



NEWSLETTER

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Headteacher: Mrs S. M. Newton BA Hons QTS 25th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all enjoyed the half term break despite the restrictions. The sun is shining, the Prime Minister has announced the road map for the future and there is light at the end of the tunnel although we are certainly not out of the woods yet. The first stage of this road map is the re-opening of schools and the Prime Minister confirmed that all primary school children will be returning to school on **Monday 8th March**, which I know is welcome news for everyone. We have been sent a wealth of operational guidance from the DFE so that we can plan and prepare for the safe return of all our children and I will contact you early next week with further details of any changes to safety measures that are already in place and any changes to routines and procedures. We look forward to welcoming all our children back to school on the **8th March**.

Kindest Regards
Mrs Newton

Children's Mental Health Week

We were so impressed with the wealth of activities the children had participated in during mental health week just before half term. The theme this year's was Express Yourself. Teachers encouraged children to look at ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through creativity. Children found ways to express themselves and find out how they viewed the world. The week ended with a celebration: Express Yourself.

A video of some of the work has been shared on class dojos and tapestry. You can also find the videos on our school website.

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Safer Internet Day

The week before half term, we celebrated Safer Internet Day in school. The day called upon everyone to join together to make the internet a safer and better place especially for children. The theme for the week was 'reliability in the online world.' The children explored this theme through assemblies, stories, live class sessions and independent activities.



Star of the Week



Friday 5th February 2021

Can I congratulate the following children for being shining stars:

- Reception – Tom Blydgen Foreman and Amelia Hall**
- Year 1 – Filip Gudyka and Isla McCulloch**
- Year 2 – Isaac France**
- Year 3 – Kai Huyton**
- Year 4 – Oscar Grimshaw**
- Year 5 – Carrie Little**
- Year 6 – Jamie Mather**

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- Reception – Lucas Travis and Lincoln Davies**
- Year 1 – Oonagh Ray and Emmie Wilcock**
- Year 2 – Ruby Jackson**
- Year 3 – Scarlet Dew**
- Year 4 – Alfie Gunning**
- Year 5 – Lucy Greenough-Owen**
- Year 6 – Juliette Ormrod**

Stars of the week will be announced via a recorded assembly each Friday and the certificate will be emailed to the children via parent mail.

World Book Day Thursday 4th March

The theme this year is 'Reading Takes You Places.' Celebrations and Activities planned:

- Daily 'Reading Rocket' challenges will be set via the Whole School Story on Class Dojo/Tapestry.
- Masked Reader competition which will be posted on Monday 1st of March. See if you can identify the mystery readers and the stories.
- Dressing up as book character on 4th March. The children will be invited to attend a Zoom meeting with their classmates dressed as their favourite character from a book. Please ensure your child brings a copy of this book to discuss with their class.
- On 4th March during the Zoom meeting children will be able to enjoy a group read with their class teacher and their peers. Each teacher will provide more information on the time of their Zoom meeting early next week.

Safer Internet Day was a good opportunity to remind children how to stay safe when using the internet, reinforcing SMART rules and to discuss the importance of online behaviour. The children are using the internet more regularly than ever at the moment and we want children to be open and discuss issues that arise and how they might deal with these. It is so important that children and parents continue these discussions at home and that parents are vigilant about children's use of the internet. Mrs Yates has shared on class dojos and the school website some examples of the work completed by the children, so please take a look.

Please see website below for helpful safety tips about popular social media platforms like TIK TOK
<https://www.saferinternetday.org/resources>

Leaving Parent Pay

As you are aware the last day of using Parent Pay was Friday 12th February 2021. There are still some children's accounts in arrears. Please can you check your child's account and clear any outstanding debts for dinner money or breakfast club as a matter of urgency.

From the 22nd February 2021, you can order your child's/children's lunches at home and pay for breakfast club on the EVOLVE system.

During the half term break, we have sent out information/instructions via parentmail for the EVOLVE system. Any parent/carer who has **not** already activated their child's EVOLVE account, please can you contact the school office or email parents@twelveapostlesleigh.co.uk to request an activation code.

Unfortunately this system only allows online payments.

Please note: There is also a price increase from Monday 22nd February 2021 to school dinners from £2.25 per meal to £2.35 per meal (costing £11.75 a week).

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If you have a business and wish to advertise on our newsletter, please contact the school office. The cost is £30 for the year.

National Science Week 8th March Theme – Innovating for the future

As all children return to school we will be marking and celebrating science, technology and engineering. Children will have the opportunity to take part in experiments and be introduced to a range of important and transferrable skills. They will be finding out about different scientists and engineers and of course be looking at the latest landing on Mars. This is an exciting and engaging week for children to return to school. Your child class teacher will send out more information via class dojos.

Here is a link to resources and information that is age appropriate for children. Scroll to the end of the page
<https://www.stem.org.uk/esero/exploring-mars#nasa-perseverance-rover>



A reflection from Pope Francis as we begin our Lenten journey

"I hope that we all will live Lent well, following Jesus and carrying within us a ray of his love for all those we meet."
Pope Francis



Thank You Message from Mrs McDonald

Dear Mrs Newton, Staff, Governors, Parents and Children

Thank you for all the beautiful cards, gifts and kind wishes I received when leaving my position at XII Apostles school.

Thank you for making my last day in school so special. I feel blessed to have been part of XII Apostles for so long, it has been a big part of my life and I will miss everyone.

I hope to see you all soon. Take care of yourselves and stay safe.

Best wishes
Mrs McDonald.

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