 mile walk along the canal! Well done Kai.

Year 3: Corey Warburton for being fantastic all week and being really motivated with all his work. He has designed and made his own wallet. Well done Corey!

Year 4: Rory Lovett for a beautifully presented piece of work and for making a big improvement in his handwriting. Well done, Rory!

Year 5: Thomas Coburn for his resilience in his home learning tasks and his excellent work with fractions, decimals and percentages.

Year 6: Kole Behm for his great version of Pin the Tail on the Donkey! Well done Kole!

Class Arrangements

I am now in a position to tell you who will be your child's teacher next year:

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

We are all in the process of planning a transition for children for when they return to school. The class teachers will contact new parents the last 2 weeks of term to introduce themselves, discuss home learning experiences and any worries and concerns you may have.

Thank you for your patience and understanding throughout these uncertain and difficult times, you are doing a great job and we are incredibly grateful for all your support.

Take Care and God Bless.

Mrs Newton

Parental Survey: Home Learning and Communication

The survey closes tomorrow: **Friday 3rd July**, so please let us have your thoughts if you have not already done so. Up to date the responses have been overwhelmingly positive which is reassuring and encouraging. I will write to parents again with the results and most importantly respond to any concerns raised.

Useful Links

Government guidance for parents and carers as schools and other education settings in England open to more children and young people can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Keeping Children Safe on-line during the Pandemic.
Support for parents

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>

Annual Reports

This year we will be emailing your child's report on Friday 10th July. Due to the current circumstances and the disruption to your child's education during this academic year, this report will be slightly different from previous years'. This report gives an overview of your child's achievements up until the lockdown period, as well as some indications for their progress in the year ahead. It also gives an indication, based on mid-year assessments, as to whether your child was 'on-track' to achieving the expectations of their year group. I hope that you find its contents informative, and that you enjoy the opportunity to celebrate the progress made.

The DFE have removed the requirement to report on attendance in recognition of the impact of COVID 19.

We will be sending out a parental survey at the same time so you can confirm receipt and you and your child can make any comments. If you have any questions about the report, please do not hesitate to ring the school to arrange to speak to the class teacher.



XII Apostles Reading Rainbow Challenge

Our reading challenge is over half way now and there are still lots of children trying hard and showing what wonderful readers they are.

Our **yellow** challenge was to take a photograph of the loveliest place you have to read. There were some great responses!



The **green** challenge was to create a rainbow of books, thinking about either their colours or their title.



PE Challenge- Research Project

A huge well done to all of the children that joined in our PE Challenge to complete a research project on one of the Great British Olympic athletes past or present. We had some wonderful entries and we were very impressed with all of your efforts. It was so difficult to choose the winners.

The Medals have been awarded to:
Niall Lloyd Y4, Oliver Robinson Y5 and Ellie MacDonald Y6. Well done to our wonderful winners!



Reflection from CAFOD

'Hope is not a feeling or a sentiment, it is love in action. It is to reach out, to help others through these challenging times. This is what our faith calls us to do and it is what love compels us to do. For faith and love always leads to hope.'

May hope fill our school and our hearts this week in school and at home as we continue to work together in the most challenging of times.



This week's challenge was the **blue** challenge and all about special words. Thank you once again to all those who are taking part.

Virtual Sports Day Tomorrow 3rd July



Miss Hope has planned an alternative sports day for tomorrow Friday 3rd July.

You can compete against your family- brothers, sisters, dad, mum, carers, grandparents or even the dog!

Miss Hope has sent a list of activities for you all to take part in and these can be found on class dojos. All of the activities will help with some form of PE skills e.g. strength, hand eye coordination, accuracy, speed, balance.

You can choose a selection of the activities or could you do all these challenges in a day?

Whichever activities you choose to do, you will get an automatic point for your house team as it is the participation that counts. You will also get a chance to win a bonus point. Record your points on a piece of paper and **send a photo of your results across to Miss Hope by Friday at 3pm**. Miss Hope will announce the winning house team after all entries have been submitted.

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9th-15th 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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