



Lanesfield Primary School Newsletter

October 2023 Issue 3

Message from our Head Teacher

Wow can you believe the weather! It is so changeable. Please make sure children come to school with a coat as we do try and be outside as much as possible. The children have really enjoyed this and share how much happier they feel when they do not have to endure an 'indoor' play. I recognise it does have disadvantages as football comes with muddy trousers, but we do assess the field and we do change the games on offer to try and combat this. It also has lots of advantages as I can happily share I am the 'best headteacher' because we can now use the field much more than before. We have also seen a significant drop in accidents at play time.

Thank you parents for your support during our recent Ofsted visit. Our School Improvement Advisor has shared it was the best feedback she had heard for a long time. We have not had the official report yet, but as soon as we do we will ensure this is sent to parents. As a school we are working on the feedback already.

I am extremely pleased to announce our Ambassadors for this year are Haroldas and Diya. Both are clear role models and have made a great start to duties in school. Please also see the list of this year's Prefects, Sports Leaders and House Captains on page 3.

Finally, a thank you for attending parents evening - attendance this year has been impressive. We will be contacting any parents to rearrange appointments who missed this opportunity.

Site Supervisor

We have a position for a new Site Supervisor, please see link below:

<https://www.lanesfieldprimary.co.uk/current-vacancies>

Overall Attendance: 95.4%

Class Attendance:

1. Orange 99%	7. Lilac 93.7%
2. Blue 97.9%	8. Indigo 93.2%
3. Red 97.4%	9. Yellow 92.7%
4. Purple 96.7%	
5. Pink 96%	
6. Green 94.3%	

Diary Dates

October

23rd Green/Orange class library visits

23rd to 25th Y6 Residential trip

24th Purple class library visit

25th Lilac/Indigo/Blue class library visits

27th Inset Day

Half term - Monday 30th October to Friday

3rd November:

Return to school - Monday 6th November

November

6th Topic Week

6th Start of after school clubs for Autumn 2

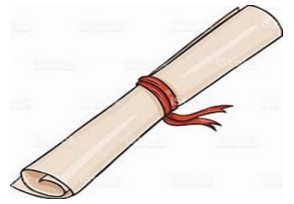
6th Lilac class trip

9th Football match (home)

Well done to the following children who have received Merit Certificates

For Reading: Smilte, Mansirat, Aman, Mariyum, Imaan, Leon, Noor, Clarissa, Kaya, Ade, Daniel, Amber, Teegan, David, Kikun, Anthony, Caitlin, Kimpreet.

For Writing: Aisha, Ryann, Lyla, Bani, Carter, Jodhveer, Nene, Avraj, Nym, Anu, Kiaan, Nevaeh, Ruby, Jasmeet, Miah, Katie, Kiyahna, Chloë-Mae.



Dresden Close Alleyway

Just to keep you updated, we reported this to the council a few weeks ago following concerns from parents.

The council have confirmed that they are working with the owner of the land to get the alleyway cleared.

New Parent Governor

We are looking for a new Parent Governor and have emailed details out to all parents. If you are interested in the role please contact the office

Pink Class visit to Spring Vale Library



Our New School Leaders

Abassadors

Diya
Haroldas

Prefects

Caitlin
Sophia S
Kimpreet
Gaurav
Chloe-Mae
Elizabeth
Keeley
Ethan
Ava
Sofia P

House Captains

Hilton-Tillie
Hackford - Kiyahna
Newman - Madison
Florence - Akin

Sports Leaders

Eddie-Beau
Jaiveer
Rubaljot
Shiann
Riley
Harnoor
Viraj
Anthony

School Council

Red - Ella B / Mary
Yellow - Livjot/Bani
Pink - Simiyah/Luke
Green - Willow/Eden
Blue - Nene/Kiitan
Orange - Milena/Summer-Leigh
Purple - Elijus/Ruby
Lilac - Ellis/Miah
Indigo - Jaiveer/Kiyahna

Gate Opening times

Gates will be opened at 8.20am in the morning and close at 8.40am.

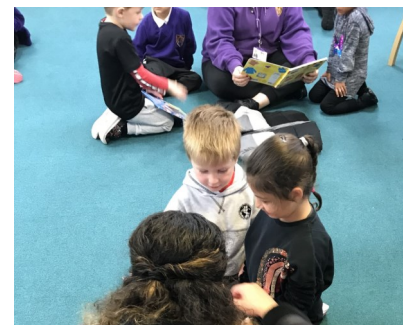
Gates will not be opened until 3.10pm at the end of the school day.

Friday Finish Times

All children finish at 1.15pm on a Friday unless both parents work and they attend family club when school ends at normal time. It is not a flexible pick-up time.

Children should not be picked up in-between these times unless they have an appointment.

Photos of Butterfly class trip to Spring Vale library



Attendance

Holidays in Term Time

Schools cannot authorise holidays for children in term time. Parents should always request any absence from school at least 4 weeks in advance.

Any holiday request of 5 days or more will trigger a fine, this is £60 per parent per child.

If you request leave of less than 5 days and the leave is extended through illness, please do not be offended if we ask for proof of illness or of holiday dates e.g. flight details.

Absence calls

Please call or email us before 9am if your child is absent from school. If we do not hear from you and cannot contact you and have concerns, we may instruct our education welfare officer to visit your home to check on your child.

Department for Education - Did you know?

Persistent failure to send children to school is a clear sign of neglect and schools should work with children's social care services to address any underlying difficulties

Attendance target

Target for attendance for all children is 96%.

If your child falls below this then you will receive letters from school and you will be invited in for meetings to discuss attendance.

If attendance continues to be a concern then as a last resort the LA could take legal action.



How do I work out how time off school affects my child's attendance?



NUMBER OF DAYS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL	CHILD'S ATTENDANCE AT THE END OF THE YEAR
If your child has 1 day off school during the year...	...their attendance will be 99.5%
If your child has 2 days off school during the year...	...their attendance will be 99%
If your child has 5 days off school during the year...	...their attendance will be 97.4%
If your child has 8 days off school during the year...	...their attendance will be 96% This is the target for attendance.
If your child has 15 days off during the year...	...their attendance will be 92.4%
If your child has 20 days off during the year...	...their attendance will be 90% AND School will now regularly monitor attendance on a regular basis. Letters home will be sent.
More than 20 days off during the year...	... their attendance will be below 90%, classed as persistent absence and school will now be in contact with the Local Authority. This may lead to sanctions, court and penalties against the parents.

80% attendance over 5 years = 1 whole year of education lost. Research suggests that pupils who have an average of 20 days absent per school year see negative effects throughout their educational journey - resulting in a whole GCSE grade deficit by the time they leave secondary education. (Article 28 of United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child : The right to learn and go to school)