

# Leigh on Mendip School

Newsletter 20 - 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021



I do hope you have all had a restful half term and returned to online learning feeling refreshed! Just before half term we all took part in Screen Free Friday. This was very successful and we have had many photos of fun activities sent to us. Please see below for just a small selection of the wonderful things you took part in.

You will have heard the announcement from the Government on Monday this week that all children are returning to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, and have since had a letter from Alun Williams too. Having spoken to many people about this, I know there are mixed emotions, but the majority seem pleased that children will be back in school. As staff we are certainly very happy to know that our children will be back with us learning and hopefully that should also relieve the pressure from all of you as parents. We know that there will be some children - particularly the younger ones - who are struggling at the moment and feeling anxious about returning to school. I would like to reassure you that all the teaching and support staff will be placing a huge emphasis on settling the children back into school and on supporting their mental wellbeing.

We will be reverting back to the structures we had in place before Christmas and are attaching an updated letter to you with all the timings and guidelines for your information. It may be that we can ease some of these after the Easter break, but we will have to wait and see. These include the staggered start and end to the day and the three separate bubbles (Robins, Kingfishers/Starlings and Swallows). Please note that children also need to be back in full school uniform and bring in their book bags with them each day.

With things returning to some kind of normality in school, we will continue to update you as and when we can start activities such as swimming again. In the first instance all children will be having PE sessions as soon as we return on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March and these will be the same as before: Kingfishers and Swallows on a Monday and Starlings on a Wednesday. Please can your child come dressed in their PE kits on that day. In addition children in Swallows will also need to wear PE kit on a Thursday for movement sessions with Mrs Smith, and children in Starlings will also need to wear PE kit on a Friday for movement sessions with Mrs Bache. More information to follow on Robins PE time. After school clubs will start again from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March and please see the attached letter for more information regarding after school clubs and other activities.

If you have any questions please do contact the school office. Ms Claxton or Miss Stinchcombe will be able to answer them or pass them on to me and I'll get back to you.

*Mrs Phillips*

## Notices

- COVID-19 - please email us should any of your children test positive for Covid-19.
- Please ensure that you have booked hot meals on parent pay by Thursday at midnight.

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## Screen Free Friday!



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