



Early Years Foundation Stage Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12th March 2021

Nursery

It was so lovely welcoming the children back into Nursery after such a long time. We saw lots of smiles and happy children as they met new friends who should have started Nursery in January. The children enjoyed making a card and gift for someone special and they started to make their Easter baskets.

We read the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and all the children planted a sunflower seed. We will water it and watch it as it starts to grow.

We have been reinforcing the sounds from previous weeks: m,a,s,d,t,i,n. Our sound that we have focused on this week is 'p', 'Down the plait and around the pirate's face'. The children looked for objects in and around Nursery that began with those letters in addition to finding out what we had hiding in our sound bag. We played 'Kim's game' with the objects, where the children identified missing objects from the tray and sorted them into groups relating to their initial sound.

On entering Nursery children have been finding their name badges.

It would be very helpful if you could encourage your child to practise writing their name at home. Could you please continue to help your child to practise putting on their coats and fastening their own zips. Next week's sound is 'g'. Girl: round her face, down her hair and give her a curl.

Star of the Week

Congratulations to:

- * Blue group (am) **Theo** for taking turns with his new friends.
- * Blue group (pm) **Ava C** for settling into Nursery and being so independent.
- * Yellow group (am) **Freddie** for super singing and remembering our letter sounds.
- * Yellow group (pm) **Samuel** for settling back into Nursery with a lovely smiley face.
- * Red group (am) **Eoin** for super sharing and playing with his new friends.
- * Red group (pm) **Bobby** for settling so well and meeting lots of new friends.

Taking Turns and Sharing Certificate

Congratulations to:

- 😊 (Blue group am) **Poppy**
- 😊 (Yellow group am) **Oliver**
- 😊 (Red group am) **Theo**

- 😊 (Blue group pm) **Oliver**
- 😊 (Yellow group pm) **Nancy**
- 😊 (Red group pm) **Layton**

Star Outside of School



Clothing in Nursery

- * Please send your child to Nursery in either school uniform or old clothing. It is likely that your child will get messy during the Nursery session as we have access to pens, paint and the muddy/wet outdoor environment.
- * It is essential that the children have a spare change of clothes (including underwear) available in Nursery at all times. This can be stored in a clearly labelled bag on your child's coat peg. As we have access to our outdoor play environment during all weather conditions, we would like to ask that the children bring a coat or light jacket into Nursery every day. It is also beneficial if your child wears shoes and a coat that they find easy to take on and off.
- * It is **essential** that all clothing, is labelled with your child's full name **(especially coats, uniform, jumpers and shoes)**. This will help us to ensure that any missing items of clothing are quickly returned to their correct owners.

****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.

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/>

Parent App

If you have not already done so please download the app Parentapps Connect, which allows us to communicate with parents via text message/push notifications. The Parentapps Connect App will also provide you with instant access to term dates, event information, newsletters, secure documents, our website and much more. The App is fully secure and GDPR compliant and in order to access it you will need to be invited via text message. In order for us to be able to contact/communicate information to you via our messaging system please call into the office to fill in your details. You will then receive a text message from us inviting you to download the app.

Holiday Dates

To support parents, holiday dates for 2020/2021 are now available on the school website.

Medicines

Please inform your key workers if your child requires any inhalers/medication during school time. It is extremely important that medicine forms are filled in and signed by parents and that all medication has a pharmacy label with your child's name on.

Thank you.



Let's Stay Safe

It is school policy that Nursery, Reception and KS1 children need to be collected by someone who is 16 years old or over unless we have written permission from parents stating otherwise. The letter should be addressed to Mr Howard.

Home/School Communication

Contact Details for Parents/Carers

Please ensure that school has your latest contact details as we will use these details when school staff (including health staff who work in school) 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.

World Book Day

Last Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day in a slightly different way than usual. Whether the children were in school or showing off their costumes 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.

Diary Dates

2021	
Friday 19th March	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 31st March	School closes for Easter
Monday 19th April	Children return to school
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