



# School Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I enjoy chatting to parents, carers and grandparents each day in person, by telephone or via email. It is the richest method of gauging everyone's happiness and is a wonderful opportunity for us to connect and gel as a school community.

When discussing school matters I get asked many questions.

For me, each question asked is in itself three questions in one. First, the question itself asked by the owner. Second, the question behind the question - why has this person asked that question? And third, the reflection; having been asked that question how has it challenged my initial thinking or original decision?

Seeing questions in this way enables me to gain a greater appreciation and understanding of my aspirations for the optimal learning conditions in a warm and friendly school that I want to achieve for all children of Lunt's Heath. In other words, your questions are the checks and balances that support me in offering your children our absolute best.

Speaking and communicating with many of you in recent weeks I feel, and share, your concern for your child's education – socially, emotionally, physically and cognitively.

This pandemic and the subsequent lockdown has forced us (at Lunt's Heath) to think, forced us to problem solve and forced us to change many things.

I respect the fact that in making whole school decisions as the Headteacher I will never be universally popular. When thinking and problem solving not only am I wearing my shoes, but most importantly, I am trying to wear the shoes of everyone else too because it my responsibility to notice the demands placed upon you and to consider the needs of you all. I base all of my decision making on this premise and will continue to do so.

Whatever your concerns and however they are making you feel, we at Lunt's Heath will not hold this pandemic or any number of lockdowns as an excuse for not delivering the best outcomes for your children – no matter how challenging.

Kind regards,

A Williams, Headteacher

## **IMPORTANT – school calendar change**

The emergency inset day required for lockdown preparations on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 has been taken from Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 is now a school day.**





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February 2021

*\*\*The school calendar for 2020-21 can be found on the school's website.*

## Spring Term 2021

Sch closes:

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 3.15pm

Sch opens:

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 8.50am

Sch closes:

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Apr 3.15pm

## Summer Term 2021

Sch opens:

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> April 8.50am

**Closed Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

**Bank Holiday**

Sch closes:

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> May 3.15pm

**INSET Days: 07.06.21,  
22.07.21**

Sch opens:

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> June 8.50am

Sch closes:

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> July 3.15pm

*\*\* INSET 08.06.21 now removed (to account for the emergency INSET Tuesday 05.01.21)*

**School Calendars for 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 & 2023-24 can be found on the school's website.**

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## Remote Education

We are committed to aligning our curriculum and ensuring that all children's learning opportunities remain the same regardless of the complications that we may face.

I am indebted to the resilience of my staff who have grappled with some significant hurdles in adapting the curriculum so quickly. In making learning accessible we have trimmed back the subject content to include the most important knowledge that our children have to learn with some amendments required in some of the more practical subjects like music, art, Design Technology and PE.

A remote education is not a one size fits all with all schools operating in the same way. We made the decision early to provide solutions that meet the needs of our school community, offering you the flexibility to work around the unique set of demands in your house.

Remember our expectation is that you do the best you can – no more.

Last week we took the significant step of adding live sessions to our offer supplementing the pre-recorded material and other digital materials being presented on Tapestry (Reception) and Seesaw.

I am proud of the blended learning approach that we are offering, which I believe is of a very high quality. This is substantiated by the constant stream of very important feedback that you are providing teachers. This pool of information is the fuel we are using to constantly adapt and make sure our pitch is right for all children. For example, this week we will take another improvement step.

This week is Children's Mental Health Week – to get children away from their screen and to reduce the volume of work needing to be shared and uploaded Feel Good Friday will appear as a regular feature on their timetable from this week. Your child will find a menu of mindfulness activities to choose and gain enjoyment from without the stress of having to upload a response for their teacher. I am sure you will agree that this wellbeing activity is a valuable addition in maintaining children's mental health.

You can find full details of our Remote Education offer on the school's website.

## Safer Internet Day 2021

**Safer Internet Day this year is Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February.**

Children spending more time on their devices, now learning as well as playing, increases the risks that lie behind the screen.

You can take three simple steps to keep your child safe online:

1. Manage the parent controls.
2. Regularly monitor and check their activity.
3. Talk to them about staying safe against the risks they face.

You can find more parent advice about e-safety on our website.