



## 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 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### Dear Parents and Carers

A really warm welcome back to you all. It has been lovely to see all our children back in school, safe and well. They look so smart in their new uniforms and have grown so much. It has been heart-warming to hear once again the sound of laughter and chatter around school. A special welcome to our new Reception children who have started with us this week. The children certainly seem happy to be back and to see their teachers and friends again. Once again, they have to embrace new changes in routines and procedures as class bubbles are no longer in place. They have been able to come together as a whole school for assembly and mix with other year groups at lunchtime. This is a first for our younger children.

Thank you to all parents for adhering to school rules regarding uniform, bags and lunchboxes.

### Hometime

Obviously, both playgrounds at the end of the school day are quite crowded due to all children now finishing at the same time. We appreciate that this can be quite overwhelming for many parents and children after we have had to keep our distance for so long. However, whilst the social distancing 2 metre rule is no longer a requirement, we are advised, as good practice, to retain this wherever possible. The whole school community has a duty of care to look after themselves and others and therefore should be mindful of maintaining a respectable distance. So can I remind parents/carers to adhere to the following:

- Parents/Carers should wait near to their child's class exit.
- Only one parent/carer should come onto the playground with their child at the beginning and end of the school day.
- Parents should avoid standing in large groups on the playground.
- Parents and Carers should not linger on the playground and leave as soon as they have picked up their child(ren).
- Please collect junior child/ren first and then infant child/ren and use the one way system exiting through the infant playground.

### Visiting the school office

Visits to the school office should be kept to a minimum. Please speak to school via the phone, email or class dojos and only visit the office if you have to. Only one person at a time should enter the foyer.

### Symptoms of COVID

- Just a reminder, if your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should stay at home and should book a PCR test, NOT a Lateral Flow test.
- If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test.
- If your child tests positive for Covid, they will need to self-isolate. The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate if they are under 18 or adults fully vaccinated – but instead should book a PCR test.
- A summary of COVID outbreak contingency plan has been sent to all parents and can be found on our website.

### Launch Times Tables Rockstars - Key stage 2 Tomorrow, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September

Following Mrs Whitton's message on class dojos, just a reminder that all children in the **juniors** are invited to dress up as a rock star tomorrow and bring a £1 to launch this new initiative in school.

Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help pupils master the times tables!

Throughout this week, the children have been introduced to the programme in school. They will bring home a letter with an explanation of how to use the programme and their username and password. So please encourage your child to take part.

### School Council

Mrs Whitton has posted a note on class dojos inviting children to be the next school council representatives for their class. If this is something that your child may be interested in, please help them to write a statement detailing why they would be good for the role e.g good listening skills, prepared to give up their time, to be dedicated. The

- If you are just collecting a junior child/ren, exit through the junior one way system via the car park.
- **Under no circumstances should vehicles come onto the car park at the beginning and end of the school day.**

### 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 and can be found on the school website. However, please be mindful that it is continually being updated and amended in line with new guidance and is therefore a working document.

### Year Group Topics

<http://www.twelveapostlesleigh.co.uk/>

Can I remind parents to look at our school website to find out more about the topics covered in each class this term. You will find these under the tab classes and then select your child's year group. Please try to talk to your child about their learning. Also under religion you will find information about upcoming topics in R.E.



### Asthmatic Children



If your child requires an inhaler whilst in school, please collect and complete an asthma card from the school office.

### Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a parent governor which we need to fill as soon as possible.

I have sent out information about this via class dojos and parentmail. If this is something you would be interested in and you would like to know more about the role, please don't hesitate to come and see me for an informal chat. Please see flyer attached.

### Parents Workshops and Meetings

Throughout this term, teachers will be inviting parents to information sessions and meetings about the curriculum. Dependent on the size of the group these will either be virtual or face to face. Please watch out for a letter or message via class dojos or tapestry for more information.

closing date is **24<sup>th</sup> September**. The class teachers will give the children an opportunity to read these out to the class prior to the election on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September. The successful candidates will be announced in assembly on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

We need representatives from each class, Year 1 to Year 6

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Whitton via class dojos.

### Toast and Milk Money

Reminder - If your child requires toast and milk for this next half term, please can you send it into school asap.

Please can the money be placed in an envelope, clearly marked with your child's name and handed into their class teacher.

£3 for toast

£6 milk

£9 toast and milk

As you are aware toast is now made to order daily. Thank you.

### Friends Annual Meeting – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00 am in the School Hall



We plan to resume face to face friends meetings this term.

A warm invitation goes out to all parents especially our new parents to come and join us for this meeting. The friends play a crucial role in organising fund raising events to purchase new equipment and pay for visits and visitors to school. This benefits all the children.



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