

Message from Mr Merry

It's hard to believe that half term is already upon us and all of us here wish you an enjoyable half term break and look forward to seeing you again on Monday 26th October. Please also remember that the clocks go back on Sunday 25th October. School closes today and reopens on Monday 26th October.

Thank you for your support with the altered format Parents' Evening phone calls last week and we hope that you found the feedback useful. Hopefully we will be able to have our usual face to face Parent's Evening in the Spring Term.

Mrs Kirkham will not be in school for several weeks of next half term due to a necessary medical procedure. The office will be covered by Trust colleagues and internally. Thank you for your understanding of this matter.

Our Harvest Festival was a great success so thank you once again to the children, parents, friends and family for the amazing donations of produce and food. As part of our charitable work, all items collected will be donated to support some families in the local area and distributed via Sue Steer at the Warren Community Centre.

Sunrise and Sunset Clubs Before and After school wrap around care:

The new booking forms for Sunrise and Sunset will now need to be completed for Autumn 2. Copies are available from the school office and on the website and can either be handed in or emailed to:

outofschoolcare@newlubbesthorpe.leics.sch.uk

Toy donations are still welcomed for our out of hours' wraparound care clubs. Any donations can be handed in to the school office where they will be kept for 72 hours and thoroughly cleaned before they are played with. Thank you in advance for any donations that you might have.

Governance

Congratulations to Ami Parmar who has joined our Governing body. This appointment means that the Governing body is now full and complete. You can see all of our governors and their profiles on our website. Thank you for your ongoing support.

School Meals



Please note that we are still having some issues with kitchen lunch provision due to problems with equipment so there are currently necessary alterations to the menu, however, we are still fortunate enough to have at least two hot food choices daily. We hope that after half term we will be able to provide the full new 3 choice menu which is available to view on our website.

PTA

Christmas Raffle

We are seeking raffle prize donations for our annual Christmas raffle. Last year our raffle was a great success, raising over £300! If you can donate, know someone who can or work for a business who could help then please get in touch. In the absence of the Christmas fair, this will be our main source of fundraising this Christmas. Your support can help make it a success!

Love Blaby Lottery

A reminder that you can now support us through Love Blaby Lottery! Each ticket you buy will raise 50p for us and you will be in with a chance of winning great cash prizes up to £25,000!

Please support us if you can and don't forget to tell your family and friends.

Thank you for your ongoing support and as always please contact us with any questions you may have.

Flu Vaccinations

We will be having school nurses in school on Thursday 10th December. An invitation letter can be found on the school website, explaining how to submit the digital consent form in order to register your child for the flu vaccination. Please contact the Community Immunisation Service directly if you have any questions on Tel: 0300 3000 007 or by email at communityimms@leicspart.nhs.uk. The online consent can be found at www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk.

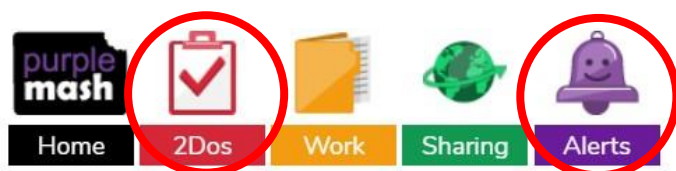
Christmas Theatre Performance

We have been lucky enough to book Quantum Theatre Company to come in to school to perform a new Christmas play for socially distanced times. The performance of 'The Night before Christmas' will take place on Tuesday 15th December – more details to follow.

Purple Mash

Purple Mash is how we will communicate your child's school work and homework in the near future. It has its own parent portal which allows parents and guardians to see all the exciting pieces of work their children have created in Purple Mash.

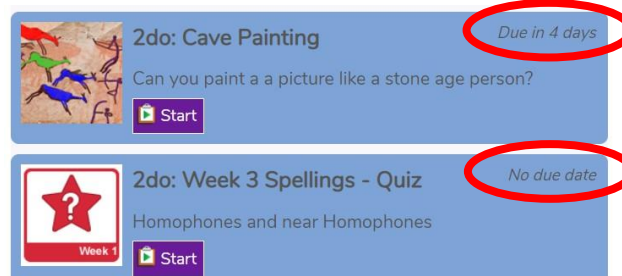
For parents to activate their parent portal, you will need to use the parent code that is included on your child's login card, which can be found in the front of your child's reading record. You are welcome to log in and explore the site but you will receive further instruction in due course. Some further information about Purple Mash is included on the following page or you can follow the links below for further instructions.



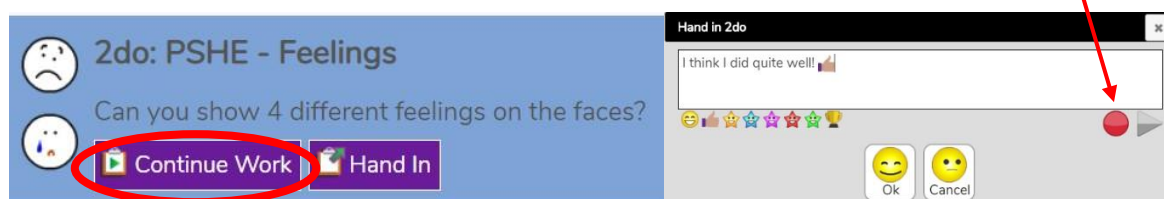
2Do's: Parent guide

Your child's teacher will often set tasks as a '2Do' to be completed. These are activities and tasks which your child can access either via the notification bell or by clicking the red 2Do icon at the top of the screen.

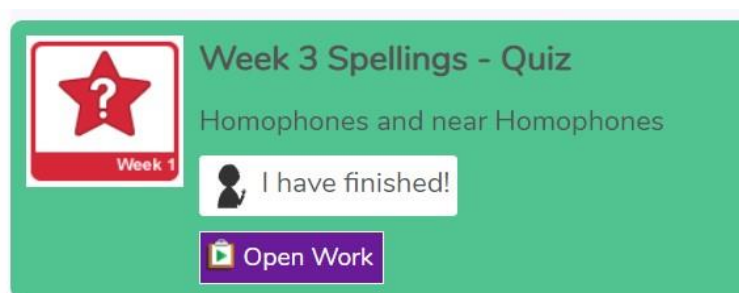
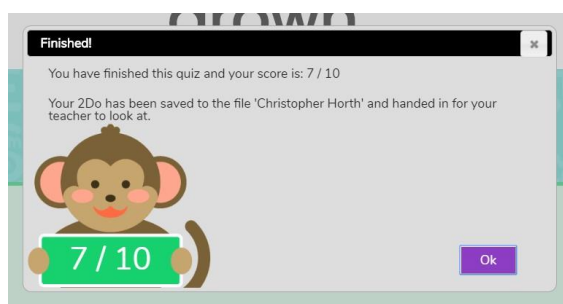
2Dos can have a 'due by' date (specified by the teacher) which you will be able to see in the 2Do menu. After the due by date has passed, your child will not be able to complete or hand in their work if they haven't already done so. Contact your child's teacher if they need an extension on the due date.



There are a variety of activity types in Purple Mash for children to complete. Many of them require children to create things like pictures, written work, posters or design games etc. If these activities are set as 2Do for your child, when they start it, they can stop at any point and return to the 2Do menu and complete another time using the 'continue work' button. Once they are happy they are finished with their work, they can 'hand in'. When they do this, they are prompted to leave their teacher a comment as to how well they got on. If they wish, they can record a voice message for their teacher to listen to, by selecting the red circle.

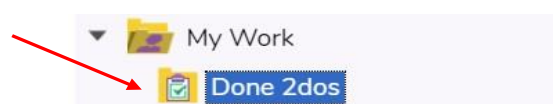


Some activities in Purple Mash have a **different hand-in procedure**. Quizzes, games and tests will automatically be handed in once completed. Their teacher is notified of this and can view scores and other relevant information about how well each child got on with the task. The examples below show the end of a spelling quiz and how it appears in the 2Do menu once it has been completed. It has an automatically generated hand-in comment and the child can open their work if they want to check what they have done.



Your child needn't worry about where to save their work when they complete a 2Do, it is stored in a temporary folder for their teacher to access, view and comment on work for the class collectively. When the teacher has finished checking all children's work, they will "close" the 2Do and each pupil's work gets sent to their work folder, in a sub-folder named 'To Dos'.

For more information on Purple Mash here are a few helpful links



Parent Portal guide here: https://www.purplemash.com/manuals/manageusers/parent_portal_access_.htm

A video of Purple Mash for Parents: <https://2simple.com/purple-mash/purple-mash-parents/>

Diamond of the week

The diamonds of the week for the Koalas were: Olivia for always trying her hardest and using her manners and Archie for following instructions carefully and trying his best. In the Kangaroos class, the diamonds of the week were Shiv, for improved listening and showing enthusiasm for his learning and, Kane, for listening well and working hard in all his lessons. In the Rabbits class, the diamonds of the week were Ronan, for concentrating in all of his lessons and Leo for always being focused in all of his lessons. The diamonds of the week for the Hares were: Archie for fantastic progress in phonics and Danny for participating more in class carpet times. A huge well done to all of these children for their hard work!

Reminders

School drop off: Please can we politely ask that you accompany your children all the way to their class teacher upon arrival in the morning. Please do not send them across the playground by themselves.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Bikes and scooters: Please can you ensure that children do not ride their bikes/scooters on school premises. Please encourage them to walk their bike/scooter safely to the storage racks.

Old uniform: If you have any old school uniform (especially leggings, trousers, skirts and tights etc.) that you wish to donate, we are happy to take those as spares for in school so that we can get children changed when they have an accident.

Oxford Reading Buddy: Please remember to log in to our Oxford Reading Buddy to have access to hundreds of our reading scheme books. Your child's log in is in the inside of their reading record.

Dates for Your Diary

October

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd Half Term – school closed to all pupils

Wednesday 28th October Finance Governors meeting 5.00pm

November

Date to be confirmed	Community Light Switch On
11th November	National roast dinner day
12th November	Dress down day (PTA)
5th November	Bonfire dinner menu.
	Main meal Red- Hot chocolate burger (Beef mince)
	Green – Jacket, cheese and beans.
	Puddings Toffee Krispy cakes & Catherine wheel

December

Tuesday 8th December	EYFS Christmas Play – 9.30 am
Wednesday 9th December	EYFS Christmas Play- 6.00pm
Friday 11th December	EYFS Christmas Play – 2.00 pm
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day TBC.
Tuesday 15th December	The Night Before Christmas – Theatre performance in school
Friday 18th December	School closes for Christmas break 3.15pm
Monday 4th January:	School re-opens



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