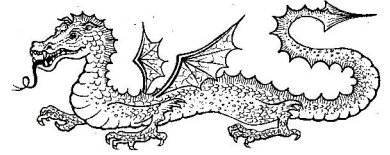


# LADY BAY FOCUS

The Newsletter of Lady Bay Primary School



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Dear parents and carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well. I cannot believe we have reached this point in the year. I can honestly say that my first full year in headship has been eventful. I want to start by publicly thanking my incredible staff team, who have given up holidays, bank holidays and worked tirelessly to keep the school running and provide home learning for all our children. Without their ongoing support and faith in the leadership team, we wouldn't have been able to continue as we have.

I also want to thank each and every parent, who have had to take on the role of teacher, often in very difficult circumstances. I would also like to thank our amazing children who have had to show great resilience to deal with a situation like no other experienced in any of our lifetimes.

I am incredibly proud to be Headteacher at Lady Bay Primary School and genuinely cannot wait to welcome all the children back in September.

## September

Along with this newsletter, I have attached our school's contingency plan for home learning for a range of scenarios. This covers what will happen with home learning if an individual child needs to be sent home, if a year group bubble needs to be sent home or if there is a local or national lockdown. I have had a variety of feedback during this time, mostly positive and in support of school and some with constructive ways we can improve the support we give. We have tried to take this on board when creating the plan.

## Catch up

We are in the process of writing our catch up action plans for September. We have been informed that the school will receive funding which equates to £80 per child. To give you an indication of what this could fund – it would roughly equate to each child receiving 4 hours 1-1 TA support. Although it is great to have extra funding, we are aware some children will need more than this. We are trying to think as creatively as possible on how to use this funding and have a range of ideas already. I will hopefully be able to share more about this in September.

Below, I have included a reminder of the times for when children will need to be dropped off and picked up in September.

Year group	Drop off time	Pick up time	Gate
Foundation	9.05	3.15	Lady Bay Road
Year 1	8.55	3.25	Lady Bay Road
Year 2	8.45	3.15	Middle gate 2
Year 3	9.05	3.35	Middle gate 2
4S	8.45	3.15	Front and middle gate 1
4SZ	9.00	3.30	Front and middle gate 1
5F	9.00	3.30	Front and middle gate 1

5W	8.45	3.15	Front and middle gate 1
6BM	9.00	3.30	Front and middle gate 1
6D	8.45	3.15	Front and middle gate 1

## **PE**

We are asking for children to bring a PE kit in a drawstring bag in September. This can stay in school for a half term and be taken to be washed during the holiday.

## **Bags**

Please do not buy new rucksacks for the children to bring to school in September. They will only be able to bring a book bag and a drawstring PE bag. This is to ensure we limit the amount of unnecessary items in the classroom and, as the desks now have to be forward facing, we do not have the space to have rucksacks for each child.

## **Assemblies**

Assemblies will change slightly in September. Mrs. Keane and I lead an assembly for the children each week (in year groups). The staff will be leading one in their classroom. These will be either from our Jigsaw topic or a different theme we want to share with the children. 2 will be based around books and the final one will be a celebration assembly in their classrooms. This will be the format until we are able to have more children in the hall together.

## **RSE**

As you will no doubt be aware, relationship and sex education is statutory from September 2020. We have decided to invest in a scheme called Jigsaw. This scheme which will ensure all staff cover the statutory requirements and it also has a mental health and wellbeing section in every lesson. Our new policy is on the website if you would like to find further information. We are all very excited to be sharing this within our new curriculum offering.

## **Curriculum**

We are incredibly excited to show the amazing changes we have made to our curriculum. We will be teaching a truly broad and a balanced curriculum with our values and global citizenship at its core. At the end of term, all long term plans will be uploaded on the website. Additionally, as the year progresses you will be able to see the prominence of all subjects increasing on the website.

## **Breakfast club**

Just a quick reminder about Breakfast club...

We are aiming to open breakfast club on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. We will have 1 table per year group (7 tables) and children will need to sit at their year group table. This includes siblings. We are able to have a maximum of 10 children per table, so the maximum children who will be able to attend is 70. We would ask you to please book in advance because as soon as the 10 spaces are filled, we will not be able to have any other children from that year group. The club remains at £5 and will continue to be open from 7.30.

## **Reports and books**

Thanks to all the parents who have collected reports and books this week. If you couldn't make your allotted slot, there is a catch up one between 10 and 11 on Friday. Unfortunately, we are not able to store any books left after this point. Any reports which are not collected will be sent in the post.

## **Photos**

The photos were a huge success. We had lots of children attend school and it was a super experience for everyone. I hope you have enjoyed looking at the photos. Thanks again Mrs. Hambly.

## **LBSA**

The LBSA have asked me to send their thanks for supporting the events they were able to organise this year. The money raised is being put towards an outdoor classroom and reading area in KS2 (which will be fantastic), creating a defined space in 'The Zone' for outdoor continuous provision for year 1 and 2, and jointly funding a professional author to be our patron of reading. All incredibly exciting additions for next year.

Marie also asked me to include the following...

*Hi there, the LBSA are starting the process of producing a cook book which they're aiming to have ready and on sale before Christmas, the perfect Christmas gift! The rough aim is to collate recipes from a combination of school children, local Ladybayers and if we can persuade the dinner ladies to share some of the kid's favourite dinner time recipes we'll include those too. At this stage we're looking for a variety of recipes per year group. We are looking for a combination of savoury/sweet and even drink recipes (smoothies/mock tails, mulled wine - anything goes!). The idea is that once recipes are selected for the book, we would ask the children to draw a picture to accompany it. We'll have a think about how we can acknowledge all recipe submissions so that any not included in the book don't feel despondent. Therefore, we would love it if you could email recipes to: [Ladybaycookbook@gmail.com](mailto:Ladybaycookbook@gmail.com). Think about any recipes that are a hit with family and friends or those quick tea time meals or anything really! I'll send a couple of examples of the type of thing that another school did to give you an idea, but whatever you feel is perhaps your speciality or a family favourite or just something that others would enjoy! Thanks so much for your support. If you're able to send them over the Summer so we're in a position to review all recipes in September that would be much appreciated. Could you include your child's name and (new) year group please. Thank you*

## **Year 6 leavers' assembly**

It is always very sad to say goodbye to our year 6 children. They have been a fantastic year group and they will be sorely missed at Lady Bay. We all wish them the very best for their next adventure and would welcome any of them back to come and visit the school. We are very much looking forward to spending Friday afternoon with them and Mrs. Hambly will be back to take some photos of them. We also have a little surprise for them too.

Finally, I would like to once again say thank you to the staff for their efforts during the difficult time, the parents who have supported the school and the children who have been incredible. What we have had to endure has been completely unprecedented and although I am sure we have all had our ups and downs, we should all be incredibly proud of our children for showing resilience in the face of adversity.

Have a lovely summer everyone, we truly cannot wait to have all the children back in September.

Kindest and warmest regards,  
Steve Border