



# Lincewood Primary School Newsletter week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020



**5 June – September 2020**

#LetsGetSilly this summer!

The Summer Reading Challenge 2020, which is produced by The Reading Agency and delivered by libraries, is **Silly Squad**. Children taking part in the Challenge will join the Silly Squad, an adventurous team of animals who love to have a laugh and get stuck into all different kinds of funny books!

By reading or sharing books and rating and reviewing them on the new Summer Reading Challenge website children will unlock digital rewards, activities and videos.

Watch our [video](#) or go to our website for more information [libraries.essex.gov.uk](http://libraries.essex.gov.uk)



*We would like to say a heartfelt goodbye to all of our Year 6 children who, due to the Coronavirus pandemic, did not get the farewell that they truly deserve!*

*We wish you luck and happiness in your new schools. We'll miss you all!*



**AS PER GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES, SCHOOL IS NOT OPEN DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS AND THEREFORE THE CHILDREN'S LAST DAY WILL BE TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2020.**

**ALL CHILDREN, IN ALL YEAR GROUPS, WILL BE EXPECTED TO RETURN ON WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020 (FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW)**

## Requirements for children attending school

Please can I remind all parents of children who are attending school of the following requirements:

- School uniform should be worn
- Children should only bring essential items into school.
- Each child should bring a water bottle to school and a packed lunch box (if required).
- We will now be sending home reading books and reading records, homework etc. but we will keep this to a minimum.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

*Congratulations to Oscar in 3C who achieved his Gold times tables award during lockdown!!  
What an achievement – well done Oscar.*

## Free School Meals

*From September 2020, the Government will no longer be providing Free School Meal vouchers as the expectation is that all children should be attending school. If your child is entitled to a free school meals (and this will now include Reception and KS1 Universal Free School Meals, our kitchen will initially be providing packed lunches that will be delivered directly to the classrooms. We hope to be able to provide hot meals from the second week of term.*

**The Staff and Governors of Lincewood would like to thank you for your continued, support and patience in relation to the current Government guidelines in respect of the Covid19 pandemic.**

**We have been overwhelmed by the number of kind emails that we have received in support of the ongoing work that we have been doing in school.**

**We are currently in the process of finalising the arrangements for school opening in September and will be sending out the final information before the end of this term.**

**We hope that you and your nearest and dearest have a safe, peaceful and happy Summer and we look forward to seeing you all in September.**



### ***Preparations for all children to return to school in September***

From the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020, it is a legal requirement that all children return to school, full time.

We are sending out details of how we will manage this return to school safely for all of our children, parents and staff and we request that you read the information carefully and comply with the instructions in order that we can keep Lincewood a safe and happy environment for all!

### ***Some of the extra things that we are doing to keep safe in school***

- Staggering start times so that only a few people are in school in one place at the same time.
- Asking parents and children to maintain a 2m distance from each other.
- Providing a 'one way' entrance at the office.
- Encouraging a one way system in the corridors so that staff and children can maintain their distance.
- Teaching children about social distancing or their 'personal bubbles'.
- Asking children to wash their hands when they come into school, between lessons, before lunch, after lunch and before they go home (as well as when they go to the toilet obviously!).
- Staggering break and lunch times.
- Allocating different parts of the field and playground for bubble groups to play.
- Allocating specific staff to each bubble group.
- Delivering school packed lunches to bubble classrooms rather than using the dining room.
- Giving each child their own equipment to use.
- Wiping down desks and equipment at the beginning of the day, between lessons and at the end of the day.

### ***What you can do to help us***

- Only come into the school grounds to drop off or pick up your child.
- Do not come into the main building unless it is absolutely necessary – email or telephone if possible.
- Maintain social distancing at the gates at all time and encourage your children to do the same.
- Make sure that children wash or sanitise their hands before they come into school.
- Keep all of the children's belongings at home – they only need to bring a water bottle and a packed lunch (if they do not want a school packed lunch).
- Teach your child about their 'personal bubble' and for older children ensure that they know what a 2m distance looks like.
- When picking your child up or dropping them off please ensure that only one adult accompanies them.
- Please leave the school grounds immediately so that the next group can come in without getting too close.
- Don't try to speak to bubble group teachers during drop off and pick up times – if you need to talk to them, or any other member of staff, telephone the school and ask them to phone back.
- Continue to support your child with home learning whether they are in school or not.
- **Please understand that this is not an easy situation for anyone. We, like you and your children, are learning all the time and things may well change from week to week. Please be patient with us.**