

Dear Parents/Carers,

Mrs Tootle is retiring at the end of this term, she started teaching at Ladybridge in 1999, Ladybridge won't be the same without her. Mrs Tootle has taught many children with Special Education Needs in the Resource Provision at Ladybridge as well as spending some time in our Mainstream and in Nursery. We will really miss her and wish her all the very best for her retirement. Mrs Tootle's last day in school will be Friday 18th December. Mrs Parker is going to teach the Resource children full time from January.

Some children are reporting that they are being told about scary things that are on the internet, they don't know whether to search for them or be frightened of them. There is a really useful website for parents (see link below) with advice about how to support your children when they use the internet. There is also a poster that you might like to share with your children. If you would like advice about anything to do with internet safety, please do give us a call at school, we'd be glad to support you.

<https://safelog.lgfl.net/2018/11/parents-scare-or-prepare/>

Unfortunately, we are not able to allow Christmas cards or presents to be exchanged between children in school. This would compromise the safety of our families and we do not want yourselves and your Christmas to be put at risk.

Some parents, however, have said they are keen to keep the tradition of giving a gift to their child's teacher and I appreciate that this cannot be done outside of school. I have consulted with the Local Authority and they have given me advice on the matter. If you want to give a gift to your child's teacher, please send it to school by Monday 14th December; this way it can be isolated for the required 72 hours and given safely. Please do not feel obliged to buy a gift for the teachers, there is absolutely no expectation that you would. I am only writing this to you because many of you have asked me and I want to be fair to all families. Thank you for your understanding in this.

Some parents have asked if they can make a donation towards the cost of the Christmas party for their child because they cannot send food items in, this is a very kind offer. If you do want to make a



SCARY CHALLENGES ONLINE

Insert scary picture here. Is that a good idea?

What parents and schools need to know to keep children safe from the latest dares, scares, threats & challenges

There are always stories going round about nasty things online and you may be asked to share warnings about them. The ones with clever names and funny pictures are usually fakes and hoaxes, but of course bad things happen online too and we all want to keep young people safe from them.

Whether a scare is real or not, we would advise against sharing warnings about specific challenges or even 'bad apps', sites or games. Read on to find out why...and what to do instead.

Why shouldn't we share specific warnings?

Scare-shares can cause:

1. A false sense of security
2. Free publicity
3. Unproductive panic

What can we do instead?

Top tips

1. Talk about **GENERAL** risks and what can go wrong online wherever you are
2. Use **NON SCARY EXAMPLES** to talk about how to respond to dares, challenges, scares and threats
3. Make sure children and young people know who to talk to and where to get **HELP** from different sources
4. Focus on the **POSITIVES** – after all, if we say it's all bad, they won't listen to us

Still not sure? Have a look at what the experts at CEOP say about online scares or how the Samaritans advise us to talk about challenges.

NOT A GOOD IDEA

THE DAILY PANIC

BEWARE OF THE ORANGE ZEBRA CHALLENGE!

It's scary for children, so let's share it to them, tell those others we scared so they should be scared too, and then tell them the name so they know what to search for.

LGfL DigiSafe keeping children safe

Find out more at scare.lgfl.net  &  @LGfLDigiSafe

donation please do through Pay, I suggest a donation of 50p per child, please do not feel that you have to do this as we have the photograph money that we raised, I also know that many families are struggling financially.

**LADYBRIDGE VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS
RAFFLE 10TH DECEMBER 2020**

If you are able to, please buy raffle tickets through Parent Pay, there are some terrific prizes and you will be helping us in school to provide the little extras for your children. We have already raised over £250 on this year's raffle, that's amazing!



If you pay for school dinners and want your child to have a Christmas dinner, please pay on ParentPay in the usual way. The children's Christmas dinner is on Tuesday 15th December.

Best wishes

Mrs Hill

This Week our Class Captains are:

Mrs Woodworth/Mrs Kendry – Bobby-Lee for resilience in all lessons.

Miss Nugent –Mason for excellent geography work.

Mrs Burke –Isabella for doing her very best to 'be the best she can be'

Mr Fenwick – Aeva for a mature and sensible attitude mixed with great enthusiasm.

Mrs Davies – Jayden for an enthusiastic and focussed attitude towards all his learning.

Mrs Tootle/Mrs Parker – Ollie for improved behaviour in class.

This week's Headteacher's weekly Award was awarded to Bray Dawson in Miss Woodworth/Mrs Kendry's class for having a positive attitude to all lessons.

Diary Dates

- Friday 11th December – Christmas Jumper day.
- Friday 11th December – EYFS Christmas Sing-a-long.
- Monday 14th to Friday 18th – Christmas parties, productions and Virtual Talent Show.
- Tuesday 15th December Children's Christmas dinner.
- Friday 18th December last day in school for the autumn term.
- Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd December – lessons will be taught online throughout the day.
- Tuesday 22nd December - break up for Christmas holiday.

- Thursday 7th January 2021 - return to school.
- Wednesday 27th 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.

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.

Well done Miss Nugent's class your attendance was the best this week, 98%

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

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