



NEWSLETTER

4th September 2020

Joy is our Christian
value this term

Welcome back to
Autumn Term 2020



We would like to welcome everyone back to school after such a long break. They are all settling in well in their new "bubbles".

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their hard work teaching the Key Worker children and setting the Home Learning over the lock down period as well as arranging for the school to be "Covid" ready for the beginning of this term.

We have a number of children starting at Latchingdon this September and we hope they settle in well.

We would also like to welcome new staff. Miss Burrows will be teaching Hedgehogs class, Mr Corley is our new Sports Coach and Mr Pearce is our new Caretaker. We would also like to welcome back Miss Sinclair who is returning as a Teaching Assistant.

We would also like to congratulate Miss Harrington who got married during August. Her new name is Mrs Strathern.

Letter from Miss Amery

Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you that I will be retiring at the end of December after 24 years at Latchingdon.

I will miss the school and I have enjoyed working with many hardworking and talented staff, children and governors. I would also like to thank parents for their support, which I have greatly appreciated.

The recruitment process for my replacement is underway and the Vine Schools Trust will contact you once the appointment has been made.

Yours sincerely

Miss M Amery

Headteacher

During the Summer Holidays the Vine Schools Trust have set up new websites for all their schools.

Please accept our apologies if you were unable to access any information during the holidays whilst the new website was launched.

We are currently in the process of ensuring all the information contained is correct, so please bear with us whilst this is undertaken.



After School / Lunchtime Clubs

Due to the current COVID restrictions and being advised not to create additional "bubbles" unfortunately there will be no after school or lunchtime clubs until at least half term.

Mr Pritchard is still coming into school on a Thursday morning for his socially distanced 1:1 music lessons. If you are interested in your child/ren learning to play the piano, keyboard or guitar then please refer to additional information in this newsletter.



Assemblies

As per government guidelines we will not be holding assemblies until further notice. Worship will take place in classrooms and we will continue to celebrate the children's successes. Any awards given will be notified in newsletters as normal.

School Office

We would appreciate that any messages for the School Office or Teachers are written and sent into school via your child. Please do not use your child/ren's Reading Journal for messages.

Please note the office staff may not see the teachers during the school day and are, therefore, unable to pass on messages.

Reminder

The School Office **WILL NOT BE OPEN** during the hours of 12.30pm and 1.30pm. If your child/ren need to leave for an appointment during school hours then they need to be collected/brought back in before 12.30pm or after 1.30pm. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Thank you for bringing your child/ren to school at the correct times/gates. As per current government guidelines and in consideration of others please could you ensure you follow the one-way system when dropping off and collection the children. Many thanks.

Music Lessons

RECOMMENCING AUTUMN TERM 2020

Mr Pritchard, our Music Teacher, has places on a Thursday morning for children to learn piano, keyboard or guitar.

The cost is £30 per half term for 5 lessons of 15 minutes each or £60 for 30 minutes. (fees are reduced for families on state benefits).

If you are interested in your child/ren learning to play an instrument, please contact Mr Pritchard on:

07442 170541 or

steve.p.musicteacher@gmail.com



Please see our website for full details of Dates to remember

October 2020

2nd Oct - NON-PUPIL DAYS
26th - 30th Oct - HALF TERM

Reminders

A few reminders for the start of the Autumn Term and for all those new to the school:



Please remember to book school dinners on www.schoolmoney.co.uk by the Thursday before the week they are wanted.



Please remember that we are a Nut Free school. Therefore, no nuts or product containing nuts should be in the children's lunch boxes. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



We would appreciate it if you could ensure your child/ren's uniform is labelled especially jumpers, cardigans and coats to assist us in ensuring that items can be returned to the correct child.



The carpark is for staff parking and those given permission only please, therefore, do not use for dropping off and picking up children. Many thanks.