



# Race Leys Infant School

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## Newsletter October 9<sup>th</sup> 2020

We are well into the term and our new routines are now well established. The children are working hard and are now making good progress following their extended break from school in the summer. Our Learning Reviews are coming up where you will be able to speak with the class teacher and talk about your child's learning. Please see the information below to find out more.

Judith Ward

### Covid Updates

#### Face Masks for Parents/Carers

Thank you to everyone who has been continuing to helping us in our quest to minimise the risk of the Covid infection by wearing their face mask and keep their distance on the school site this week.

#### School Coronavirus Emergency Number

Please contact the school immediately on our **Coronavirus Emergency number 07852221022** once you have received a test result. This will enable us to put any actions necessary quickly into place. This number can be contacted out of school hours.

If you do have a test, please can you email proof of the outcome to school whether it is positive or negative ([admin2614@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2614@welearn365.com)).

### School Photographs

There were lots of smiles around school yesterday as the children's school photographs were taken. You will be receiving proof copies shortly.

### Christmas Cards

Following on from last years' positive response to our professionally produced Christmas cards, we have decided to give the children the chance to create their own cards again. This afternoon they will be bringing home their original picture with details of how you can order cards. School will benefit by earning a percentage of the funds taking from card sales. Please see the information coming home with your child's picture for further details.

### Data Collection Forms

Please can any outstanding data collection forms be returned to school by **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October**. It is vital that these are checked and returned with any updates so that we can contact you and act according to your wishes in case of emergency.

### Learning Reviews

Our Learning Reviews take place with your child's teacher will give you the opportunity to find out how they have settled into their new class and to discuss progress and areas to work on at home and in school. These will be held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October after school.

This year we will be unable to hold these on a face to face basis. Instead we will be offering you the chance of a virtual meeting via a video call, or with a phone call. Video calls will take place via TEAMS and you will be sent an invite via your child's class group. Please see the separate letter to identify your preference. Please return your response promptly to secure your chosen date.

### **Use of Technology for Communication with Parents**

Mrs Snape has been working very hard to create an online TEAMS parent group which she has called the **Race Leys Parent Hub**. This is a space where we can hold virtual parent meetings and learning reviews. You will be able to use this to take part in our learning reviews and to find out about how to help your child with their learning in the event of a further lockdown. Please see the video posted on the website and Facebook page to help you to know what to do and how to log in to the group.

### **Home Learning - where positive Covid case occurs in a bubble or Localised Lockdown**

The school has to provide learning in case of a positive test within a bubble, for a local or national lockdown, or when children are isolating following a test. The expectation is that children will be able to continue their learning with you at home should any of these scenarios occur. It is the Government's and school's expectation that children can continue to learn.

Some of the learning will be paper based, however, some lessons will be broadcast live for pupils to take part in. There will also be some online activities for your child to complete.

In order to support you with how to go about home learning, Mrs Snape will be holding two virtual meetings for parents who wish to find out more. These will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October. All parents will be sent an invite via the Parent Hub.

### **Safeguarding - Films**

Over the last couple of weeks I have been approached by staff sharing concerns regarding children watching inappropriate films. The film 'It' and the character Pennywise have been raised on a number of occasions as well as the film Deadpool. These are 15 certificate films and not appropriate for our children to be watching - this includes trailers. As a school we have to log such incidents as a safeguarding concern. Please ensure that your child's devices are set to limit their use to age appropriate settings and monitor their activity online.

### **How to Keep Your Child Safe Online**

If you want to know how to keep your child safe when they are using tablets, phones and computers go to the Internet Matters website [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org). You will find out tips and more information about how to make sure your devices are set up safely as well as a host of other useful safety information.

### **Open Day**

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November we will be holding an Open Day for parents of children due to start school in September 2021. One parent from families who do not/have not had a child in our school will be able to visit. Visitors will need to wear a face mask and will be given a brief tour of the school and a school prospectus with additional information.

Please tell anyone you know who has a child due to start school at this time. Tours will be taking place from 9.30am. Please contact the school office to book a visit.

### **Community News**

#### **Road Closure**

Leicester Road will be closed from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November from 9.00am to 3.30pm. See letter attached for more details. Please make alternative arrangements for parking over this period.

### Halloween Activities

One of our parents has come up with a fantastic idea for celebrating Halloween in a Covid friendly way which she has asked us to share.

She has suggested that everyone could draw, paint or paper Mache a pumpkin in any design and pop it in their window. Children can then see how many pumpkins they can spot as they go out over Halloween or half term. For every pumpkin spotted parents could put a small treat in their child's trick or treat bag. This way they can join in safely without having to knock on doors and visit other houses. Please see the separate flyer for more information.

### Teacher Training Date

Just to remind you all that there will be a Teacher Training day on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**. Children will return to school after the half term break on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

### Up and Coming Diary Dates

Day	Time	Activity
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Pm	Home learning - information for parents - virtual meeting
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30pm - 6.00pm	Learning Reviews
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	3.30pm - 6.00pm	Learning Reviews
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Pm	Break up for half term
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Am	Return to school
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	All day	Children in Need Day

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