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As we approach the end of this extraordinary year in education, I want to thank you all for helping to keep our school community safe and Covid free. To date, we have had three cases of Covid-19 in school and all three cases originated from elsewhere. There has been no case of transmission in school and I am staggered that this is the case at Langdon when other schools have had such a different experience. This comes from everyone pulling together with the sole purpose of keeping our children, their families and our staff safe and well.

With this in mind, I am asking you for three more days of ensuring that we are keeping to the routines and structures that we have managed for the last year in order that we all have a holiday free from self-isolation. In this school, despite the new guidance from the government, we are asking parents to continue to wear masks at the school gate at drop off and pick up times and to maintain two metre social distancing. If you have to come into school for any reason, please remember to use hand sanitizer before entering the building. Sports Day, which will happen on Tuesday, is for children only.

We have a number of vulnerable people in school at the current time. There are children with health needs, some severe, there is one pregnant member of staff and, due to personal circumstances, there are still staff members who are unvaccinated at all or who are awaiting a second jab. We have several staff with underlying health conditions that make them vulnerable should they catch the virus or those who live with people who are considered clinically vulnerable or clinically extremely vulnerable. None of this has changed and will continue to be the case as we move forward and of course, we will continue to manage this. However, we have a number of cases in the wider school community that have developed in the last week or so and children who cannot attend school because of self-isolation. There is, understandably, a degree of nervousness amongst parents and staff.

Because of all of the above I urge you to help us over the next three days to ensure that the children, parents and staff leave here each day without the virus. The staff in particular, have worked exceptionally hard this year. Because of Covid and the bubble organisation, they have given up lunch and mid-morning breaks to clean classrooms, toilets, desks and equipment; they have had to manage class cover when one of us is sick or out of school for other reasons, with no let-up; they have served dinners in classrooms and tidied up afterwards; they have led before and after school tuition; they have had to be vigilant about social distancing with colleagues and parents and children; they have taught in class and online and on occasions managed both at the same time for pupils who are isolating. They are understandably looking forward to a well-deserved rest. If you wish to bring them anything over the next few days, then chocolate, wine, bunches of flowers, small teacher-ish gifts are welcome but the virus is not. Let's ensure that they, and you, are able to enjoy the summer because we continued to preserve the safety of the Langdon School community. You have been amazingly supportive and respectful of my requests with this so far, let's continue to be amazing for the last few days; I thank you in anticipation.

Before the beginning of the new term, I will be in touch with any information that you need in order to keep our school community safe and effectively functioning in September.

Year 6 Leavers

Our Year 6 cohort will leave us to move on to their secondary schools on Wednesday. The pupils this year have been brilliant at working hard to make up for any periods of self-isolation and school closure and are absolutely ready for the challenge of Key Stage Three. In order to celebrate their moving on we will have our Leaver's Assembly in the East Langdon Village Hall on Wednesday 21 July 2021 at 9.30am.

This event is open to **TWO** people only who are connected with the Year 6 children. This event is not open to any other year groups and we reserve the right to ensure that only two people attend from each family. Please let the office know in advance that you will be attending so that we have a copy of your details for potential track and trace should the worst happen. There are some rules that you need to follow if you are attending:

- Please arrange to have a lateral flow test on the morning of the assembly. Log the results into <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> and be ready to show the confirmation text/email on your phone before entering the village hall. A box of lateral flow tests for your use will be sent home with your child on Tuesday. Each kit contains three tests.
 - Please wear your face covering at all times indoors.
 - When entering the building please use the hand sanitizer provided.
- You will be shown to your seat and are asked to remain seated at all times during the assembly. On completion of the assembly, we will take the children outdoors into the car park where you can take photographs or give hugs before we return to school.

We have a copy of the Leaver's Video that we will send you a link to so that you do not need to video it yourselves.

I am sure that you understand that this event, which is led and organised by the school, has to be as safe as possible for everyone in attendance, hence the arrangements. I thank you for your support in advance but if there are problems with any aspect, please speak to Mrs Paylor Sutton directly who will be able to advise.

PTFA

Huge thanks to the PTFA who organised our end of year raffle this year. It's a shame that we couldn't hold a summer fair as usual, but hopefully next year we will. We raised the grand total of

£529

Thank you to Sam Powell and Hayley Erridge for organising the raffle for us.

CLASS NAMES

Next year our classes are all going to be named after birds. The first three weeks of term will be dedicated to teaching the children about their bird identity. They will learn about the geography and the habitat that their bird lives in, their life cycle, about migration, food requirements, markings and colouration, adaptation amongst other things.

The class names are as follows:

Mrs Seccatore - Parrots

Mrs Keem - Owls

Miss Warburton - Hawks

Mr Jones - Eagles



BREAKFAST CLUB

From September, the cost of Breakfast Club will rise to £3.50 per day. It is many years since we raised the price of Breakfast Club but in order to make it more economically viable, we have agreed with the governors that now is the time to do so. This still represents extremely good value for money in terms of childcare. If you wish for your child to attend Breakfast Club then please organise this through SQuid. Children can attend sessions regularly each week or on one-off occasions. There is a provided breakfast and the opportunity for children to play before school begins.



SCHOOL DINNERS

Please book and pay for school meals in advance and definitely by the morning of the day that your child wishes to have one. Whole School Meals DO NOT run a retrospective payment system and each week late payments cause problems in the office as we try to reconcile the accounts. No one, at any time, should need to be issued with a debt letter for payments outstanding under the current system.

ROCK BOTTOM

Thank you to South America Class and to Mr Jones and Mrs Britton for the amazing production of Rock Bottom. It was great to see the creativity that kicked in once we knew that we couldn't have a live audience. Everyone played their part and filmed so well and I for one, laughed at every joke! Well done to everyone. If you didn't receive the details of how to view it and are in South America Class, please contact Mr Jones who will be pleased to help.

AND FINALLY . . .

We send Miss Langley and her partner every good wish as they get ready for the birth of their baby in a week's time. We will miss you but can't wait to welcome you back, with baby Langley, in the next year.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

| Date | Event | Time |
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| 20.7.21 | Reserve Sports Day | |
| 21.7.21 | Leaver's Assembly End of Term 6 - PLEASE NOTE THE EARLY FINISH TIME for anyone who may have missed it in the May newsletter. | 9.30am 2.00pm |
| 1.9.21 | Staff Development Day - School closed to children | |
| 2.9.21 | Staff Development Day - School closed to children | |
| 3.9.21 | Beginning of Term 1 for Year 1 to Year 6 | 8.45am |
| wb 13.9.21 | Beginning of Term 1 for Year R | 9.00am - 12.00pm |
| wb 20.9.21 | Week 2 for Year R | 8.45am - 1.00pm |
| wb 27.9.21 | Week 3 for Year R | 8.45am - 1.00pm |
| wb 4.10.21 | Week 4 for Year R | 8.45am - 3.00pm |

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