

The Leys Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

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It has been so fantastic to have our pupils and their families back to school this week! All the children seem so happy to be back. Our staff have been working hard behind the scenes to be ready for the new school year. A very special welcome to all our pupils who started Nursery and Reception classes this week! We hope they came home happy and excited about coming in next week!

Our inspirational person this week wrote a book called 'Seize the moment!' This is a great time for us all to really focus on what The Leys is all about - fantastic friendship and valuable learning!!!!



Who is our Inspirational person this week - ?

“You can't imagine how deep the colour of the earth is. and the detail: you can see continents, but also the wake of a ship. And, at night, the lights of cities shine up to you. There was a window where I slept, and waking up to the world right outside ... wonderful”

One way system

- Thank you very much for doing your very best to keep to our one way system!! We have attached a map of the school to help you navigate the school to drop off your children in different year groups.
- We have made some changes so that you don't have to leave the school grounds and come back in!!!

CHANGES:

- The path outside the Year 2 block will now be the only 2 way path. Please remember to social distance from other families.
- The drop off and pick up location is changed for the following classes;
AHLBERG - behind the Year 2 block beside the flower meadow
STRONG- wait on the Junior playground by the computer suite
MORPURGO-wait on the Junior playground by the Provisions room.
- It would be very helpful if parents and carers with pupils in Nursery Reception Year 1 and Year 2 use the side gate entrance.

Reminder:

One parent to drop off and pick up please. We are struggling to social distance and want to reduce the number of adults on site. Thank you for your support with this.



Please remember that children are not allowed on the playground equipment before and after school!



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Pupil Wellbeing

This week Mrs Barr spent some time talking to us all about how staff in school can support our pupils to have positive mental health. We know 'an anxious child is not a learning child'. We know this is important

"To re-engage in learning children have to be ready to take risks and so they need to build trust in their key adults in school. Many academics and the government have talked about a 'recovery curriculum' to support this process."



FACE COVERINGS

You may have noticed that we are wearing face coverings in school, when we are in communal areas. Most staff have chosen not to wear them in the classroom, however the government has given us the choice. I am grateful to the staff for being good-natured about it!



HOW DO I MAKE CHILDREN FEEL MORE SECURE?

Adults need to;

- be physically and emotionally attentive
- create quality moments
- be accessible and available to support children
- ensure children know that they are on their side
- listen to children
- make children feel welcome and wanted
- give children some control - limited choices

What type of adults do children need?

Adults who:

- Smile
- have open and warm body language
- are playful
- have melodic features in their voice
- give relentless care
- work at the children's pace
- use communal language, such as 'our class'
- do not need to be perfect but admit their mistakes



The exciting news is that we have new furry friends who have joined our school this week! Today Reo Alex and Olly were taking very good care of our new guinea pigs - who have yet to be named! They seemed very happy to be at our school and have already learnt all the times tables!! See - incredible things happen at the Leys!!!!

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