



LAMBERHURST ST MARY'S CEP SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSBRIEF

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HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Weekly Headteacher Awards of Gold stickers and certificates were presented by Class Teachers to the following children at today's Celebration Assembly:

Ruby Class (Yr R)-The Whole Class!

Emerald Class (Yr 1)-Magnus Vigor

Topaz Class (Yr 2)-Bay Alkins

Amber Class (Yr 3)-Gus Searle

Sapphire Class (Yr 4)-Kuba Karpinski

Garnet Class (Yr 5)-Taliah Griffiths

Diamond Class (Yr 6)-Kai Mercer

THANKYOU ALICE!

Well done to Alice Roberts in Y4 who raised £15.75 during her summer holidays for the PTA. She made cakes and bracelets and also sold some toys. Well done Alice and thank you for your hard work.

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

Parents will be aware that next year an additional bank holiday has been declared to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As it falls within the late May half-term, the DfE have advised that schools should adjust their term date calendars. Our school calendar has therefore been adjusted to reflect this.

In determining this additional day, we have been mindful of minimising inconvenience to working parents in our designation of the date.

The additional day of holiday will be added to the Christmas holiday break, providing an extra day holiday on Tuesday 4th January, after the New Year Bank Holiday Monday.

Return to school in 2022 will now be Wednesday 5th January.

Please do amend your diaries and calendars.

YEAR 1 FOREST SCHOOL

The Year 1 children had an amazing first week at Forest School. Our Forest School Leader Anna would like to remind the children to wear wellies and waterproof trousers for the stream activities.

LATIN DAY AT LAMBERHURST

We had a fantastic day today to launch our new Latin curriculum subject for Year 3-6 pupils.

Thankyou so much to all of our parents for supporting exciting start to our Minimus programme.

The children and staff all looked fabulous and we had the added bonus of a visit by world famous author Caroline Lawrence.

Caroline, a Cambridge Classics Graduate as well as an author, gave a talk to all of the children in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6, with exciting tales of Ancient Greece and Rome, upon which her books are based.

Probably the most memorable historical fact that we are sure the children have already told you about, is the Roman 'Poo Sponge stick'.Yes they really did.....no 'Andrex' in those days!

We will be sending some photographs to each year group via ParentMail on Monday but in the meantime, here are a few:



Elizabeth, Henry & a very Roman looking dog joined in from home



Caroline Lawrence signs copies of her books

COVID -19 INFORMATION UPDATE

There has been some confusion since we returned to school, regarding the rules and guidance from NHS/Dfe regarding isolation and testing procedures for pupils of Primary age.

This is not surprising as the information is something of a minefield so please see below the key points taken from the document which you may find useful to clarify the situation should anyone in your family test positive for Covid-19 or display symptoms.

- It's a legal requirement to self-isolate if you are told to by NHS Test and Trace. You could be fined if you do not self-isolate.

- Self-isolate straight away and get a PCR test (a test that is sent to the lab) on GOV.UK as soon as possible if you have any of these 3 symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild: a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

- You should also self-isolate straight away if you've tested positive for COVID-19 - this means you have the virus

- You do not need to isolate if someone you live with has symptoms of COVID-19, or has tested positive for COVID-19 if you're fully vaccinated (this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS) or you're under 18 years, 6 months old (ie. all primary school pupils)

- Even if you do not have symptoms, you should still get a PCR test on GOV.UK to check if you have COVID-19 (including primary age pupils) who may attend school while awaiting the results of these tests as long as they don't have any symptoms

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL PROCEDURES

We are also taking some additional precautions due to positive cases in our school families.

- Please be aware that sore throat, sudden cold/flu symptoms or sickness/tummy pain are also symptoms that children and young people are experiencing-we would ask you PCR test in these circumstances as some of our pupils have displayed these symptoms.

- Lateral Flow Tests which are done at home and not sent away to the lab as in the case of PCR tests, are not intended for use once a person has symptoms. Symptoms=PCR Test.

- We have reverted to Assembly Worship in classrooms via Zoom again while we monitor the cases in school over the next couple of weeks.

- School lunches have been organised to reduce numbers of pupils all together in the hall. Y5/6 and Ruby Class have their lunches delivered to their classrooms.

- Today Mrs Bromley had a telephone consultation with Dfe Covid Schools Helpline Team due to discuss the current school situation. We have been informed that Test & Trace monitor all positive cases related to each school and they will contact schools directly if any further action is required to be taken.

- The children continue to wash and sanitize their hands regularly, doors and windows are open to encourage airflow

PTA INVITATION

The PTA are really looking forward to organising some fun events for you and your children this year, and raising money for our school. We'd like to invite any parents who wish to know more about what the PTA do to join us on Tuesday 14th 7.45pm at The Chequers.

No pressure to sign up, just come and have a social drink, but we always would love new members who may have new and refreshing fundraising ideas or can offer any help!

If you fancy joining us on Tuesday please email lamberhurstpta@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you there!

AND FINALLY.....Ruby Class meet a famous author!

