

THE LEYS PRIMARY and NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 11 May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

The government has now started to share plans for how the country is to phase out of lockdown. The advice has changed to: **Stay alert**

We can all help control the virus if we all stay alert. This means you must:

- **Stay at home as much as possible**
- **Work from home if you can**
- **Limit contact with other people**
- **Keep your distance if you go out (2 metres apart where possible)**
- **Wash your hands regularly**
- **Self-isolate if you or anyone in your household has symptoms.**

There is still no definite decision about when schools will reopen, however possibilities have been shared with us. Leaders and governors have already started to make plans for this possibility, however we are waiting for further guidance and clarification from the Department for Education. Our understanding is as follows:

11 - 31 May: School will be closed.

Pupils who can attend school

- **Pupils who meet the criteria for our Key worker provision.**

1 June-20 July: It is proposed that school will be open for some groups of pupils:

Pupils who can attend school:

- **Pupils who meet the criteria for our Key worker provision.**
- **Other groups of pupils may return to school, which could include pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.**

We are aware that other working parents will be affected by the announcements made yesterday however we are waiting for further clarification. There is still a strong message that people should work from home if at all possible. Given that as a country we are still in COVID alert level 3 to 4, we understand that parents and carers will want to be fully informed about how we will manage the reintegration back to school. We are currently working behind the scenes, to make a plan that will support: **pupils who will remain at home: pupils who will be attending school, and staff.** Our intention is to offer some clarification about the provision we will be offering in June by next week. We all need to prepare for the fact that the provision we offer will be very different to comply with social distancing measures, however we have great staff at the Leys and I know that everyone will welcome the pupils back with 2m distancing open arms! We are aware parents and carers will have a lot of questions however bear with us we will try and answer them all as we move towards our transition back into school.

WELLBEING

You will understand that the wellbeing of all pupils and staff will be at the heart of our plans for our reintegration back to school over the coming weeks. The curriculum we offer in school and online will reflect this. Today we are sending you the approach we introduced this year to promote wellbeing which many of our pupils will be familiar with.

1. Connect 2. Be Active 3. Take Notice 4. Keep Learning 5. Give

We all need to be mindful of this approach as we support each other, and use resources we have already added to our website to support you at home.

<https://www.leys.herts.sch.uk/parents-mental-health.html>

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TEACHING & LEARNING

Our approach to Teaching and Learning, as outlined below, will remain the same for the remainder of this half term. We are now starting to plan for the half term starting in June, which we will adapt to suit the needs of the pupils.

KEY WORKER PROVISION

Thank you again to staff who have been providing our Key Worker pupils with great activities this week. Pupils look happy and having fun, so great to see! **Could parents and carers please remember to inform us of any changes to dates that you have booked in.** This is much appreciated to ensure I have adequate staffing in school.

We continue to send our best wishes to our Leys community. Please contact us if you need any further guidance and support and we will aim to respond as soon as we are able.

	Learning expectations	Update from teachers	A big shout out to:
Nursery	Daily story time Daily name writing Weekly-one maths and one literacy based activity related to the topic Find out about a minibeast of the week (a bumble bee)	This week Nursery children have been learning about spiders. Children have been working with the story“The very busy spider” to complete a range of creative and maths activities. We love seeing your pictures of spiders and fantastic models of their sticky webs! Keep up the great work ! We have been watching Mrs Stewart’s live caterpillars and can't wait to see them changing into colourful butterflies! Please keep posting pictures of you and your amazing work you have been doing at home-we are so proud of you!	Mustafa - for learning lots of interesting facts about spiders Marnie -we are so impressed to see you doing lots of writing and reading Cobey - for making an amazing 3D spider web at home
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Reception	Daily sentence writing, remember to use your phonics as well as including finger spaces, full stops and capital letters. Daily maths linked activities to the story The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Shape hunt- what different	We are really impressed with all the learning taking place at home and love reading the conversations related to our would you rather questions. Please continue to keep practicing your phonics through sentence writing, labelling your animal research projects, playing phonics games and	Fletcher - I am so impressed by all the amazing learning you have been doing from your daily sentence writing to your maths and science activities. You're a superstar.

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	<p>shaped items can you find?</p> <p>Daily would you rather question- discuss your answers and reason why.</p>	<p>reading.</p> <p>Don't forget to keep posting all your amazing work and activities so we can share all the fantastic things you have been getting up to.</p>	
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<p>Year 1</p>	<p>3 English and maths activities from CGP books.</p> <p>Weekly grammar and punctuation paper.</p> <p>New spellings issued weekly.</p> <p>Other activities and challenges throughout the week including Science and Foundation subjects.</p> <p>Daily reading- doesn't have to just be a reading book. There are so many reading options, you could read magazines or recipes books whilst baking something yummy!</p> <p>Remember to use Reading Eggs and Purple Mash too.</p> <p>Please try your very best to keep your handwriting neat and your letters the correct size.</p>	<p>We are very impressed with all the creativity, enthusiasm and hard work that we have seen on google classroom. We love to see all the things you are getting up to at home and all the effort you are putting into the work we are setting you. It always makes our day when we see photos or video clips with your smiling faces.</p> <p>We love all the extra activities that you are posting to help inspire other children.</p> <p>Please keep up the great work and don't forget to keep sharing your work with us.</p>	<p>Carle: A big shout out to the following children...Liam for always working hard and producing lots of fantastic work and branching out from set tasks. Zahid for rising up to the challenges I set him and adding a touch of creativity to his work. Jacob for always trying his best and Joel who has been willing to have a go at challenging work. Well done all of you!</p> <p>Sendak: Well done to Nellie, Grace R, Grace W and Brooklyn-Mai who have all been sharing their fantastic work this week. I can see how hard they have been working.</p>
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<p>Year 2</p>	<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</p>	<p>We are so impressed with all the hard work and enthusiasm that we have seen whether it be on google classroom or through email. We love to see all the things you are getting up to at home and all the effort you are putting into the work</p>	<p>Hargreaves: A big shout out this week goes to Ollie Edwards. Thank you for all the pictures of your work. We can see that you have been working really hard. Well done.</p> <p>Also a big shout out to</p>

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	<p>week, the ones set for you or your own.</p> <p>Daily reading- doesn't have to just be a reading book. There are so many reading options, you could read magazines or recipes books whilst baking something yummy! Remember to use reading eggs as well.</p>	<p>we are setting you.</p> <p>We love all the extra activities that you are posting as suggestions for other children to try. We have even given a few of them a go ourselves.</p> <p>Please keep up the great work and don't forget to keep reading.</p>	<p>Joseph, who not only designed a machine to help with the plastic pollution he also then made a prototype out of knex :)</p> <p>Ahlberg: A big shout out this week to Olive who did some lovely work about reducing plastic in the ocean- even making a video of herself reading a book. Also a big shout out to Holly who has been doing lots of creative learning!</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>Practice your spellings on paper or 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>We continue to be amazed by your dedication to learning. All children are working incredibly hard - we can't ask for more!</p> <p>Please continue to read each day - reading is the gateway to learning! Has anyone discovered a new author or genre that they love? If so, post it to your google classroom and share it with your classmates!</p> <p>Remember that all Foundation lessons are optional. Prioritise Reading and your CGP books.</p> <p>Whether you choose to complete the work that we issue on google classroom or choose to complete your own work / activities, post it to your classroom wall - we want to see what you're up to so that we can celebrate your success together!</p>	<p>FREEDMAN</p> <p>Aydin - I am really enjoying your quizzes! Superb learning is clearly taking place.</p> <p>Jamie - Our 'Maths Master' has certainly been challenging himself! Well done Jamie - very proud of you!</p> <p>Ronnie - You have been so complimentary of other children's work, you are a true team player. Also - well done to you on your bike-riding success!</p> <p><u>DAHL</u></p> <p>Maya Leah Zachary Charlie Nikola</p> <p>The above 5 children are trying hard every single day. Brilliant work submitted!</p> <p><u>Wilson</u></p> <p>Apostolos being keen to learn and sharing his work, he has shown a particular interest in ICT and Science.</p> <p>Taraji I am amazed by some of the things he has been</p>

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Year 4	<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>We have been so impressed with all of your independence, resilience and positive attitudes during this time!</p> <p>The learning we have seen on Google classroom is creative and you are all working incredibly hard!</p> <p>Please continue to read at home, and practice your times tables - all other foundation subjects are optional!</p> <p>Don't forget to keep posting on Google classroom, it is lovely to see all of your hard work and celebrate your success, even when completing your own activities!</p>	<p>Morpurgo Muneeb Abigail Aimee</p> <p>All of you are trying hard every day, posting on the wall and being creative with your learning!</p> <p>Strong Class Tommy - for his commitment to reading during this time. Zara and Ewan- For trying hard in all of your work.</p>
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Year 5	<p>3 activities in English/Maths CGP books.</p> <p>Other foundation activities and challenges set throughout the week on google classroom.</p> <p>Daily reading or reading plus TTRS 4x a week</p>	<p>We are so pleased that many children are showing resilience and dedication throughout this difficult time.</p> <p>Please continue to complete the activities in your CGP books and to use the available websites on offer. Your teachers are available on google classroom to help wherever possible!</p> <p>Please continue to post the incredible work you are doing at home!</p> <p>Keep up the good work!</p>	<p>Rosen- I am so impressed with Ella and Aiden for their commitment to google classroom and continued effort with all the work they are doing! Well done!</p> <p>Tolkien - Well done to Lizzie for her quest for excellence, revising and resubmitting her work to improve it. Well done to Alex for his consistent commitment to Reading Plus throughout our time away from school.</p>
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Year	Three English activities based	It is good to see some pupils	Dickens - Well done Keiron

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<p>6</p>	<p>on the book 'Floodland' and three maths activities (set on a Mon, Wed and Fri).</p> <p>A weekly task is set on the Global Goals with work submitted by pupils being posted on the school YouTube channel.</p> <p>Other foundation activities and challenges set throughout the week on google classroom.</p> <p>Daily reading or reading plus. Reading comprehension tasks set on a Monday and a Thursday (with answers posted the following day).</p> <p>Times Tables Rock Stars - little and often throughout the week.</p>	<p>getting into a homework routine.</p> <p>To help with the English homework, all of the audio files have been posted together on the stream page of Google Classroom.</p> <p>Don't forget about the foundation subject homework and the chance to get your work posted on our YouTube channel for the homework aligned to the Global Goals.</p>	<p>for always handing in work on time and keeping connected with teachers and peers on Google Classroom.</p> <p>Shakespeare - I have been very impressed with Melissa during the lockdown. She has very quickly settled into a routine and consistently submitted work of a high quality on Google Classroom. Well done and keep it up!</p>
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