

#WeAreLemington



Thursday 17th January 2019

NEWSLETTER: January 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and the community of Lemington,

First of all, thank you for making me feel so welcome over the past week or so – it's been great to meet you all.

PARENT/CARER SURVEY ACTIONS:

Thank you to everybody who took the time to fill out our parent/carer survey. It's been really useful to find out your opinions of the school, what we do well and where we could improve. Well done to Mya's mum from Y4/5 who won the £10 voucher for 'Coffee on the Corner'!

I am working hard at putting together an action plan for the school to help us to continue to move forward; all of your ideas will all feed into that action plan.

There have been some immediate changes that I have made based on your feedback:

- ✓ Many of you asked if we could have a **Sports Day** – I can confirm that we will have a Sports Day in Summer 2019. We will confirm the exact arrangements for this closer to the time.
- ✓ Some of you asked for **more advanced notice of events** that are taking place in school. I have updated the calendar on our website and our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages are now up and running. On our calendar, you will find all of the school holiday dates up to Summer 2020.
- ✓ From Monday 21st January, **all of our classrooms will open from 8:45am** from Nursery up to Year 6 (previously Nursery/Reception opened at 9am). This means that you now have a 15 minute window to get your child into school in time for the register at 9am.
- ✓ Many of you said that you would like us to do more work around anti-bullying. I can confirm that we will be joined on **25th and 26th March** by a national anti-bullying ambassador, Ann Foxley-Johnson. Ann will work



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with our children to create a **LRPS Anti-Bullying Team**. Ann will also be holding a parent/carer/grandparent workshop **on the morning of Tuesday 26th March at 9am** where she will explore how you can help keep your child safe outside of school and in the online world – it would be great to see as many people there as possible (there will be free tea/coffee and cakes too!). Ann will also run training for our staff and Governors.

THANKS TO 'THE EDUCATION NETWORK':

A huge thank you to 'The Education Network' (a local supply teacher agency) who have sponsored our brand new LRPS sports kit. The children are going to be so proud when they pull on the blue and white of Lemington! Here are our up and coming fixture dates for our Y5/6 boys football team (please note in the future we will be registering for girls and Y3/4 tournaments):

- **Wednesday 30th January** – Newcastle & Northumberland Small School's Tournament (4pm – 5:30pm at Gosforth Academy).
- **Thursday 14th February** – Duffy League (West Newcastle League) (4-5:10pm at Walbottle Campus).
- **Thursday 7th March** – Duffy League (West Newcastle League) (4-5:30pm at Walbottle Campus).



We will organise mini-bus transport for the selected players. Parents/carers are welcome and encouraged to come and cheer the team on, but unfortunately we cannot provide transport for adults. Further details about training & the selected players will be sent out soon.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW READING HAMPERS!

Mrs. Crowe, our Year 4/5 teacher and English Leader, has been working hard to create these fantastic reading hampers for each classroom. If your child has been in school on time, every day they will be entered into a prize draw on a Friday afternoon. One lucky child from each class will get to choose a book to take home and keep forever!



LEMINGTON LITTER PICK!

On a chilly January Saturday morning it was fantastic to see a few faces from Lemington Riverside involved in the Lemington Community Pick. We focused on Rokeby Street and Sugley Street near our school. Thank you to everybody who got involved and a special thanks to Lu at 'Coffee on



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the Corner' who provided all of the volunteers with a free hot drink for their hard work!

ATTENDANCE:

We've had a fantastic start to 2019 here at Lemington Riverside with regards to attendance. In the first week back **125 out of 141 children in the school were in on time, every day** – this is brilliant!

In the coming weeks we will be sending out some updates on our reward systems for excellent attendance and the processes we may work through if your child's attendance is causing us concern.

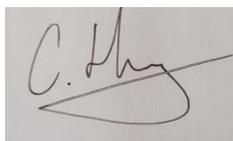
We'll also be giving you some useful guidance and tips we've worked up with our partners in the NHS to enable you to decide 'Is my child too ill for school?' - because we know sometimes it's hard to make the call!

A COUPLE OF POLITE REMINDERS:

- Our children and non-smoking parents don't want to walk through a cloud of smoke when they are entering and leaving our school. If you need to smoke, please do it well away from the school gates. **THANK YOU.**
- Please don't park (or stop) on the yellow zig zags outside the school. They are there to keep **YOUR** child safe. Please note that I have spoken to parking enforcement officers who will be driving around and issuing fines to anybody stopping on these restricted area in the coming weeks. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.**

Once again, **a huge thank you** for warmly welcoming me into your community over the past couple of weeks. I am incredibly excited for what we are building together here in the heart of Lemington!

Take care,



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