

# NEWSLETTER

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### A message from the Head teacher

Spring was definitely in the air on Monday morning as we welcomed all of our wonderful children back to Lakeview. It was delightful to see so many smiling faces - both parents and children.

One of the many comments which sticks with me was, when I heard a parent say to his little boy, 'you are going to have the best day ever!'

There has been a buzz around school all week - which is exactly how school should be.

I know that on Monday morning, many children and adults were excited for our return to school. However some children and adults were feeling anxious and possibly some still do. Please be assured that our priority is to ensure that all of our children feel safe and happy to be back in school and that they are able to settle back into a routine appropriately. Our curriculum activities have been planned to reflect these priorities.

The themes for our learning are based around the principles of Reset – Rediscover – Rebuild. This term, our aim is to engage children in learning that re-ignites their enthusiasm and excitement after the uncertainty and constant change over the last year.

The first part of this: RESET, relates to 'where we are' and focuses on what that means personally, within school, our local community and beyond. The learning is cross curricular and incorporates three themes to explore this through the National Census, Heroes and a beautiful Oliver Jeffers book called 'What We'll Build'.

This week, In EYFS the sensory area has been very well received and the children are really enjoying the opportunities for tactile activities. KS1 have really got into their discussions that have come from What We'll Build, which have allowed the children to be really expressive. LKS2 have embraced their group work which has had a balance of excitement and focus. In UKS2 children have been working in collaboration in some of the active learning sessions and discussing how funding should be used, linked to the Census information.

As of today, school is closed on Friday afternoons for the majority of children. For those who remain in school, we have put in place an enrichment programme of activities. It is my intention that this becomes part of our whole school curriculum offering for all in the future.

I do appreciate that at present our criteria for Friday afternoon attendance is not beneficial for all therefore I will be sending out a parent survey shortly to obtain feedback regarding this. In the meantime I want to thank you all for your continued support and I wish you an enjoyable weekend when hopefully the sun will continue to shine.

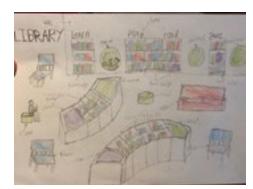
Jackie Normanton



# WORLD BOOK WEEK

We had so much fun for World Book Week! Take a look at what the children in school and at home have been doing. In school we have been listening to secret reader videos, decorating the classroom door in the theme of the focus author and reading for pleasure. At home children have had the chance to create a story in a jar, design our library and make book characters out of vegetables! Can you recognise who the characters are? We are overwhelmed with the creativity our children have shown! Well done, what a fantastic job!



















#### 19/3/2021

Red Nose Day - Donation buckets on the gates

#### 22/3/2021

Deadline for return of Year 6 hoodie form

#### 22/3/2021

Let's Count Census Day

#### 22/3/2021

Year 1 hearing screening

#### 23/3/2021

Year 1 hearing screening

#### 26/3/2021

Easter Fun - Friday morning

#### 26/3/2021

Children finish for Easter holiday

#### 12/4/2021

Children return to school after Easter holiday

#### 13/4/2021

Reception hearing screening

#### 14/4/2021

Reception hearing screening

#### **PTA Book Donation**

We would like to thank the PTA who have purchased a large number of books for the school. They have been able to provide each of the '50

Recommended Reads' for the different year-groups across school.

This week the children received their books, beautifully wrapped and were able to spend time discussing and choosing the ones that they would like to read. Each teacher will be reading the children's preferred texts over the course of the next few weeks.

After Easter, all of these books will be put into our school library, so that the children have the opportunity to borrow them and enjoy them in their own time. We are always looking to expand the variety of books that the children can explore. If you have any unwanted children's books at home, that are in good condition, please consider donating them to our school library. Children can bring books in to school, where they will be quarantined, before being labelled and put into the library.





# Once again we will be supporting Red Nose Day at Lakeview.

During the day children will spend some time learning about the charity and how it helps people in this country and abroad. If children would like to join in with fund raising, they may either wear red clothing next Friday (19th March), or alternatively they can dress as a Hero/superhero. Buckets will be at each gate for everyone wishing to make a donation.

We will also be selling red noses outside the front of school on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th March, at a cost of £1.50 each.

We have 200 noses to sell, on a first-come first-served basis and we ask people to bring the correct amount, to minimise the money that needs to be handled.

### **KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE**



Please can we ask parents to park considerately at drop off and pick up times on School Lane and the surrounding areas so as not to inconvenience residents.