

Lickey Hills Primary School & Nursery

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8th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the children had a safe and happy start to school this week. The children are a credit to you and have settled in extremely well with their friends, new teachers and new routines. I am sure together we can ensure this continues throughout this new school year. We have worked hard to create a new themed curriculum starting this year and we can't wait to share this with you and the children. On behalf of the school staff, governors and families, I also extend a very warm welcome to our new nursery and reception families and new children joining KS1 and KS2.

As always the school staff are here to help with any questions or concerns you may have. Please use **office@lickeyhills.worcs.sch.uk** to communicate with your child's class teacher, contact the school office on 0121 445 1992 or put a letter in one of our postboxes around school. The early days of a new school year often bring many questions so please don't hesitate to ask for help, offer suggestions or share information.

Here are a few reminders to ensure your child has the best opportunity to benefit from all we offer at LHPSN.

- The majority of communication will be via the Parentmail app; please sign up so you don't miss out.
- Children need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Children with low attendance tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school. Punctuality is also essential for your child - everyone should be in their classroom by 8.50am for the first lesson of the day.
- School ends at 3.10pm for Nursery and 3.20pm for all other classes. Y5 and Y6 require written permission to walk home. EYFS to Y4 must be collected from their class teacher; teachers will remain with all children on the playground until they are collected. If we don't recognise you we will always ask for your child's password.
- Contact the school office if you think you are going to be late to collect in exceptional circumstances.
- The Hive Wraparound Care Club is available for all children - please contact Miss Lynch via the school phone number to register for a before or after school place.
- Home learning will be given out on a Wednesday and returned the following Monday. Spelling tests will be on a Monday.
- We expect all children to read at home at least 3 x a week with an adult or directed by an adult, we ask that this is signed off each time. Research shows that it's the single most important thing you can do to help your child's education. It's best to read little and often, so try to put aside some time for it every day. Children should be encouraged to read aloud **and** read on their own, but being read to is really important too, so don't overlook the bedtime story.
- Children should arrive in their school PE kit on their allocated PE day.
- Extracurricular clubs will resume this term: more information to follow.
- We look forward to welcoming parents back into school for celebration days and events. Classes will invite parents in during the year to share and show their learning with you. More information and class dates to follow on Parentmail.

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- We have reviewed our school Behaviour Policy; this includes new rewards and awards and outlines sanctions and consequences. You will find this on our website under the 'Parents' drop down tab > 'Policies'.

You will have noticed that the school, like Big Ben, is mostly surrounded by scaffolding. Unfortunately it is not for a roof top swimming pool as one of the children thought, but to repair our very leaky roof - at last! Worcestershire County Council contractors will be working in phases on the site over the coming months.

Finally, we ask that you 'be kind' to each other. The last few months have created very difficult times for some of our families and children and whilst we have very high standards of behaviour and expectations some of our children have additional and complex needs that make school life even more challenging for them and their families. We believe that embedding a culture of kindness and understanding is critical in preparing our pupils for the challenges they face as children today, and as adults tomorrow. Thank you for helping to keep LHPSN a safe and happy place to learn and play.

The staff, governors and I very much look forward to working in partnership with you during this new school year.

Yours in learning,

Miss A.L. Salisbury

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