



Parent Newsletter
Friday 12th February 2021

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

What a bitterly cold week we've had. It's certainly been a hot chocolatey kind of week! Just a few bits of news to share this week...

COVID Reporting

If your child has been in school this week and is tested positive for Covid over the half term break (up to and including Monday 15 February), please report this to Jo (sbm@leavesden.education) together with your contact number so she can contact you to complete a form that needs to be sent to contact tracing. If the diagnosis is **after** Monday 15th February you do not need to make contact as it will be over 48 hours since your child has been in school.

Parent Consultations

We will be organising parent consultations to take place this term but the timing will depend on when we reopen (which we hope to find out in the coming weeks). As in the Autumn term, consultations will take place remotely and we will inform you of the date and instructions for booking a slot as soon as we can.

Reading Eggs

Early Years children and Year One children have been enjoying Reading Eggs <https://readingeggs.co.uk/> and this is now being rolled out to Year 2. You should be receiving your login details in due course.

Spellzone

We are introducing Spellzone <https://www.spellzone.com/> to children in Key Stage 2 (Y3 – 6). This is in addition to the normal spelling curriculum and is personalised to your child's particular spelling needs. Login details and instructions will be shared with you after half term.

Online Safety

The Government have updated their advice and guidance to help parents and carers to keep children safe online during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. It now includes updated SafeToNet licensing information.

<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>

I would also strongly recommend that you follow this link which provides warnings on innocent looking apps for children which parents may not initially see as posing any risk but in fact do.

<https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2020/11/19/2-games/>

Chimp

Sophie and Amelia have developed this Chimp Display in school to teach others about how the Chimp works and how to manage him! They have created games, posters and collected positive quotations. We will be creating a video for parents to learn more about the Chimp and will let you know as soon as it is posted on the school website.



Leavesden Families

Many of our families have had babies during this lockdown... congratulations to you all! We can't wait to meet new young siblings.

Sadly, some of our families have lost important people in their lives... we share our condolences during these difficult times. If any of you need additional support for any loss you have suffered, please do make contact with us (admin@leavesden.education or vicky@leavesden.education).

Ideas for Half term

- Plan a Themed Day

The key ingredients of a Themed Day are fancy dress, a themed lunch and some fun activities. You might also watch a relevant movie for 90 minutes of down time. You can get some great ideas on [pinterest.co.uk](https://www.pinterest.co.uk)

- Fairy Day
- Frozen Day
- Dinosaur Day
- A Day at the Beach
- Fairytale Day

- Under the Sea
- Pirate Day
- **Hold a Talent Show**
- Get the kids to design a stage and prepare their best talents for an evening production.
- **Virtual Tours of Disneyland and London**
- <https://www.polygon.com/2020/4/16/21222150/disneyland-virtual-rides-attractions-videos-ridethrough-walkthrough>
- <https://360.visitlondon.com/#>
- **Virtual Cook-along**

For a virtual cook-along, make and follow the same recipes with your friend via zoom.

- **Pancake Day**

Tuesday 16th is Pancake Day. Get excited about it and plan, mix up your toppings. Try both sweet and savoury options. Pancakes for breakfast, lunch and dinner!

Dates coming up:

Monday 22nd February First day back of the new half term

Thursday 4th March World Book Day (details to follow)

Friday 26th March End of Term

Date to be confirmed Parent Consultations

Have a safe and lovely half term.

Mrs Lyon and the Leavesden Team