

Ladybridge Weekly News

24th April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you know Mr Fenwick our wonderful Deputy Headteacher is retiring at the end of this academic year, as a gift to the children he is raising money to fund a school trip by undertaking a 10K run followed by a half marathon!



Please see below for information about how you can sponsor him, please also share

the just giving page as widely as you can so that we can give our children the best trip possible which will be a lovely way for us to remember the 19 years that Mr Fenwick has given to the children and families of our community. Please see below for Mr Fenwick's fundraising information.

Help me mark my retirement by raising funds for a whole school trip next year.

September will be a strange experience for me this year; for the first time in 20 years, I won't be preparing for a new class at Ladybridge. This school has been a huge part of my life for so long and I will miss all the children and staff greatly. So, with your help, I would like to give something back and help fund an educational visit for the whole school in 2024.

On 21st May, I am taking part in the Great Manchester Half Marathon and the Great Manchester 10K Run; if you can sponsor me, and help reach my target of £1,000, together we can raise the funds for school to organise a free trip for all the children at Ladybridge. This would mean much more to me than any retirement gifts.

Below is the link to my fundraising page on Just Giving.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/patrick-fenwick-1>

The size of the donation doesn't matter; giving our pupils an opportunity they might not otherwise get is what matters. HOWEVER, IF YOU HAVE ANY CONNECTIONS WITH LOCAL COMPANIES OR BUSINESSES WHO WOULD LIKE HELP WITH THE SPONSORSHIP, PLEASE ENCOURAGE THEM TO DO SO. The target of £1,000 is an underestimate of the cost of entrance and transport; the more we can raise, the closer we will get to enabling the children to spend at least one day out of the classroom.

Please note this change of date, class photos will now be taken on Wednesday 14th June.

Many of our Muslim families celebrated Eid ul-Fitr on Friday 21st April. To mark this, we will be having an Eid celebration day in school on Friday 28th April. The children will be learning all about the festival of Eid ul-Fitr, as well as other related activities.



If you are able to help with things such as making food, please let your child's teacher know. Due to Natasha's law all the ingredients in food sent in from home will need to be clearly listed, (whether shop bought or homemade),

this includes seasoning etc. The food must not contain nuts as we do have nut allergies in school. If food is vegetarian, please label it and ensure that there are no meat products e.g. fats). This will mean that we can share the food with children safely and can accommodate staff and children who have food allergies.

Please bring the food to school in the morning of 28th April, you may wish to join your child's class from 2.30 in the afternoon. As part of the celebration the teachers will draw mehndi patterns using henna onto the children's hands. Children will only be able to have henna on their hands if you fill in the permission slip on the letter that was sent out to all children last week. If you have lost the letter, please call into the office for a new one. The children will be patch tested for henna on Wednesday 26th April, children will not be allowed henna unless they have permission and are in on Wednesday for the patch test.

In order for the day to be a wonderful celebration, children can come to school in their own clothes for the day.

Thank you for your support on the film night we raised £130 for MacMillan Cancer Support

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CANCER SUPPORT**

The NEU have two further proposed strike days on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. Please see the information below, this has been emailed out to all parents. 19th April 2023

Industrial Action by Members of NEU

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following my correspondence on the newsletter this week I am now in a position to give you more information about the proposed arrangements in school for **Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May.**

Please be mindful that arrangements could change at the very last moment as colleagues do have the right to change their plans or wait until the day of action, before deciding whether to take action or not.

I can confirm that a considerable amount of time has been taken to ascertain whether it is safe to open school; a full plan and risk assessment has been co-produced by myself and the school's Chair of the Governing Board.

We have worked together to consider the impact that the action will have on the health and safety of our pupils, staff and visitors and whether the school can run a full or amended curriculum. I am sure you will appreciate that a key issue is centred around having enough staff available for the school to remain open.

It is also important to consider the impact of other school decisions on our remaining staff who may have to consider childcare arrangements for themselves. In short, the decision to make any form of closure; part or full, is a difficult and complex one and staff absence on the day of action should not be interpreted as members of staff taking strike action.

After considering the staffing options and the health and safety implications we have decided that school will be:

Open to all pupils on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May in EYFS, Mrs Goodwin's class; Year 1, Miss Woodworth's class, Year 2, Miss Nugent's class, Resource, Mrs Parker's class, Year 4 Miss Brownrigg's class and Year 6 Mrs Davies' class.

Open to pupils who are in receipt of Free School meal funding, vulnerable children and children who are looked after by the Local Authority on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May in Year 3 Mrs Burke's class and Year 5 Mr Fenwick's class. Please note that where classes are not fully in school the curriculum will be amended – this is so that pupils who are not in school will not be disadvantaged by missing important lessons planned by qualified teachers.

We will contact all families in Year 3 and Year 5 to confirm school attendance for both days, this is so that you are absolutely clear about whether your child is in school or not.

Breakfast and after school club will run as usual for those children in school.

If our plans change and we have to close more of the school we will let you know as soon as we can, but this may be the morning of **Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May**, so please check your

emails, class dojo and the school website.

I know that this arrangement will prove to be disruptive to many of our families and any day lost in school is one that has impact for our children. A national strike within the teaching community is unusual and taking such action is never an easy decision to make. Please remember that this response from colleagues is a reaction to the national issues around teacher pay and conditions and the shortfall in essential funding for all of our children. We are grateful that teachers have let us know their intentions in advance, as they are not required to do so until the day itself. This enabled us to plan and inform you accordingly.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hill – Headteacher and Professor Nick Silikas - Chair of Governors

Diary Dates

- Thursday 28th April – proposed NEU Industrial action, affecting year 3 and year 5
- Friday 28th April – Celebrating Eid day, children can wear their own clothes
- Monday 1st May – Bank holiday
- Tuesday 2nd May – proposed NEU Industrial action, affecting year 3 and year 5
- Thursday 4th May – Year 4 Class assembly
- Friday 5th May – Coronation party, wear red white and blue to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III
- Monday 8th May – Bank holiday
- Week beginning Monday 8th May - Year 6 SATs exams
- Tuesday 16th May – 2.15 meeting for parents of year 5 and 6 meeting about the Sex and Relationships Education curriculum
- Tuesday 23rd May – EYFS class assembly
- Friday 26th May – Break up for the Whit holiday
- Monday 12th June – Return to school
- Wednesday 14th June – class photographs
- Wednesday 14th June – 4.15 meeting for parents of year 5 and 6 meeting about the Sex and Relationships Education curriculum
- Thursday 22nd June – Beach Party straight after school until 5.00
- Tuesday 27th June – Year 5 visit to the Mosque
- Monday 3rd July – Year 5 and 6 residential
- Wednesday 5th July – Year 6 playing at the Bridgewater Hall with the Halle orchestra
- Friday 7th July – Year 5 trip to Lyme Park
- Monday 10th July – Children in Key stage 2 playing in the orchestra at the Town Hall Stockport at 7.00 p.m.
- Tuesday 18th July – KS2 Dress rehearsal

- Wednesday 19th July KS2 performance
- Wednesday 26th July – Year 6 leavers party
- Thursday 27th July – Break up for summer.

This Week our Class Captains are:

Mrs Woodworth – Layla, for great listening and resilience this week.

Miss Nugent – Lucas, for aiming high in RWI.

Mrs Burke – Ella-Rose, for being resilient when things are hard.

Miss Brownrigg – Alyssa, for aiming high and with her spellings.

Mr Fenwick – Jayden, for trying hard to work co-operatively with his partner.

Mrs Davies – Katy, for hard work and perseverance

Mrs Parker – Alex, for always being the best that he can be.

This week's Headteacher's awards were given to Reuben and Yumi; both for aiming high in all subjects.

The class with the best attendance last week was Mrs Goodwin's class with 96%

Children will be given a treat for being on-time for school every day and for 97% - 100% attendance each week. Please ensure that children arrive at school before the bell goes at 8.55 each day.

**Good attendance is vitally important for all children in order for them to make good progress.
Please ensure that your child is in school on time every day.**

PE Kits

PE kits are provided by school for all children from year 1 to 6, parents only need to provide pumps or trainers. PE kits will be washed regularly (as needed) by school in non-biological liquid. If you do not wish to use a school PE kit please let your class teacher know and provide a PE kit for your child.

Year 5 will have swimming on Monday each week, all other classes from year 1 to 6 will have two lessons each week where PE kits are used.

The school website address is www.ladybridge.stockport.sch.uk

The school twitter address is @LadybridgePS

The school phone number is 0161 428 5445

School uniform can be ordered from www.tesco.com/ues