



Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery

Friday 2nd July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was an absolute pleasure to see the whole school this week on a Zoom assembly as I announced the children's new class teachers for next year. I was able to see the smiles and the cheers as each one was announced. The new class teachers have already started the process of getting to know their new class of children with a meeting with their current class teacher to hand over all key information. There is much excitement about the new start in September!

In lieu of 'Jump Up' each class teacher will be organising a zoom meeting with their new class for a questions and answers session. A letter has been sent this week detailing the new classes for next year, this can be found on parent mail.

We recently had our class photos taken by **PretaPortrait** and the photographer commented each time on the wonderful behaviour of the children as well as their smiles! Please look out for these in their bags, the order system is now open.

The weather finally seems to have turned a little for the better towards the end of this week, I know the staff and children have their fingers crossed for sunshine for year group sports days which are taking place over the next two weeks. We would like to send a big thank you to our wonderful PTA for providing an end of year treat for the children in the form of end of sports day ice lollies. What a treat!

We thank you as always for your patience, support and cooperation as we enter the final weeks of the school year. Please continue to socially distance on the school site as well as wearing a face mask and regularly washing your hands

Yours in learning
Miss A. Salisbury



Hive Closure

Unfortunately, The Hive will be temporarily closed from Monday 5th July as a result of our reduced staffing capacity. I know this will cause further disruption to your families but we are unable to keep pupils safe, organise administration, catering and invoices with the current staffing levels. I will keep this decision under review and let you know as soon as we are able to re-open. I apologise for this inconvenience, as a working parent I know how essential after school care is, but the safety of our children and staff must be a priority.

Jacket Potatoes

The jacket potato trial was a great success, as of Monday this will be a permanent option for your children to order. Options will be cheese, beans, cheese and beans or tuna.

Golden Book Stars

Danny J (2RF)

Connor J (2RF)



Date for Diary

05.07 - Reception - Year 1 transition talk via zoom
06.07 - Year 2 - Year 3 transition talk via zoom
09.07 - Reports to parents
16.07 - Awards assembly KS1
16.07 - Awards assembly KS2
19.07 - Year 6 Leaver's democracy day
20.07 - Year 6 Leavers assembly
20.07 - Last Day of Term
21.07 - TED day

What have we been up to this fortnight?

Nursery

The nursery children have settled back well into the nursery routine. We have been continuing our theme of superheroes and our five super senses focusing on touch and feelings of different textures. We have also been learning about real superheroes and people who help us. The children have been enjoying dressing up as doctors and nurses in our doctors' surgery role play.

Reception

Although it was lovely to see all of the amazing remote learning last week, we have loved having our children back in school this week. We have been continuing the story of Grandad's Island and even though the weather is not great, we are feeling very beachy and getting 'summer ready'. We have had a discussion about summer, the signs of summer and changes we may make to ourselves to adapt too, such as wearing sun glasses or sun cream. Let's hope we have more sunshine so we can practice what we have learnt!

Year 1

After some time home learning, we have had such a busy week back in Year 1. We have written questions to ask our Year 2 teacher, who was revealed this week. 1SH will be going to Mrs Bowen and 1MK will be going to Miss Holmes, who is moving up to Year 2 with the children. It was brilliant to 'meet and greet' them via zoom, to find out all about Year 2; the learning sounds really fun! We've also been keeping fit and healthy, designing a tasty salad and taking part in lots of different activities for Sports Day.

Year 2

Over the last three weeks in Year 2, we have been reading and writing from a wonderful story called, 'Ossiri and the Bala Mengro', by Richard O'Neill and Katharine Quarmey. It tells the tale of the 'Tattin Folki' who are travelling people and one particular, special girl called Ossiri. She loves music and creates her own instrument, but it sounds dreadful and awakens the terrible ogre, the Bala Mengro. The reading, role play, discussion and writing our children have been inspired to create has been fantastic! They have been so inspired by the book and it's beautiful illustrations. The ogre has been described as 'a terrifying, hairy monster as tall as a mountain!' The children would certainly recommend you read it, plus it has also been a wonderful opportunity to learn about traveller communities.

KS2

The last fortnight has been a busy one in Year 4 as the children took part in the Multiplication Tables check. This was optional this year for us to participate in and it really was a great success! All of the participating children worked extremely hard on the very tricky check and all did absolutely wonderfully - showing as a testament to how hard the children and staff have worked on their times tables this year. A huge well done!

On my travels through the corridors I have also seen some amazing learning coming out of our other KS2 classrooms. I have heard wonderful learning about Italy coming out of Year 3, some amazing work on the Mayans out of Year 5 and I know the Year 6s have thoroughly enjoyed our work on the Civil Rights Movement in the USA. Keep up the hard work KS2, it is amazing for me to see and hear!

Language Base

Mrs Pitcher and Mrs Teasdale would like to thank everyone for their home learning achievements over the Language Bases closure period. So many pupils produced work they were proud of and shared everything they completed with their friends on their return to school.

We would also like to thank the parents and carers who supported their children so productively. It really helps their transition back into the classroom when work is consistently completed as part of a daily routine.

Thank you and well done,

Mrs Pitcher and Mrs Teasdale.

The Hive

Following the news this morning regarding the temporary closure of the Hive I would like to reassure you that invoices will be recalculated for any time missed due to bubble closure. As you can imagine this will be a time consuming task and your patience is appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lynch

