

Newsletter Friday 15th April 2021



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you have all had an enjoyable break and managed to enjoy some of the wonderful weather we have had, particularly in the first week of the holidays. Although we are still working under Covid restrictions, we have a busy term ahead so please check the dates for your diary.

Welcome!

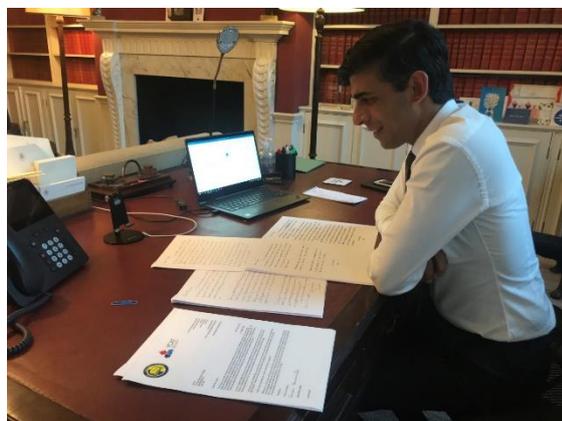


We welcome Grace, Rory, Daisy, Emily, Hannah, Rose, Rosie and Wilfred who have started in nursery this term. They all seem to have settled in really well and we are sure they will be very happy at our school.

We also welcome Charlie in year 6 and Eric who is in year 3. It's as if they have been with us for a long time already!

Thank you for some thank you letters!

Following on from Rishi Sunak's visit to year 6 last term, the children wrote to him to thank him for coming to see us in school. He enjoyed reading the letters so much that he sent us a photo of him reading them at his desk at Number 11 Downing Street!



Matthew in year 4

Matthew plays for Boro Rangers and the team was invited to play at Newcastle United Academy. Eight other teams took part and after battling hard Boro Rangers... won! Here is Matthew wearing his winner's medal. He has every right to be very proud of his achievements. Well done Matthew!

Car park safety

Could we please remind all parents to only use the pedestrian entrances when arriving at and leaving school. There are buses, cars, taxis and minibuses arriving and leaving at different times and this is a very dangerous place for any pedestrians. Thank you for your cooperation with this important matter.



PE kit request

We always welcome donations of old PE kits and trainers, especially for children who have forgotten to bring theirs or have mislaid equipment on the bus or in the cloakroom. If you have any good quality clothes and

trainers which are no longer required, then please send them into school. Thank you.

Nursery and reception outdoor area

Our youngest children have a wish list for their outdoor area that parents or friends might be able to help with... Do you have any spare hardy plants, old tools - hammers, screwdrivers, flexible tubes (like the ones from the back of washing machines), old pieces of gutter, clothes airers, large pieces of material for den building, old electrical goods, top soil, gravel and any cable reels. We'd be glad to take them off your hands.

Pots

We have some very small saplings which were planted in pots before Christmas. They are not yet ready to go into the ground so if anyone has some spare 5 litre pots, they would be very welcome indeed. Thank you.

Contacting school

Although school has been open to all children from the 8th March, we are still subject to rigorous hygiene protocols and are continuing to minimise face to face visits from parents. However, problems and issues do occur from time to time and it is in everyone's interests that we do our best to sort these out for you as soon as we can. If you wish to contact school, then please do this via Class Dojo or the school office. Concerns should always be raised with the class teacher in the first instance, with more specific learning concerns being raised with Mrs Dales (SENCo), as described on the dedicated page on our school website.

Is your child eligible for pupil premium grant funding?

Pupil Premium is an additional amount of funding allocated to schools by the government to support the learning and

progress of children in receipt of **free school meals, those looked after by the local authority or those whose parent/s serve in the armed forces.**

If you feel you might qualify from the list above, ask at the school office for more information. The money can have some really great benefits for your child.

NB: Free School Meals is not the same as the Universal Entitlement Free School Meal given to every child in EYFS and Key Stage 1.

And finally....



After over 20 years of supporting children, families and staff at Leyburn School, Maria Talbot, known affectionately to us all as 'Mrs T', has finally decided to retire so that she can embark on a new phase in her life. Her last day with us will be 30th April which will come far too soon!

The school will not be the same without her as she has helped and supported so many of us in so many ways and we know that you will all be wishing her well as she looks forward to whatever adventures the future may bring. If you would like to contribute to her leaving gift, or to bring your own, then please contact the school office. Thank you.

