

A relatively short Newsletter this time round: it seems to have been a quiet couple of weeks, which is not necessarily a bad thing! Spring is in the air as far as the school trees are telling me, although the cold weather and snow/hail is trying to convince me otherwise!



Golden Awards (April 23rd / April 30th)

Year 1: Oscar / Samuel
 Year 2: Yassin / Charlotte
 Year 3: --- / Rose
 Year 4: Luca / Imogen R
 Year 5: Camila / Cameron
 Year 6: Megan / Mylo

Freya in Reception received my Headteacher Award last week. Well done everyone!

COVID update

I emailed you all earlier this week to outline our current position regarding the wearing of masks on and around the school site. Please be aware that social distancing is still a requirement, especially if you are not wearing a face covering. Please show consideration to others at all times.

Do not send your children in to school if they display any of the three official symptoms of COVID, even if you believe the symptoms are indicative of an unrelated ailment. The three symptoms are: an elevated temperature (Government define this as where the chest/back feel hot to the touch, although a temperature of 37.8°C or above remains a useful benchmark), a new persistent cough and/or a loss of taste/smell. A test should be sought at the earliest opportunity. This also applies to any other member of the household if symptoms are evident: children should not be sent into school where a member of the household is symptomatic until a negative test result has been obtained for that household member.

Please do not use a lateral flow device test kit for someone who is displaying any of the symptoms of COVID; in these cases, a PCR test must be booked via 119 or the website. Lateral flow tests are only for asymptomatic testing.

Reporting of symptoms/test results can be done either by calling the School Office (01642 783684) or by emailing the dedicated email address: covid@lewendale.org.uk.

Staffing for September

Teaching staff deployment for September is almost finalised and we are in a position this year where we will be looking to recruit to a teaching position for next year (on a one-year temporary contract initially). This advert will be going out shortly and we will let you know the outcome as soon as possible.

Teaching assistant deployment is next on the agenda and this will be confirmed within the next fortnight. At that point, I will be in a position to outline the class staffing structure for September 2021.

Robinwood

After last year's trip had to be cancelled for obvious reasons, our Y6 children are looking forward to their residential visit on May 17-19 at Robinwood in Cumbria. This trip has received approval from Stockton's Health & Safety Department and we now await the further easing of restrictions on May 17th to allow the trip to take place. We have been told to expect updated guidance for schools next week so will keep parents informed as necessary.

School devices

There are still some school devices that were loaned out during lockdown that need to be returned to school, whether this is an iPad or one of our Geobook laptops. Please return any devices to school as soon as possible – thank you.

Fruit snacks

Just a reminder that any fruit snacks sent in for breaktime should be pieces of raw fruit, not processed snacks such as fruit winders, yoghurts etc.

Dates for your diary

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| May | 7 | NSPCC Number Day |
| | 17-19 | Y6 residential at Robinwood |
| | 19 | Science roadshow (Y5) - rescheduled |
| | 28 | Break up for half-term |
| June | 7 | Start of Summer Term |
| | 18 | School Health visits (Reception/Y6) |
| July | 9 | Annual reports sent to parents |
| | 10 | PTA Summer Festival |
| | 16 | Break up for summer |
| Sept | 3 | Return to school for Autumn Term |

