



# Ladbroke Primary School

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September



## HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

### Welcome Back

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope that you have all had a relaxing summer and are now getting back into the school routine. A special welcome goes to all our new children and parents. I hope that you have all had a successful start in the school. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or come and speak to me on the playground in the morning.

This year, as a school we will be continuing to build on the good work that already exists in the school. We will have a particular focus on writing and times tables. Please support us at home by helping your child learn their times tables and by checking their homework to ensure the children are using the correct punctuation and spelling.

We will also be continuing to work on attendance. It was a shame that we had so many children absent at the end of term as this had an affect on our overall attendance for the year. Please try to book any holidays outside of school time and ensure routine appointments are taken after school or in the holidays. Taking time out of school is not encouraged at any time and I am happy to discuss any issues you have regarding this. Please note - holidays during term time will not be authorised and could lead to fines being imposed.

Every month I will send out a newsletter with important information. Please take the time to read it and transfer any key dates into your diaries. Mrs MacCormack will also send out a weekly update with things coming up each week to keep you in the loop. Please look out for these updates.

I am excited for the new school year and am sure, by working together, your children will achieve amazing things.

### School Uniform



The children are all looking very smart. Thank you for ensuring that they are in the correct uniform.



**PLEASE WOULD YOU ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD'S NAME IS IN EACH ITEM OF CLOTHING.**

Summer uniform can be worn until half term. If your child is wearing a shirt, then they should also be wearing a tie.

BLACK trainers should be worn on PE days and BLACK shoes on all other days.

Thank you for your support with this.

### School Building Concerns

You may well have seen in the news that some schools have been affected by the presence of RAAC in their buildings. RAAC, or Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete, is a lightweight form of concrete which was used in schools and other building construction from the 1950's until the mid-1990s. After some time and in some circumstances this concrete can collapse.

I wanted to write to reassure you that this school was constructed at a time when RAAC was not being used in construction and we can therefore be confident that there is no RAAC in this school building.

### PE Days

On PE days children come into school dressed in their PE kits.

PE kits consist of a light blue polo shirt, plain navy blue tracksuit bottoms (no leggings) or shorts and black trainers. Usual Ladbroke sweatshirts should be worn when the weather is colder.

See the chart below to ensure you know when your child has PE

Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Tues	Tues	Wed	Tues	Mon	Wed
Fri	Wed	Fri	Thurs	Thurs	Thurs

If your child is taking part in a sports club after school, they may bring in clothes to change into on these days.

Y4 will be swimming on Tuesdays this term. Reception children will start formal PE lessons later in the term, once they are settled in school. We will send out notification about this so you know when your child needs their PE kit.

PE days will change throughout the year so please look out for updates.

Thank You.

## Y6 Art Project

Every year, at the end of the year, year six participate in an arts project to create something to leave behind in the school. Their lasting legacy. Last year, alongside Charlotte Gerrard our fantastic artist, year six designed and created the Ladbrooke sign which now proudly sits on the back wall of the New Build.

Thank you to Roni's mum and dad for putting up the art work, it looks amazing!



### Dates For Your Diary

FRIDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER  
Jeans for Genes Day

WK BEG - 25th SEPTEMBER  
Harvest Collection

FRIDAY 29th SEPTEMBER  
Y5 Class Assembly

FRIDAY 13th OCTOBER  
Y6 Class Assembly

TUESDAY 17TH OCTOBER  
3.30 - Parent Consultations

THURSDAY 19th OCTOBER  
5.00 - Parent Consultations

**23rd - 27th OCTOBER**  
**Half Term**

MONDAY 6th NOVEMBER  
Individual Photographs

MONDAY 13th NOVEMBER  
Y4 & Y6 to British Museum

MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER  
Flu Vaccinations

THURSDAY 30th NOVEMBER  
Winter Decoration Day

FRIDAY 1st DECEMBER (tbc)  
Winter Fair

### Dates For Your Diary

WK Beg 4th DECEMBER (tbc)  
FS Show

WK Beg 11th DECEMBER (tbc)  
FS Show

WEDNESDAY 20th DECEMBER  
Term Ends 1.15pm (KS1)  
Term Ends 1.30pm (KS2)

### Jeans for Genes

On Friday 22nd September we will be supporting Jeans for Genes.

Donations will be made via our Just Giving Page.

More information will follow nearer the time.

Please look out for posters displayed around the school.



Thank You



### Prefects

We received some really well thought through letters displaying fantastic language and handwriting skills from the children applying to be prefects this year.

Congratulations to:

#### **Technology Prefects**

Anita  
Nathan  
Otto  
Yritha

#### **Curriculum Prefects**

Demi  
Ettie  
Harry  
Katie  
Olivia  
Unal

#### **Playground Prefects**

Abigail  
Mariella  
Maya  
Megan  
Rosie





### Punctuality



Please make sure that your child is in the playground when the bell goes ready to start the day. Learning starts as soon as the children come into the classroom and it is very disruptive when children arrive late.

If your child is repeatedly late, they will be kept in at break times to catch up on the work they have missed.



Thank you for your support.



### WATER BOTTLES



Please can you ensure that your child comes into school with a water bottle. It is important that all children have access to water when they need it. A lot of time is currently being wasted trying to find cups for children who do not have a bottle in school.

### Reminders - Dinner Money

Just a reminder that dinner money is now £3.15 a day. Please pay via the school gateway. You can pay daily, weekly, monthly, any way you choose as long as your child always has money on their account.

Thank You

### Clubs At Ladbrooke

Please look at the chart below to see what clubs are running this term and when they are starting up. All clubs are booked via the School Gateway. If the option is not there it means the club is already fully booked. Please call the office to place your child's name on the waiting list.

**All Clubs finish at 4.15pm. Please be on time to collect your child**

Day	Before School	Lunchtime	After School
Monday	Morning Club		After School Club & Chess (Y2-Y6)
Tuesday	Morning Club		After School Club & Multi-Skills (Y1-2)
Wednesday	Morning Club		After School Club & Multi-Skills (Y3-5)
Thursday	Morning Club Netball (Y5&6)	Ukuleles (Y3)	After School Club Boys Football (Y5&Y6)
Friday	Morning Club & Badminton (Y5&6)	French (FS2 - Y2)	After School Club, Zumba (FS2—Y3) & Girls Football (Y5 & Y6)

**Early Morning Club** runs from 7.45 to 8.45 each morning.

**After School Club** runs after school each day. You can book on until 4.30pm or 5.30pm

### House Captains

**Congratulations to the following Y6 pupils who have been chosen as our house captains for the year**



Chester - Yritha & Luca  
Lincoln - Sam & Anita  
York - Salih & Olivia



### Continuing to Build Excellent Behaviour

We have three main school rules at Ladbrooke.



**BE READY**  
**BE RESPECTFUL**  
**BE SAFE**



All the children and staff have been involved in discussing what each rule means and how they can ensure they are following the school rules at all time.

We are very fortunate that the behaviour in our school is very good and the children were excellent at identifying how they can show that they are following the rules.

As parents you can help us by talking to your children about the rules and you can also use them to reinforce behaviour at home (if necessary!).

Parents can be especially helpful in ensuring the children are **READY** for school. Please help us by ensuring your child is in school on time every day with the right equipment they need for the day.

At the start of the day when the children are lining up for school, please say goodbye quickly and step back from the line so that the class teacher can welcome everyone into the school quickly and calmly.

Thank You

### Reporting Illnesses and Absences

It is really important that you inform us straight away if your child is going to be absent from school and to give us a reason why. All absences should be reported before the start of the school day. The easiest way is to send a message via the School Gateway. If we do not hear from you, we will keep trying until we have spoken to you. We will work through the list of contacts we have if we cannot get hold of the first contact person.

Currently we have some families who are dealing with different conditions where exposure to certain illness can put them at risk. If your child or anyone in your family is diagnosed with

measles, chicken pox or shingles please would you inform the school immediately so we can inform those families that we have cases in the school.



Thank you for your support in this matter.



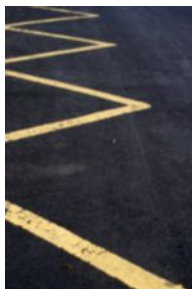
# KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE!

**Please take the time to read these reminders and share them with your children. All of the points below are made in your children's best interest and we hope you will support us with them.**

## ZIG ZAGS

Please do not park or drop off on the zig zags at any time of the day and for any length of time. This includes when you are picking up from after school club.

The zig zag lines are there to ensure that the crossing is kept clear and children can be seen by cars as well as children being able to see cars coming down Watkins Rise and the car park.



## SCOOTING/CYCLING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

We encourage children to scooter/cycle to school as part of a healthy lifestyle. If your child is scooting/cycling to school, please remind them that **scooting/cycling on the site is not permitted**. On arriving at the school gate, please ensure that your child gets off their scooter/bike and places it in one of our specially designed pods

Thank You.

## COMING INTO SCHOOL

If any adults need to come into school, please enter the school via the main school office. This includes in the mornings and at the end of the school day.

When you do come to the office and ring to be let in, please **DO NOT** encourage the children to let you in. They have all been told to come and get an adult if they see someone at the door. They should not let anyone in, even their own parents.

Thank You

## Morning Drop off

All children from Y1 to Y6 must meet on the KS1 playground in the mornings. This includes Y4 and Y6 pupils. When the doors open, they then walk around to their entrance.

## Mobile Phones



Just a gentle reminder that mobile phones should not be used on site. Please put your phones away when you enter through the gates. If someone else is picking up your child, please pass this message on to them.

Thank you



## Picking Up After School

If you are sending someone different to collect your child, please inform the office that this is happening. We will not allow children to go with someone else unless we have permission. If you have given permission for your child to walk to the gate (Y3-Y6) please make sure you are there to meet them and reinforce that they should not leave the school gates until they have seen you.

## PARKING IN THE CAR PARK OUTSIDE SCHOOL

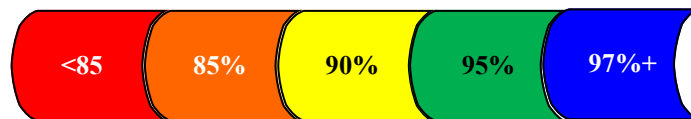
We are very lucky to have any car park at all outside our school but I do understand how frustrating it is when you are unable to park. Some parents are double parking in the car park, which is fine **IF** you stay in the car to wait for your child. Under no circumstances should you leave your car unattended blocking another car in. Can I also ask that you take care to park carefully in the bays. I know the lines are faint but they can be seen if you look carefully.

**Can I also remind you not to park in the Mayfair Lodge car park at any time.**

# Attendance Matters

We think that it is important that children are in school, on time, every day. We aim for our whole school attendance to be above 96% but ideally 97% and as many children as possible to have 100% attendance. The reason for this is because children who attend school every day are more likely to learn more, have more friends and get a good job when they are older. To give your children the best chances and opportunities, they must be in school. We will happily support you if you are having a problem getting your child into school but we can only do this if we are aware of what the problem is!

You can check your child's attendance on the Gateway app.



1 or 2 days absence may not seem that much but look at the long term affects!

If your child misses	That equals	Which is ...	And over 13 years of schooling that's
<b>1 day a fortnight (90%)</b>	<b>20 days per year</b>	<b>4 weeks per year</b>	<b>Nearly 1.5 years</b>
<b>1 day a week (80%)</b>	<b>40 days per year</b>	<b>8 weeks per year</b>	<b>Over 2.5 years</b>
<b>2 days a week (60%)</b>	<b>80 days per year</b>	<b>16 weeks per year</b>	<b>Over 5 years</b>

## Should my child be off school?

Below are recommendations from the Public Health Agency for common illnesses that often, but do not necessarily, result in absences from school.

Symptom	Period off school
Diarrhoea/vomiting (1 episode)	24 hours
Diarrhoea/vomiting	48 hours
Conjunctivitis	None
Head Lice	None
Tonsillitis	None
Headache	None

Symptom	Period off school
Glandular Fever	None
Warts and Verrucae	None
Chicken Pox	5 days from onset of rash
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted
Cough/cold	None
Sore Throat	None

Being tired is not a reason to be off school. Only medical appointments at hospitals should be arranged during the school day. Routine doctors and dentist appointments should be arranged outside of school times. Please help us ensure your child has the best possible start to their learning journey.

If you are concerned that your child is not well, please do not tell them to tell the teacher to call you and you will pick them up. Instead, let the office know via the Gateway or tell the class teacher when you drop them off. We will then keep a close eye



## RAISE FUNDS FOR US WHILE YOU SHOP!



You can help raise funds for our school by doing your online shopping through [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

All you need to do is register with [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and select **FOLS\_Friends of Ladbrooke School\_Potters Bar** as your chosen cause. Then, any time you want to shop online, login using your username/password, click on the link to your favourite retailer and off you go! There are literally hundreds of retailers to choose from, including Amazon, Tesco, Asda, John Lewis, Argos and Marks & Spencer.

Your shopping experience with these retailers is **EXACTLY** the same as if you went to them direct, except we will receive a percentage of the amount you spend (subject to certain limits). You **DO NOT PAY ANY MORE** and you have the satisfaction of knowing that your shopping is benefitting the school.

### HAPPY SHOPPING!



### Communicating and Paying Online Through The School Gateway



As well as our main way of communicating with you, the School Gateway is our online payment system. This means that you can make online payments via the School Gateway smartphone app or website for school dinners and some trips. For juniors, you are also able to view school meal balances and top them up at any time. It is also possible to give online consent where required, for your child to take part in activities, school trips and to book onto after school and morning clubs.

**Please could you make sure you have download this new app to your phone** (it's free).

The set-up process is simple and will take no more than a couple of minutes

- Search for "School Gateway" in the Apple App Store/Google Play or on your phone go to [www.schoolgateway.com/apple](http://www.schoolgateway.com/apple) (Apple) or [www.schoolgateway.com/android](http://www.schoolgateway.com/android) (Android)
- Install the app and if you are asked then say yes to "Allow Push Notifications"
- When you launch School Gateway for the first time, please select 'New User' and enter the email address and mobile telephone number you have registered with the school
- The system will send a PIN code to your phone; please enter this PIN code and the app will be activated for you.

### Parent Information Leaflets

You should receive a copy of your child's class information leaflet by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September. This leaflet explains what the children will be learning this term. If you have any questions, please email the class teacher and they will get back to you as soon as possible. If your message/question is urgent, please email the school office.

## PUPIL'S CHOICE MENU – WINTER/SPRING 23/24

Week One – Weeks Beginning: 4th Sept, 25th Sept, 16th Oct, 13th Nov, 4th Dec, 8th Jan, 29th Jan, 26th Feb, 18th March				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Quorn Burger in a Bun (V)	Beef Bolognese	Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing	Pork Sausages with Gravy	Fishcake
Baked Bean and Cheese Slice (V)	Sweet Potato and Pea Samosa Burrito (Ve)	Roast Quorn Fillet with Sage and Onion Stuffing (V)	Cheese Pinwheel (V)	Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V)
Week Two — Weeks Beginning: 11th Sept, 2nd Oct, 30th Oct, 20th Nov, 11th Dec, 15th Jan, 5th Feb, 4th March, 25th March				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mild Chicken Curry	Sweet Chilli Quorn (V)	Roast Pork with Sage and Onion Stuffing	Beef Burger in a Bun (V)	Battered Fish Fillet
Macaroni Cheese (V)	Veggie Sausages with Gravy (Ve)	Shepherdess Pie (Ve)	Vegetarian Roll (Ve)	Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V)
Week Three — Weeks Beginning: 18th Sept, 9th Oct, 6th Nov, 27th Nov, 18th Dec, 22nd Jan, 12th Feb, 11th March				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken and Sweetcorn Meatballs with Tomato Sauce	Chicken Pie	Roast Beef and Gravy	Quorn Hot Dog (V)	Crispy Coated Salmon Fish Fingers
Bean and Vegetable Grill (Ve)	Mild Vegetable Curry (Ve)	Potato Topped Vegetable Pie (V)	Beany Pasta Bake (Ve)	Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V)