



NEWSLETTER

"Learning in mind, community at heart"

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Dear Parents and Carers

Just a short letter today...

The first week back to school has been a success. Your children have settled back seamlessly; it's like they have never been away. Thank you for your continuing to support your children with the return to school.

Our priority, as always, is to support them, and as a staff group we are not focussing on phrases like "catch up" or "fallen behind" as these are very unhelpful. Your children are remarkable and have all done their best during these most challenging of times. Please be assured that wherever they are in their learning, Lodge Farm will support them to make further progress.

Attendance has been phenomenal this week. It currently stands at 98%. Please ensure this figure remains this high.

Lessons are for LEARNING

Something for you to try at home...

What questions did you ask today?

"Millions saw the apple fall – Only Newton asked why." BM BARACH

When Einstein returned home from school his mother, or so the story goes, rather than asking him what he had done in school, always asked him, **"What questions did you ask today?"**

Parent Consultations

These will take place during the first half of the Summer Term. Unfortunately, with the ongoing restrictions, we are still unable to do these face-to-face. We will therefore be using a remote system. We will provide you with more information regarding this in the next couple of weeks. These meetings will enable the teachers to share information with you about where your child is on their learning journey and what we will do to help them progress.

Pick Up

Please can you ensure that you pick up on time at the end of school. We are having an increasing number of KS2 children waiting to be collected. We appreciate that some parents are collecting younger EYFS or KS1 siblings first. However, **if all siblings are in Key Stage 2, then please collect at the earliest time** for your youngest child and then wait on the grass for your oldest child to come out.

Year 3 – 3.05

Year 4 – 3.10

Year 5 – 3.15

I would also like to thank you for wearing face coverings when on site. If you are waiting outside our premises, we strongly advise this too. The virus is still out there and anything we can do together to minimise any risk is still so important.

Lateral Flow Testing

As you are aware, all school staff are invited to carry out Lateral Flow Tests twice-weekly. The purpose being to identify asymptomatic cases and reduce the risk of the virus spreading within our community. Please be aware that if a positive case is identified, it will mean that your child's bubble may be closed at short notice. If this is the case, remote learning will be available.

You are probably aware that as parents, you can also take these tests. If this is something you are interested in, please go to a testing centre or you can collect a supply of tests to use at home. Unfortunately, test kits are not available from school. If your LFT test shows a positive result, you must inform school.

Regards

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