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MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Carers and the Lemington community,

It was wonderful to welcome back all of our children to school last week after what we all hope to be the final lockdown of this very difficult year. Your children were a credit to you all last week and settled back in superbly – attendance was excellent at **98.5%** for the whole school.

Thank you for continuing to observe the important protective measures that remain in place at school to minimise Covid-19 transmission in our Lemington community. These include:

- Wearing a face covering on approach to and inside the school grounds if you are over the age of 12 (unless medically exempt).
- Limiting drop-off/collection to 1 parent or carer.
- Keeping 2 metres (6ft) apart from other families/staff members when on the school site.
- Not congregating in groups on or around the school grounds.

Year 1

On **Monday 29th March** we welcome Mrs. Crowe back to school following her maternity leave. Mrs. Crowe will be returning as our Year 1 class teacher. This also means that we say farewell to Miss Harland, who has been covering Mrs. Crowe's maternity leave, on **Friday 26th March**. We would like to say a huge thank you to Miss Harland for all of her hard work in her time at LRPS in what has been a very challenging year.

Comic Relief 2021

This **Friday 19th March** is Comic Relief (Red Nose Day) – children are welcome to wear something red on Friday to mark the occasion if they wish to. Optional donations of £1 per child are welcomed with all money raised going to the Comic Relief charity.



LRPS celebrities!

We would like to say a huge well done to our very own Magnone family who appeared live on Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway at the weekend! Jayden, Amelia and Owen,







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along with their mam Katie were the winners of a getaway holiday! Congratulations to you all!

Edible Playground update

Our Edible Playground, located on the upper playground, continues to develop – last week some of our Early Years children created some fantastic scarecrows that now look after the crops that are growing in the Edible Playground! In the next few months, we will be working with the Trees for Cities charity to give our children and staff horticulture workshops. There will also be an opportunity (Covid-19



restrictions allowing) for a parent/carer workshop later in the summer!

ParentPay

As we move towards being a 'cash-less' school, we are pleased to confirm that our ParentPay system is now fully up and running. ParentPay is a secure online system that allows you to pay for school dinners, trips/visits and other school-related activities online. We have initially sent out 'sign up' letters to those parents/carers who pay for school meals, after the Easter Holidays we will send out letters to all remaining parents/carers. We would encourage you to sign up once you receive your letter – if you have any issues, please speak to Mrs. Casey in the school office. From September 2021 the school will be 'cash-less' and all payments must be made via ParentPay, so we encourage you to sign as soon as you receive your letter.

Easter Activities

A huge thank you to all who have donated Easter eggs for our **'Easter Egg Raffle'** that will take place on **Wednesday 31st March**. We are still accepting donations – please send them in with your child at the beginning of the day if you wish to donate. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 22nd March and will be priced at £1 per strip.

We will also be having a 'design a boiled egg competition' which will be drawn on **Tuesday 30th March**. The theme this year is 'Lockdown Heroes' and if your child wishes to enter please ensure they bring their egg design into school on either Monday 29th or Tuesday 30th March. There will be a prize for the winner in each class!

Easter Holidays

We break up for the Easter Holidays at the usual time on **Wednesday 31st March 2021**. Thursday 1st April is a staff training day and school is closed for all children. School re-opens for all children at 8:45am on **Monday 19th April 2021**.

Take care,

Mr. Heeley





