



Parent Newsletter
Friday 19th March 2021

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

I would like to thank the vast majority of parents who have adhered to the safety measures we have in school and on the playground and responded to the tweaks that we have communicated by email over the last two weeks. It has been very reassuring to our staff when they see parents following the guidance and routines – thank you.

Updated Guidance for Parents

Please ensure you keep yourself up-to-date with guidance from the Government:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_source=15%20March%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Gathering at the end of the School Day

Please do not gather outside of the shop at the start or end of the day. In addition, current government guidance is that you should only go to the shop for **essentials**. Sweets and snacks are not considered essential and should your child need a snack you are encouraged to plan this in advance and bring it with you. If you do need to go into the shop for essential items, please go **before** you collect your child to reduce the number of people in there. We have a very rigorous risk assessment in school which is undermined by some of our families not adhering to the rest of the guidance outside of school. Ultimately, this puts my staff and other families at **considerable risk**.

School Developments

This week teachers have been focusing on assessing each child's writing and setting targets for the Summer Term. These will inform their plans to ensure that the children go into the next year group with the skills and knowledge they need to be successful.

We have had confirmation that some of our shielding staff will be able to return to work after Easter and we cannot wait to see them again! We have also been able to secure additional support from an external support to ease the staffing pressures facing us. I can share more news once we have the final plans in place. Our priority is to plan strategically so that we can operate effectively for all of our children.

Red Nose Day

Thank you for all of your generous donations!



Finishing Times for the end of Term

Please find below a reminder of the finishing times for all classes.

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| Nursery | Explorer Class | Normal collection time |
| Reception | River Class 1pm | Mountain Class 12.50pm |
| Year 1 | Lego Class 1.10pm | Diamond Class 1.20pm |
| Year 2 | Adventure Class 1pm | Discovery Class 1.20pm |
| Year 3 | Rainbow Class 1.05pm | Otter Class 1.25pm |
| Year 4 | Acorn Class 1.15pm | Rocket Class 1.25pm |
| Year 5 | Puzzle Class 1.05pm | Bear Class 1.25pm |
| Year 6 | Octopus Class 1.15pm – <i>Please note, Y6 children will not be allowed to walk home alone on this day and must be collected by an adult.</i> | |

Have a wonderful weekend!

From Mrs Lyon and the Leavesden Team