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## October Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of a successful first half term following lock-down, here are a few updates from Lemington Riverside.

### New Year 5 Class



I would like to give a warm welcome to **Miss Catherine Brush** (pictured), our new Year 5 teacher who started with us on Monday. Due to additional Covid-19 catch-up funding from the Government we are now in a position to have single year group classes throughout the whole-school for the first time in many years. We have transformed the old staff room into a brand new Year 5 classroom – it has been fully re-decorated and furnished!

### Mrs. Carver is retiring

After an incredible **40 years** of service to Lemington Riverside and other schools in the city, our wonderful Head Chef Mrs. Carver will retire a week on Friday (Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October). Mrs. Carver will have served thousands of delicious dinners to thousands of children during her time at the school (including, no doubt, a number of our parents!). Mrs. Carver is such a well-loved character in our school and always goes the extra mile to ensure our children have a delicious meal every day.

We will be arranging a fitting send off for Mrs. Carver in school next Friday, but if you would like to send any cards or gifts from your families you are welcome to send them in with your child can present them to her.

From the whole Lemington Riverside community – thank you Mrs. Carver – you are welcome back for a cuppa any time and will be missed by us all.

A new Head Chef, Mrs. Kath Baptist has been appointed to succeed Mrs. Carver. Mrs. Baptist is a very experienced chef who has worked in other schools across the city for a number of years.



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## Covid-19 updates

We continue to operate well as a school and have still had no cases of Covid-19 in the school. We are not being complacent, and stringent measures remain in place to keep our school Covid-19 secure. We thank parents/carers for supporting us with the measures, including wearing face coverings when entering the school site (unless medically exempt). Can we remind you all to keep at least 2 metres apart from other families.

Throughout the term a number of families and children have been advised to self-isolate at different points. A reminder that if anybody in your household develops Covid-19 symptoms (A high temperature, a continuous cough, a loss/change in taste or smell) your whole household should self-isolate immediately. The person with symptoms should seek a test by dialling 119. Your children can return to school once you have received confirmation of the negative test.

If a family, a class of children, or the whole-school were forced to self-isolate, daily online learning tasks will be provided through the **SeeSaw** app (you can also log-in online through any laptop, PC or tablet). All children should now have had a letter with how to log-in to their SeeSaw account and they are all becoming experts in using the app at school. If you haven't got your log-in details or need some technical assistance, please speak to your child's class teacher at 8:40am or at the end of the day.



If your child is self-isolating and is entitled to benefit-related free school meals we can arrange free packed lunches. Please contact the school office on 0191 267 4315 or email [admin@lemingtonriverside.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lemingtonriverside.newcastle.sch.uk) on the first day of self-isolation to order packed lunches.

## Spooky Thursday

On **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** it is 'Spooky Thursday' at LRPS! There will be a day of spooky-themed activities across the school – children are welcome to wear Halloween fancy dress on this day if they wish!



## Half-term holiday

Unless we are informed differently by the Government, we break up for the October half term holidays at the end of **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**. School will re-open for all children from 8:45am on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**.

Thanks for your continued support!

Take care,

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**Mr. Heeley**

**Head Teacher**



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