

**Ladybridge Weekly News**

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good rest during the half term; it was much needed by everyone I think! We're raring to go with our exciting curriculum leading up to Christmas, please look at our website and class dojo to find out about your child's learning.

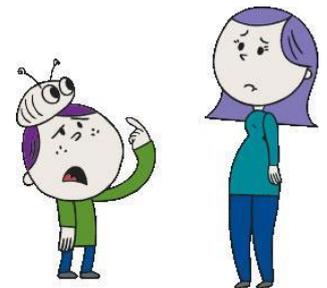
We said goodbye to our lovely Mr Hepburn on 23<sup>rd</sup> October and wish him well in his new role. We welcome into our staff team four new starters, Laura Butterfield and Sally Anne Percival will be starting as Teaching Assistants and Kirsten Skeyv and Syeda Hasan as Lunchtime Assistants.

Due to the changes announced by the Government on Saturday evening we will have to really limit the things that we can have in school. This includes things like birthday sweets or cakes, I'm really sorry but we can't have these in school at the moment. We can now accept lunchboxes in school, please ensure that they are thoroughly cleaned every day, inside and out.

The extra restrictions mean that we will have to cancel Nature Club on Monday, Running Club on Tuesday, Maths club on Wednesday and football club on Thursday until at least the end of this term. If you use the Child care club you will need to book, let the office know which days are required and pay for this in advance through Parent Pay. As the Prime Minister has closed public swimming baths there will be no swimming lessons on Mondays.

We also have to limit the people that we have in school as well. Therefore Parents Evening will not take place in the way that it usually does. Parents will receive a report including information such as attendance, punctuality, following school uniform rules; attitudes to learning and behaviour; and attainment in English and Maths. If parents would like to discuss this report then teachers will be available on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November between 3.30 and 5.30 to have a zoom or phone consultation. If you would like a zoom or phone consultation you will need to let your child's teacher know by messaging on dojo or by emailing school. If there is an occasion that your child's teacher needs to see you in person for example for a Special Needs review then you will be asked to wash your hands on arrival to school and to wear a face mask or face covering whilst you are in school.

One or two parents are reporting Head lice problems, please regularly check your child. If you have a persistent problem our school nurse Tamsin Hobbs can give you help, advice and a prescription for your family free of charge. Please let us know if you would like a school nurse referral.



Best wishes

Mrs Hill

Relationship and Sex Education is now a compulsory part of our curriculum, the following is an excerpt from the Secretary of State's foreword to the guidance to schools:

*"Today's children and young people are growing up in an increasingly complex world and living their lives seamlessly on and offline. This presents many positive and exciting opportunities, but also challenges and risks. In this environment, children and young people need to know how to be safe and healthy, and how to manage their academic, personal and social lives in a positive way.*

*This is why we have made Relationships Education compulsory in all primary schools in England and Relationships and Sex Education compulsory in all secondary schools, as well as making Health Education compulsory in all state-funded schools. The key decisions on these subjects have been informed by a thorough engagement process, including a public call for evidence that received over 23,000 responses from parents, young people, schools and experts and a public consultation where over 40,000 people contacted the Department for Education.*

*In primary schools, we want the subjects to put in place the key building blocks of healthy, respectful relationships, focusing on family and friendships, in all contexts, including online. This will sit alongside the essential understanding of how to be healthy. All of this content should support the wider work of schools in helping to foster pupil wellbeing and develop resilience and character that we know are fundamental to pupils being happy, successful and productive members of society"*

The guidance to schools can be found by following this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>

I completely understand that some parents will be anxious about the compulsory element and in light of this I am inviting you to a Ladybridge workshop on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January between 2.15 – 3.15. Hopefully this can take place in our school hall, if we are still under the restrictions that we are under now then we will use an online platform such as zoom. We will be joined by Tanya Cross who leads Relationships education for Stockport Local Authority. If you have any questions please write them down and we will endeavour to answer them for you at the workshop in January.

#### **Diary Dates**

- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November Parent Consultation zoom or phone meetings.
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - break up for Christmas holiday.
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021 - return to school.
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January – 2.15 – 3.15 Parent workshop for Relationships and Sex Education Curriculum.

#### **School Uniform**

There will be termly rewards for children who consistently wear the correct school uniform from September. Children must not wear sportswear of any kind. May I also remind parents that children should be wearing black school shoes. Trainers can be worn during playtime and lunchtime, but



these must come to school in a separate bag and be stored in lockers.

#### **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.

Children will be entered into a termly prize raffle 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.**

The school website address is [www.ladybridge.stockport.sch.uk](http://www.ladybridge.stockport.sch.uk)

The school twitter address is @LadybridgePS

The school phone number is 0161 428 5445

The school text number is 0161 850 1262

School uniform can be ordered from [www.tesco.com/ues](http://www.tesco.com/ues)