



# School Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we prepare for the safe return of all children on **8<sup>th</sup> March** it is very apt that the school grounds are bursting into life with the first signs of plant growth this Spring. I hope that this will be a sight that offers warmth and comfort to those children who have been learning at home since the 4<sup>th</sup> January.

We are so excited to welcome every one of our children back to school and bring our whole school family back together once more. We look forward to greeting them all, in person, and hearing their news.

This is not the first time that many children have returned to school following a lock down. The children made a remarkably smooth return in September, however it would be wrong of us to assume that the same will be true this time around too.

Having had lots of time away it is only natural that your child will have been thinking about school and mulling over their thoughts. As a result many children will be anxious in some small way about a variety of different things, such as; Has anything changed since I was last there and how will it affect me? Will my teacher still recognise me? Will my friends still be my friends? Have I been learning enough at home? Will I be safe at school? etc

You may wish to prompt a discussion at home to gauge the current level of feeling. By talking to your child about their thoughts, emotions and feelings beforehand you can help them to mentally prepare for their return, as for some this will be a major step. Those few dedicated moments to listen will assist your child with their own self-regulation strategy and calming.

In our preparations to return, we are all acutely aware that children's emotions and sensitivities will be heightened. We have been working hard to ensure that we are equipped to help and support your child to overcome any such worries or anxieties; their wellbeing and happiness remains our priority.

Kind regards,

A Williams, Headteacher

## **IMPORTANT**

School will re-open for all children on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

**All staggered entry / exit systems and times remain in operation.**





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March 2021

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

## Spring Term 2021

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 and school will be open on this day (to account for the emergency INSET Tuesday 05.01.21)

## Autumn Term 2021

**INSET Days: 01.09.21, 22.10.21, 22.12.21**

Sch opens:  
Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 8.50am  
Sch closes:  
Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 3.15pm  
Sch opens:  
Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 8.50am  
Sch closes:  
Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 3.15pm

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## World Book Day

Recent education research indicates that most children are likely to have fallen behind with their reading development during the pandemic (lock downs).

Now that educationalists know this, we get a choice of how we can best use this information.

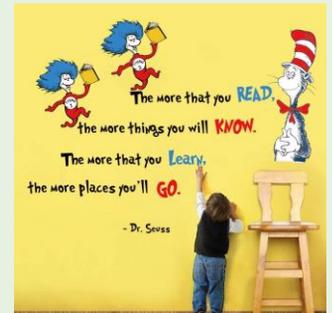
At Lunt's Heath we have chosen to dedicate a greater volume of our school day to deliberate reading practice in the short term as we commit to recovering any reading losses. We will be inserting into our daily school timetable several bite-sized moments each day that will explore vocabulary, language and reading comprehension skills.

This approach can be supported at home by encouraging your child to share their reading books with you to develop a greater love of reading and to enrich the reading experience through language.

**Put Your Reading Hat on for World Book Day** – in school and online we will be asking children to wear their hat on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March in recognition of **World Book Day**.

Consider engaging your child's curiosity by asking them why they think it is important to be able to read and what do they think some of the problems might be if we were unable to read.

At Lunt's Heath we believe that reading is the key to a life of stronger learning and better opportunity.



## Parent Consultation

We are fast approaching this term's consultations which will be held the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Bookings and meetings will once again be online, please watch for the email that will be sent in the coming days.

Consultations this year take on added importance because of the limited in-person teaching that has taken place and lack of opportunity for you to meet with teachers on-site to discuss your child's development in person.

The more detailed a picture we are able to build of your child at this time, the better placed we will be in helping them meet their potential at this age and stage.

If you are struggling to make a booking after the email is sent please contact Mrs Craig in the School Office for help; alternatively if you are unable to keep an appointment please email your child's class teacher for an alternative appointment.