

# Leigh on Mendip School

Newsletter 26 - 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021



We have had a planning meeting this week with the building contractors who will be constructing our new classroom over the next few months. We are hopeful that they will be able to start on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May and while this is another exciting development to the school we acknowledge this may cause a few problems at school drop off and pick up times. Please remember that in the interest of the village it would be good if you would park in the village hall car park at these busy times.

Last week the whole school took part in a Daily Mile as part of a national 'England Does The Daily Mile' initiative. It was great seeing all the pupils running around the field, although many were struggling to run the whole mile! We have decided that this was a very worthwhile experience and are looking at organising more of these over the coming months.

We are continually reviewing our current Covid restrictions and will update you accordingly. As you may have noticed, the children outside at lunch and in clubs are now able to mix in key stages. We are also really pleased to let you know that from this coming Monday we will be able to start serving hot school dinners in the hall again. This has a huge impact as it means the dinners will be served as they used to be, instead of being in foil containers, which will see a big improvement in quality. There are also some aspects of this time that we are considering keeping when we return to normal and will seek your views on these when we send out our annual parent questionnaires at the end of June such as children coming to school in PE kits on their PE days.

Earlier in the school year we sent out a Google Form asking how you felt communication was at our school. We have made some changes in relation to the original comments, but would value further opinions from more parents. We were hoping that if you didn't complete a form last time, you might be able to now.

This link takes you to the form: <https://forms.gle/4GE9BL6WXgbzsCGz9>

Finally, we are looking to recruit a new member of staff to join Robins preschool starting in Term 6. This will initially be until the summer break, although the role may extend into the next academic year. Please contact us if you know of anyone who may be interested. Should we not find someone from our school community, then we will advertise further afield. The role will initially be for three days a week.

**Mrs Phillips**

**Mr Turull**

## Somerset and Dorset Heritage Trust, Midsomer Norton

They are having a grand re-opening on the 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> May, where their Resident Steam engine Joyce, and their Diesel Locomotive will be running. There will be two trips up and down the line, and all the times are online at [SDJR.co.uk](http://SDJR.co.uk) where tickets can be pre-ordered now. Under Covid restrictions, no tickets will be issued on the day.

There is also a Family Weekend 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> /31<sup>st</sup> May, again full details are available on their website.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> June, there will have a special treat lined up for Dad, on Father's Day.



### Diary Dates for the Summer Term

#### EACH WEEK

Monday	<u>AM</u> - Swimming lessons for Starling Class and PE for children in Robins Preschool. <u>PM</u> - Violin lesson for Swallow Class and PE for Kingfisher Class and Swallow Class. <u>After school</u> Sports Club for children in Kingfisher and Starling Class until 4.15pm
Tuesday	<u>After school</u> Sunflower Club for children in Kingfisher and Starling Class until 4.15pm
Wednesday	<u>PM</u> - PE for children in Swallow Class <u>After school</u> Elliart Club for children in Swallow Class until 4.30pm
Thursday	<u>After school</u> Elliart Club for children in Kingfisher and Starling Class until 4.30pm
Friday	<u>AM</u> - PE for children in Starling Class <u>After school</u> Yoga Club for children in Starling Class until 4.15pm

#### May

Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	School photographer, Mr Nigel Coles, will be taking class photographs at 9am Starling Class to Forest School. Please bring in wellies and coats to wear.
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Football event in school with Mr Groves for Swallow Class
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Building work starts for the new classroom, office and hall extensions - date TBC
Weds 19 <sup>th</sup>	Governors virtual meeting 6 - 8pm
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	FOLS Plant Sale 11am - 3pm outside The Bell Inn
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Life Education Bus visits the school for class workshops. Last day of term 5

#### June

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	First day of term 6
Weds 9 <sup>th</sup>	Afternoon event for parents of children joining the reception year in September 2021
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Arts Week with exciting plans for visiting artists and workshops during the week
Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Swallow Class visit to Liberty Gymnastics Governors virtual meeting 6 - 8pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	School photographer, Mr Nigel Coles will be taking a whole school photograph*

#### July

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day - or alternatively 12 <sup>th</sup> July for this weather dependent event
Weds 7 <sup>th</sup>	Transfer Afternoon - everyone moves up a year to experience their class in September New reception year children will be in school 1.30pm - 3pm*
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	All parents/carers invited to come and see their child's work in school 1.30pm - 3pm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Swallow Class production - 2pm performance in the Memorial Hall*
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Swallow Class production - 6pm performance in the Memorial Hall*
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	End of Year Celebration Assembly at 9.30pm in the Memorial Hall* Last day of term 6

*\*these events are dependent on COVID restrictions in place from June. More details to follow ASAP*