

THE LEYS PRIMARY and NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 1 May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We have been thinking of all our families at the Leys every day during this time in Lockdown, and I am sure you are, like us, managing the best you can. We have been trying to offer as much support as possible in these circumstances by: opening School every weekday for our Key Workers; providing quality Home Learning; and by making contact with families through phone calls, emails, Marvellous Me, Google classroom, and YouTube Channel, and using our website to provide information.

We understand all families are facing many challenges, on many levels, therefore if there is anything we can do to help you we can try!!! Although I have to say we are a bit short on working miracles! I want to thank all the staff at the Leys for being so willing to support the school. In a time of a worldwide crisis they have really shown what a truly amazing team they are!!!! Staff are working very hard at home behind the scenes to keep the school running, and it is much appreciated by us all!

We all also want to thank all the members of the Leys community who are Key workers. We are well aware of the pressures that this work places on our families, however you are the glue holding our communities together. You have our respect and gratitude in abundance!

School Closure

The government is currently making plans for the country to start coming out of Lockdown in phases, and we expect to know more about plans for schools to reopen next week. Leaders have started to discuss how that will affect the Leys, however we are waiting for more information before we plan our transition back into school in more detail. We do know that we will have to continue to consider the health and safety of everyone in the community, given that COVID-19 will remain a serious concern in our communities for some time to come. We will ensure that parents and carers are well informed of the measures that will be put in place to protect all members of our community - pupils, parents and staff.

Key Worker provision

We continue to be open for all our pupils where parents are key workers. Other groups of pupils are also entitled to attend school. You will be aware, from previous emails, that our position as a school is that **the safest place for all of us is to stay at home**. If this is not possible, then email admin@leys.herts.sch.uk to explain your situation and how you meet the criteria.

Home Learning

Thank you to all the parents and carers who collected the CGP books this week (and thank you to Mrs Khangura for organising this!). We really hope that the workbooks support you - we are well aware of the pressures that families are experiencing with access to the internet and google classroom. The teachers share work each week on google classroom, and have written a summary of what is expected of your pupils this week. If your child can't access the internet, encourage them to complete work in the CGP books. We understand that you are all doing the best you can, and that's good enough for us!

Please visit our website link for tips on home learning:

<http://leys.herts.sch.uk/pupils-home-learning.html>

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Communication with Staff at School

We have set up **new year group emails** that you can use to contact teachers. Our school policy on GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations) is clear that we have to protect personal information of our staff.

- to contact our ADMIN team use admin@leys.herts.sch.uk
- to contact teachers please use the year group email (see below)
- to contact our SEND team use senco@leys.herts.sch.uk
- To contact the headteacher, use head@leys.herts.sch.uk

To contact other members of staff use admin@leys.herts.sch.uk and they will forward to the relevant person

Can I give a BIG SHOUT out to all our amazing pupils and to let them know that we are missing them! That we know they are safe at home and to remember to be kind to everyone in the family. Ask them to think about our school values: Friendship, Respect, Inspiration, Courage, Determination, Equality, Excellence, and how they can use these values to help them at home.

A final BIG SHOUT out to all parents and carers. We know that when the school gates open that you will breathe a sigh of relief and be tempted to leave them with us for a week!!! Although I joke, give yourselves credit for achieving what might seem the impossible!!! We understand that when we return to school it won't exactly be 'business as usual' and we will continue to support families on the next phase of this journey we're on. Keep smiling! We are starting to see a light at the end of this tunnel. **kindest regards to all from Ms Humphries**

	Learning expectations	Update from teachers	A big shout out to:
Nur sery	Daily story time Daily practise -writing your name Weekly-one maths and one literacy based activity related to the topic Find out about a minibeast of the week (a spider)	This week Nursery children have been on a minibeast walk (together with Fred the bear!). They have been learning about caterpillars changing into butterflies. Children enjoyed listening to "The very hungry caterpillar" story and have completed lots of maths based activities, learning about numbers and repeating patterns. We can see that children have been busy making fantastic models of butterflies and caterpillars. Please keep posting pictures of you and your amazing work you have been doing at home-we are so proud of you!	All children who have been on a minibeast hunt /scavenger hunt and have sent us fantastic pictures of their favourite minibests! A big shout out to Charlie Newton, Daisy Wicker and Cobey Callow for really engaging with the Minibeast topic. Daisy Munday , Isabella Twyman, Tieri Badero for learning phonics and writing at home

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Reception	<p>Daily picture to use for writing a sentence</p> <p>Daily maths linked to the story Night pirates.</p> <p>Daily would you rather question</p> <p>Find out about Elephants and Amur Leopards.</p>	<p>This week the Reception children have been busy working with the story Supertato to complete a range of fun maths tasks. We have enjoyed seeing all your learning about turtles and rhinos and that you are finding fun and creative ways to show what you have learnt. The would you rather questions daily always make us smile with your answers and reasons why.</p> <p>Don't forget to keep posting all your amazing work and activities so we can share what you have been up to.</p>	<p>Oliver for improving his writing after telling his mum it makes him tired. He accepted my challenge to write more and to use a tricky word in his sentence.</p> <p>Zachary for working really hard to practice his writing everyday and coming up with some great sentences.</p>
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Year 1	<p>2/3 English and maths activities from CGP books.</p> <p>Weekly spellings.</p> <p>Daily reading or reading eggs.</p>	<p>Year 1 has been very busy using their CGP workbooks. We have enjoyed looking at all the amazing things you have been doing and posting on Google classroom.</p> <p>Don't forget to keep sharing your work on the Google classroom.</p>	<p>Zahid for his creative approach to learning.</p> <p>Liam for sharing his video clips of learning to play the trumpet.</p> <p>Jacob T for a lovely rhyming poem.</p> <p>Isla Goodship for her fantastic science experiments.</p>
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Year 2	<p>3 English and maths activities including CGP books.</p> <p>Weekly handwriting competition on a Tuesday.</p> <p>Other activities and challenges throughout the week.</p> <p>Daily reading- doesn't have to just be a reading book remember to use reading eggs as well.</p>	<p>We have really enjoyed seeing lots of you using google classroom. We are so proud of you all and love seeing all of the brilliant activities you have been completing at home. We like that you use the google classroom to share other ideas that you have been doing with each other, not just ones that we have been setting.</p>	<p>A big shout out to Amina, Luca, and Oliver S who are showing a really positive attitude towards their learning on the google classroom. :)</p> <p>So many children have shown some amazing work in Ahlberg class and I loved seeing all of it. Big shout out to Charlotte who carried out a science experiment, melting crayons.</p>

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<p>Year 3</p>	<p>3 Tasks from CGP English and Maths</p> <p>Daily reading, Reading Eggs or Reading Plus</p> <p>Spelling Shed x3 per week</p> <p>Please continue to post work you are proud of on your Google Classroom <u>daily!</u></p>	<p>Year 3 - we are incredibly proud of you. You have simply blown us away with your dedication and commitment to your learning! Thank you for sharing work that you are proud of, we love seeing what you're up to via our google classroom walls.</p> <p>Please keep it up, remember that 'reading is the gateway to learning' - read everyday! Exercise lots and enjoy the great outdoors, it can even be fun in the drizzly rain!</p>	<p>We want to give a big 'high five' to all children in Year 3! You are <u>all inspiring!</u></p> <p>Ethan Goodship - you are becoming quite the scientist! Your keen interest in the subject is inspiring - thank you for sharing all of your experiments with us on our classroom wall.</p> <p>Mason Thomas - who knew you were such a poet? Your poems bring a smile to my face and I really, truly love them!</p> <p>Joshua McGrath - I am really impressed with your hard work and dedication to your learning.</p> <p>Oliver Flecknell - For completing all tasks set on across the online platforms particularly with speed and accuracy on Purple Mash</p>
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<p>Year 4</p>	<p>3 activities in English/Maths CGP books</p> <p>Daily reading or reading plus Spelling shed 2x a week TTRS 4x a week Post on Google classroom once a week</p>	<p>Year 4 have really enjoyed our home learning this week, settling into some CGP activities and many of us going strong with Joe Wicks daily workouts!</p> <p>We have enjoyed seeing your viking homework, learning about viking homes and starting to explore our new topic.</p> <p>Don't forget to share work you are proud of on Google classroom, this could be art, geography, PSHE...or maybe some delicious cakes you have made!</p>	<p>Isabella Jeans for all of her amazing hard work, and constant positive attitude on Google classroom. Keep it up Bella!</p> <p>Kuba Zlotnik, for his brilliant dedication to his work, even during tough times, Kuba is doing some great work and is making us all really proud. Well done Kuba!</p> <p>Jack Ward, for showing motivation and dedication to his home learning. He has gone above and beyond to complete a range of tasks to</p>

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			a high standard which has really impressed us. Well done Jack, keep it up!
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Year 5	<p>3 x activities in English/Maths CGP books</p> <p>History - VE day activity</p> <p>Global goals activity</p> <p>Daily reading on reading plus and Times Table Rockstars.</p>	<p>We are very proud of the hard work you are doing over this period of time! There are many of you completing a lot of homework activities and sharing videos and images with your classmates. Well done for starting your workouts in your CGP books. Keep up the good work!</p>	<p>Rhys Singer and Tyler-Ray Irish for submitting their work for global goals and for having a great attitude to home schooling.</p> <p>Well done to Karam for creating an excellent portrait of his family.</p> <p>Well done Sara for responding to the greatest number of tasks set across Google Classroom since we have been closed.</p>
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Year 6	<p>Monday, Wednesday, Friday Maths and English Tasks</p> <p>English Reading Comprehensions on Google Classroom</p> <p>Daily Tasks on Reading Plus and Times Tables Rockstars</p> <p>Weekly Foundation Subject tasks (posted on Mondays)</p> <p>Practise weekly spellings</p> <p>Global Goals Activities</p> <p>Complete CGP Book activities</p>	<p>This week, the Year 6s have been learning about Maya Civilisation in History, Islam in RE and the topic of Light in Science, looking at light absorption, reflection and refraction. In addition to this, we have been looking more closely at compassion towards others in PSHE - what does compassion mean? How can we express passion to others? Have we been compassionate this week?</p> <p>To keep things on the fun side, we have tried learning the words to Fresh Prince of Bel Air for Music, and have even been doing a little work in the kitchen, making our very own delicious granola!</p> <p>Some of us have really enjoyed getting involved with the Global Goals tasks too. The Year 6 teachers would</p>	<p>Mrs. Stewart would like to send a big shout out to Aimee Williams, who has written some beautiful poetry around the Global Goals.</p> <p>Dr. Christie would like to Joshua Ching who has been diligently working through all the assignments posted on Google classroom.</p> <p>And last but not least, we'd like to give a big shout out to the Year 6 TA's who are always motivating and inspiring the children to improve on their art skills - what a fun few weeks it's been!</p>

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		love to see more Year 6s getting involved in this!	
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