



# Leigh Vale Weekly Newsletter



Week Ending: 12/3/21

Diary Dates 2021	
Tuesday 16th March	Y6 World War Two Evacuation Day
Friday 19th March	Comic Relief/Red Nose Day - dress in red/donate online
Wednesday 31st March	School closes for Easter
Monday 19th April	School re-opens
Friday 30th April	School photographer (class photos)
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 26th May	School closes for half term
Monday 7th June	School re-opens
Thursday 22nd July	School closes for the Summer holidays.

## This week in school...

### Welcome Back

We have been waiting for this week to arrive for a very long time. On Monday, with great excitement, Leigh Vale returned to 'normal' as we welcomed back all of our pupils. It has been a hard situation for everybody involved but hopefully we can now move forward and deliver an education our children deserve.

### World Book Day

Last Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day in a slightly different way than usual. Whether you were in school or showing off your costume via Zoom, the teachers wanted to let everyone know that you looked fantastic and made a big effort under the circumstances. You should now be in possession of your World Book Day token which has been sent digitally and you will be able to spend it on selected books. Happy reading! Thank you once again to everyone who helped to make our children look wonderful last week.



### Online Pantomime

Following on from World Book Day and as a treat for the children, the Friends of Leigh Vale subscribed to an online pantomime performance of the classic book, The Wind in the Willows. The children watched this today.

### KS2 Coaches

This week, coaches from St. Helens Rugby League and Lancashire Cricket delivered sessions to the majority of our

KS2 children. These sessions will be ongoing over the next few weeks.

**Mondays:** Y4 Rugby Skills from Saints.

**Wednesdays:** Y5 Cricket sessions from Lancashire Cricket.

**Thursdays:** Y3 Multi-skills from Saints.

### Comic Relief/Red Nose Day

Friday 19th March is Comic Relief/Red Nose Day. We will be asking the children to wear something red. As we are a cashless school, we will not be asking children to bring in their £1 donations. Instead, please donate online at <https://donation.comicrelief.com/>



### Y4 Healthy Living Sessions

This week, Y4 children have taken part in a remote healthy living and wellbeing session which was run by St Helens Wellbeing Services. These sessions will continue every Thursday until the end of term.



### Y6 World War Two Evacuation Day!

Tuesday 16th March is our Y6 World War Two Evacuation Day! Letters have already been sent home. Make sure you're in on time...you won't want to miss that train.



### Safety

Please do not walk down the driveway when arriving or leaving school. We have a fifteen minute drop off/pick up time that allows for social distancing. Please keep the driveway for cars not pedestrians.

Extra-curricular sports clubs will not take place until further notice. We will hopefully start to run some clubs in the summer term.

## Star Outside School

We are always delighted to share the children's success outside of school. Please ensure that we receive the information by Wednesday so that we have time to include it on Friday's newsletter. Thank you. (Any information received after Wednesday will appear on the following week's newsletter)

**Feedback-** We appreciate your feedback and would welcome any comments to help us make our school even better.

### Lost Property

Every year we accumulate a substantial amount of lost property and, as a result, this year it will be donated to a local charity every two weeks. May I please remind everybody that if clothing is clearly labelled then this would significantly reduce the amount of lost property.

### Uniform

Uniform can be ordered from the school office. Our uniform policy requires the children to wear school shoes rather than trainers. We would also ask that extreme/fashion haircuts and decorative hair bands be left for holiday times. Thank you for your co-operation and support.

### **\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICES\*\***

Legh Vale School is a non-smoking site. For health and safety reasons we would like to ask that parents refrain from smoking when dropping off/picking children up from school. This includes electronic cigarettes. We would also like to politely ask that parents do not bring dogs onto the premises. Thank you.

### Bicycles and Scooters

Please be aware that if you travel to school on a scooter or bicycle then it is in the interest of public safety that you dismount when within school grounds.

### Numbots

Good news: due to its success and impact, Legh Vale has paid for a subscription meaning your child can access Numbots from home for the remainder of the academic year.



Times Table Rockstars and Mathletics (Y5/Y6) can also be accessed from home. The password for Numbots and Rockstars is the same.

### Parking

**Please do not park within 10 metres of the give way markings at the chicanes junction on Wagon Lane. Enforcement by the police will be taking place.** Please be aware that for health and safety reasons parents cannot park on the school car park. We would ask parents to park responsibly and considerately around the entire school site. Holyrood Nursery driveway is not to be used for parking as this prevents access and is dangerous. We would also ask you to respect local residents by not parking across their driveways and blocking their access. Also, could parents not park cars obstructing the pavements close to school as this causes a hazard to pedestrians particularly those with push-chairs/buggies etc. Thank you for your co-operation

### KS2 Dinner Money

Just a reminder that dinner money is £12.25 per week - £2.45 per day.

### **\*School Online Payment System \***

We have introduced a new online payment system called **SCHOOLMONEY** which will allow you to pay for all school related items (school dinners, trips etc.) online using a debit/credit card. You should have received a text message which contained a password for logging onto the **SCHOOLMONEY** website.

This password will give you access to your **SCHOOLMONEY** account. You can then begin to make online payments to school. This new payment system will benefit both us as a school and you as a parent. Not only will you be able to pay for items from the comfort of your own home, but you will also be able to access your account at any time to see if there is anything you need to pay for. A letter has been uploaded onto our school app under LETTERS/INFORMATION giving full details on how to access your account. However, if you are unable to access the letter, copies are available from the school office. **REMINDER: if you pay for your child's school dinners, PLEASE DO NOT SEND DINNER MONEY as the office is no longer accepting cash.** If you experience any problems setting up your account or making payments, please contact the school office.

### Contact Details for Parents/Carers

Please ensure that school has your latest contact details as we will use these details when staff need to contact you about your child. Thank you.

### Email communication

Please be aware that although the school office email is checked regularly, if parents have urgent queries it is better to contact school by telephone.

### Holiday Dates

To support parents, holiday dates for 2021/2022 are now available on the school website.

### Jewellery

Jewellery, such as bracelets and rings, is not part of our school uniform and should not be worn or brought into school. This will help to avoid any unfortunate accidents and keep the items secure. Thank you for your co-operation.