



Parent Newsletter
Friday 26th February 2021

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

We are delighted to be reopening school to all children on Monday 8th March and are busy planning your child's safe return. The risk assessment has been reviewed to ensure we are minimising risk in our school and many of the measures in place will remain. We will continue with staggered starts and staggered collections; Breakfast Club and After School Club will reopen and is open for booking; classes will operate as bubbles and movement around school will be minimal; high levels of cleaning and hygiene will be maintained. There will be a few changes but updated guidance for parents will be shared early next week so that you have a full understanding of safety and routines prior to your children returning to school.

Next Week

To enable us to implement our updated risk assessment fully and provide training for all staff, **school will be closed on Friday 5th March**. We are sorry for any inconvenience if you are a key worker or parent of a vulnerable child but it is essential that our staff are fully ready to reopen the doors to all children on Monday 8th.

We have training for teachers on both Wednesday 3rd March and Friday 5th March. On these days, learning will be available on Google Classrooms but teachers will not be providing feedback. However, please do continue to submit work to the class teacher. Google Meets will go ahead as planned or in some cases you will be informed if they need to be moved to an alternative time.

Google Meets

Some classes have different Google Meet times next week and these have been emailed to individual classes. Please look out for an email informing you of any changes so that you don't miss your child's slot.

World Book Day - Thursday 4th March

By Keely Malone, Assistant Head for Teaching and Learning and Reading Leader



On Thursday 4th March we will be celebrating [World Book Day!](#) This is an important day in our school as we know the importance of developing readers who value and enjoy reading. There is no better way to enjoy a book or story than to snuggle up in your Pyjamas so we welcome you to spend the **entire** day in yours!

On Thursday, all learning set through the Google Classroom will be based around reading, books and stories. Teachers will set learning tasks through prerecorded videos, share stories and offer a space for you to share your day and pyjamas with your class. We will also be undertaking our whole school 'Storytelling Challenge' in which we challenge all our children/families to share a story with us. Look out on the Google Classroom for more information!

Across the week, children will be offered a Virtual Meet the Character Session (class sessions detailed below). These exciting sessions will allow children to engage with a well-known character through activities and games.

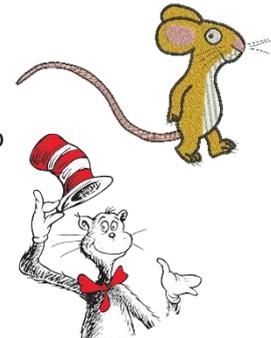


Nursery & Reception will be meeting the Mouse from the Gruffalo

Year 1 & 2 will be meeting the Cat in the Hat

Year 3 & 4 will be meeting Matilda

Year 5 & 6 will be meeting Harry Potter



Each class will have a 30 minute interactive session (during one of your Google Meet sessions).

These sessions will be run by an external provider and we are asking for a donation of £2 or more towards the cost of the session. For families with additional siblings we ask for an additional £1 per extra sibling. **Please make your donation on School Gateway in the payments section.**

Normally, we share our celebration in school with the Watford Observer. If you would like to contribute a photo of your family's day please email this to: admin@leavesden.education.

Happy Reading!

Online Safety

Almost all of us are likely to be spending more time online, including children. This guidance contains resources for parents and carers to help keep their children safe online:

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?utm_source=25%20February%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Look out for more information about our return to school in the coming week and keep up the great learning in our (hopefully) final week of distance learning!

Mrs Lyon and the Leavesden Team