



## 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 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### Goodbye and Good luck Mrs McDonald

Tomorrow will be Mrs McDonald last day in school. As I mentioned previously she has been with us for 20 years and she will certainly leave a void and will be dearly missed by children, staff and parents.

I know that you will all join me in wishing her luck in her new job.



### Welcome

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Bell to our team here at XII Apostles. She has been appointed to the position of Admin Assistant and will start on the 1<sup>st</sup> March in the school office. She has a wealth of experience of working in a school office.

### Children's Mental Health Week



This is an annual week-long campaign run by children's mental health charity [Place2Be](http://Place2Be). This year's theme is "Express Yourself" with the focus on children finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas through creativity. This could be through art, music, writing and poetry, dance and drama, photography and film, and doing activities that make you feel good. Throughout the week teachers have planned activities for the children to develop their awareness of their own mental health and activities to explore ways to express themselves.

**Please can children send me photos of any activities they have done that make them feel good or ways in which they have been able to express themselves e.g. dance, art, poetry. Please send to Mrs Newton via class dojos and then I will show them in the next newsletter.**



### Star of the Week



#### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021

Can I congratulate the following children for being shining stars. I have been so impressed with the way children have engaged with home learning. Keep it up and well done to the following children:

**Reception – Gracie Hill and Ricky Lancaster**

**Year 1 – Charlie Belch**

**Year 2 – Ruby Brown and Jacob Reeves**

**Year 3 – Emmet Ray**

**Year 4 – Connor Brown**

**Year 5 – Mason Lewis**

**Year 6 – Thomas Coburn**

#### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Reception – Sam Watt and Annie Caton**

**Year 1 – Kacper Kiejko**

**Year 2 – Frankie Belch**

**Year 3 – Jayden Hamer**

**Year 4 – Matilda Roberts**

**Year 5 – Jay Jay Newby**

**Year 6 – Ellie Mae Davies**

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.

### Get Active with Mr Moore: Daily Challenge

As I mentioned physical activity is so good for our mental health and it has been great to see more children joining in Mr Moore's physical daily challenges. Well done to all those children that reached the Bronze, Silver and Gold at the end of last week. These were announced on the whole school page class dojos

### Half Term Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February

It is nearly half term – just over a week to go and I am sure you will be pleased to have a break which you will very much deserve. You will be pleased to know that no home work will be set for half term! Home learning and school reopening for those that attend on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

### Winter Walks and the Beauty of Nature

Getting out for walks and enjoying the great outdoors is so good for our mental health. Even a short burst of 10 minutes' brisk **walking** increases our **mental** alertness, energy and positive mood. Participation in regular physical activity can increase our self-esteem and can reduce stress and anxiety.

### Leaving Parent Pay



We are leaving

Parent Pay. Please check your child's account and clear any outstanding arrears for dinner money or breakfast club by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021**. After half term, we will be joining Evolve which you are currently using to order your child's dinners – a letter will be sent out this week with more information. There will also be a cost increase to school meals from £2.25 to £2.35 per day (costing £11.75 per week).

### Prime Ministers Announcement

As you have probably heard the Prime Minister announced last week that it will not be possible to open school fully and resume face-to-face learning until Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March at the earliest. This is in response to the national public health data and pressure on NHS capacity.

Schools will be given at least two weeks' notice to prepare for fully reopening. I will keep you informed of any updates as we receive them.

### Newsletter Sponsorship

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***Thank you for all the lovely photographs you have sent in of children enjoying Winter Walks and the great outdoors.***





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