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## MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Carers and the Community of Lemington,

Welcome back to school following the half-term break. We have a number of important pieces of news to update you with as we enter March.

### WORLD BOOK DAY 2020:

On **Thursday 5th March 2020**, we celebrate World Book Day alongside schools across the planet.

Our theme at LRPS this year is **#WeLoveReading** - on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> we invite children to:

- ✓ Wear their own PJ's or Onesie for the day as we will be listening to and enjoying a variety of stories and books over the day.
- ✓ Bring in their favourite book from home to share with their classmates and teacher.
- ✓ All children are invited to make a £1 donation that will go towards buying new books for our libraries.
- ✓ Our teachers and teaching assistants will also be sharing their own favourite stories with the children throughout the day.



### EARLY YEARS GARDEN DEVELOPMENT:

I would place on record our **huge thanks** to the team of 16-25 year old volunteers from the Newcastle United Foundation and Princes Trust who have spent the past two weeks transforming our Early Years outdoor space.

The youngsters were passionate about developing our space after visiting a number of potential project sites and successfully won a 'Dragons Den'-style competition to successfully secure funding to develop the space. The team have worked tirelessly through some pretty awful weather conditions to really put some love back into our only big green space in school and we (and more importantly our children) are so grateful!



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### **FURTHER IMPROVED SECURITY:**

We have had a brand new 'touch screen' sign-in system installed at our main reception. All visitors to the school must sign in on this screen which then takes a photo and prints a visitor sticker to be worn. If children arrive to school later than 9am they must be signed in by an adult on the screen – this will also record how many minutes late they are and the reason that they are late. Likewise, if you are collecting your child early for any reason, they must be signed out from school on the screen.



We have also had a brand new HD security camera installed on our main entrance so that entrance to the school is safer than ever. The double doors next to the main office are now electronically locked, ensuring that the main reception area is safe & secure at all times.

### **SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS & DISABILITIES COORDINATOR (SENDCo):**



I am delighted to welcome **Mrs. Loise Annal** to Lemington Riverside Primary School as our new Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCo), in Mrs. Hinshaw's absence. Loise will be working at our school every Friday (and some Mondays) and will be responsible for leading our Special Educational Needs provision across the school.

Loise has over 10 years of experience of special educational needs leadership in a number of primary schools in the west of Newcastle and is also a Department for Education 'Specialist Leader of Education' (SLE) for Special Educational Needs. She will be a superb addition to our team.

If your child is currently on the Special Educational Needs Register or if you have any questions or queries, Loise would be more than happy to speak with you. She can be contacted on 0191 267 4315 or you can email her at [loise.annal@lemingtonriverside.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:loise.annal@lemingtonriverside.newcastle.sch.uk)

### **MRS. WALTON JOINS US IN KEY STAGE 1:**



I am delighted to welcome **Mrs. Rachel Walton**, who joins us on a secondment from our OWL Trust friends at Throckley Primary School.

Mrs. Walton is a very experienced teacher who will be teaching our Year 2 children in Mrs. Hinshaw's absence. Mrs. Walton will also have overall responsibility for the leadership of Key Stage 1, again in Mrs. Hinshaw's absence, so she will be the first point of contact for all Year 1 and Year 2 parents and carers if you have any questions or concerns. Mrs. Walton will be supporting Lemington Riverside Primary School until the end of the school year.

### **MISS DODGSON:**

I have to inform you that Miss Dodgson, after many years of service to the pupils of Lemington Riverside Primary School, has decided to resign her post for personal reasons. I would like to thank Miss Dodgson for all of her service to the school and the community.

**Take care,**

**Mr. Heeley (Head Teacher)**



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