



Ladbroke Primary School

Friday 6th 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.

This year we would like to work together to raise attendance in our school. Unfortunately over the last couple of years, our good attendance has fallen and this is having a direct impact on the progress being made by our children in school. This pattern is echoed nationally and due to this the Government has reinforced the expectation on schools with regards to attendance and in particular the use of penalty notice fines. The biggest issue for us has been families taking children out of school for term time holidays.

We understand that holidays in term times are cheaper, as teachers we all have to take our holidays during the most expensive times too! However time out of school whether it is at the beginning, middle or end of a term does have an impact on your child.

The primary curriculum is very full and often topics are taught in weekly blocks, if your child is absent they will miss the block and it is very hard to catch up. It is not the same just giving work to take away with you — teaching is more than just completing work in books! Imagine a Jenga tower. We are creating the base for your child, if you suddenly have blocks missing, the tower may not fall straight away but the more you start to build, at some point the tower will collapse. We need to build strong towers and as such we need your children in school.

Previously we have not gone down the route of issuing penalty notices as our attendance was strong but with more and more families taking one or sometimes multiple holidays during term time and with the new Government guidance, we are now faced with having to go down this route. Please rest assured that, as always we will consider any requests for absence on an individual basis. Please make sure you put in a request for absence early and be as detailed as possible for the absence on your form. Exceptional reasons for absence will be considered.

More information on attendance, the new government penalty notices and a link to the attendance policy can be found in this newsletter.

This week our attendance overall is 95%. We only have 2 classes with 100% attendance!!! Well done Reception and Y2. Together let's work together to give our children the best start. You can keep a check on your child's attendance on the Gateway App. Every week we celebrate the classes with the highest attendance and this year we have a lovely owl inspired attendance board. Each month I will summarise the school attendance on our newsletter.



Parent Information Meetings

Below are a reminder of the dates for the parent information meetings next week. Nursery and reception meetings will be arranged once the children have settled in.

- Y1 Friday 13th September at 8.45am
- Y2 Monday 9th September at 8.45am
- Y3 Tuesday 10th September at 8.45am
- Y4 Wednesday 11th September at 8.45am
- Y5 Thursday 12th September at 8.45am
- Y6 Friday 6th September at 8.45am



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.

Until October half term, summer uniform can still be worn. If your child is wearing a shirt, then they should also be wearing a tie.

Plain Black shoes should be worn unless your child has PE, then they can wear plain black trainers.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Continuing to Build Excellent Behaviour



We have three main school rules at Ladbrooke.



BE READY BE RESPECTFUL BE SAFE

At the start of term all classes have been discussing what each rules 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

House Captains



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



Chester - Alfie and Robyn
Lincoln - Ollie and Besa
York - Jack and Grace



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



<u>Admin Assistants</u>	<u>Roving Reporters</u>	<u>Play Promoters</u>	<u>Technology Talents</u>
Sienna Besa Fjolla Luna	Seth	Anya Leila Grace	Elsa Nicky Robyn Gideon Emily
	<u>Reading Rockstar</u>		
	Darcy		

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!

Clearly some absences are out of anyone's control, we understand that children may be unwell at times. . . 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
1 day a fortnight (90%)	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day a week (80%)	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days a week (60%)	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years

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	Symptom	Period off school
Diarrhoea/vomiting (1 episode)	24 hours	Glandular Fever	None
Diarrhoea/vomiting	48 hours	Warts and Verrucae	None
Conjunctivitis	None	Chicken Pox	5 days from onset of rash or when all blisters crusted
Head Lice	None	Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted or 48hrs after antibiotics start
Tonsillitis	None	Cough/cold	None
Headache	None	Sore Throat	None
Ringworm	None but needs covering	Scarlet Fever	24hrs after antibiotics start

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.

Please [click here](#) to access our school attendance policy based on the Hertfordshire County Council Model Policy

Statutory Attendance Support Team Penalty Notice Fines – Sept 2024



Helping Parents understand Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance

From 19 August 2024, there is a National Framework for Penalty Notice Fines being issued for unauthorised absences recorded by schools.

National Threshold

A single consistent national threshold for when a Penalty Notice **must** be considered by **ALL** schools in England, this is:

- 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period.
- These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence.
- For example, a 5-day unauthorised leave of absence would meet the national threshold.
- The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

Who may be fined?

- Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent who allows their child to be absent without authorisation from school.
- For example, 3 siblings absent for unauthorised leave during term-time would result in each parent/carer receiving 3 separate fines.

Definition of Parent

- Section 576 of the Education Act 1996 states that, in relation to a child or young person, a 'parent' includes any person who is not a parent (from which can be inferred 'biological parent') but who has parental responsibility for or care of the child.
- Parent refers to a person who typically has care of a child or young person if the child lives with them either full or part time and they look after them, irrespective of what their biological or legal relationship is with the child.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence, the fine amount will be:

- £80 per parent, per child if paid **within 21 days**.
- If not paid within 21 days, the fine will increase to **£160 per parent, per child**, payable between the 22nd and 28th day.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence, a reduced rate is not available. The amount therefore will be:

- £160 per parent, per child – payable within 28 days.

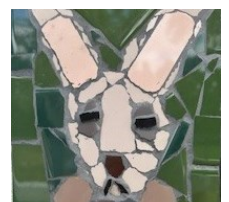
Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed, a Penalty Notice **WILL NOT** be issued, and the case will be presented **straight to the Magistrate's Court**:

- Prosecution can result in **criminal records and fines of up to £2,500**.
- Cases found **guilty in a Magistrates Court** can show on the parent's future DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) certificate (Disclosure and Barring Service) due to a **'failure to safeguard a child's education'**.

Y6 Art Project

Last year the Y6 children created beautiful 'nature inspired' mosaic tiles to border the new chalk board on the after school build. They look fantastic and I am sure all the children in after school club will be inspired to create some beautiful drawings on the chalkboard. Thank you to Mr Roberts for putting up the art work for us over the holiday.



Dates For Your Diary

WK BEG 9th SEPT
Parent Information Meetings

FRIDAY 20th SEPTEMBER
Jeans for Genes Day

FRIDAY 20th SEPTEMBER
Maths Workshop—Doodle

FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER
9am—Y5 Class Assembly

FRIDAY 6th OCTOBER
Y4 Class Assembly

3rd—7th OCTOBER
Harvest Collection

MONDAY 14th OCTOBER
Individual Photographs

FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER
9am—Y6 Class Assembly

TUESDAY 22ND OCTOBER
3.30 - Parent Consultations

THURSDAY 24th OCTOBER
5.30 - Parent Consultations

28th OCTOBER - 1st NOVEMBER
Half Term (School Closed)

MONDAY 4th NOVEMBER
8.45 Term starts

New Parent Governors Needed

We are now looking to recruit a parent to join our team of governors at Ladbrooke.

If you are interested in becoming a governor but would like to find out a bit more about it, please do not hesitate to contact me or speak to me on the gate/playground.

If you are interested, please complete the forms attached with this update and return them to the school office by Monday 23rd September



THANK YOU!

Jeans for Genes

On Friday 20th 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.



Dates For Your Diary

THURSDAY 14th NOVEMBER
Flu Vaccinations

FRIDAY 15th NOVEMBER
9am—Y3 Class Assembly

MONDAY 18th NOVEMBER
Bags to School Collection

THURSDAY 23rd NOVEMBER
Flu Spray Y1-Y4

FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER
9am— Y4 Class Assembly

FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER
Winter Decoration Day

FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER (tbc)
Winter Fair

MONDAY 9th DECEMBER
Whole School Panto

11th & 12th DECEMBER
9.15 FS Christmas Show

16th DECEMBER
2pm KS1 Christmas Show

17th DECEMBER
9.15am KS1 Christmas Show

WEDNESDAY 18th DECEMBER
Christmas Dinner Day
6pm – KS2 Carol Concert

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE!

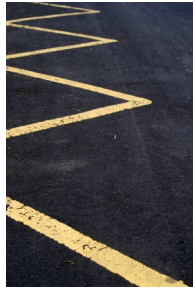
Please take the time to read these reminders and share them with your children. All of the points below are made in your children's best interest and we hope you will support us with them.

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.

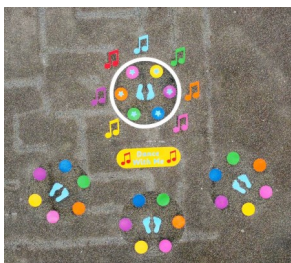
PARKING IN THE CAR PARK OUTSIDE SCHOOL

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.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for all your fund raising efforts over the past year. Due to all your hard work, we now have some lovely new playground markings that the children have really enjoyed playing with this week.



Feel free to have a go on them when you pick up your child!

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Holden who used their drone to take the arial pictures.

PUPIL'S CHOICE MENU – AUTUMN 24

Week One – Weeks Beginning: 2 Sept, 23 Sept, 14 Oct				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pork Sausages with gravy	Herb Crusted Chicken with Spaghetti Marinara	Roast Beef with Gravy	Quorn Hot Dog	Battered Fish Fillet
Cheese and Tomato Quiche (V)	Mild Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry (Ve)	Mince Slice (Ve)	Cheesy Spring Vegetable Bake (V)	Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V)
Tuna Roll	Cheese Spread Roll (V)	Ham Roll	Cheese Roll (V)	Egg Roll (V)
Week Two — Weeks Beginning: 9 Sept, 30 Sept, 21 Oct				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Tex Mex Quorn Fajita (V)	Chicken Pie	Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing	Beef Burger in a Bun	Salmon Fish Cakes
Macaroni Cheese (V)	Moroccan Tagine (Ve)	Plant Balls with Gravy (v)	Roasted Summer Veg Pasta (Ve)	Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V)
Cheese Roll (V)	Ham Roll	Tuna Roll	Cheese Spread Roll (V)	Egg Roll (V)
Week Three — Weeks Beginning: 16 Sept, 7 Oct				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken Curry	Quorn Burger in a Bun (V)	Roast Turkey with Sage and Onion Stuffing	Beef Lasagne	Fish Fillet Fingers
Homemade Sausage Roll (Ve)	Rich Tomato Bolognese (Ve)	Roast Quorn Fillet with Sage and Onion Stuffing (V)	Chipolata Sausages with Gravy (Ve)	Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V)
Cheese Spread Roll (V)	Cheese Roll (V)	Tuna Roll	Ham Roll	Egg Roll (V)