

# NEW LUBBESTHORPE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

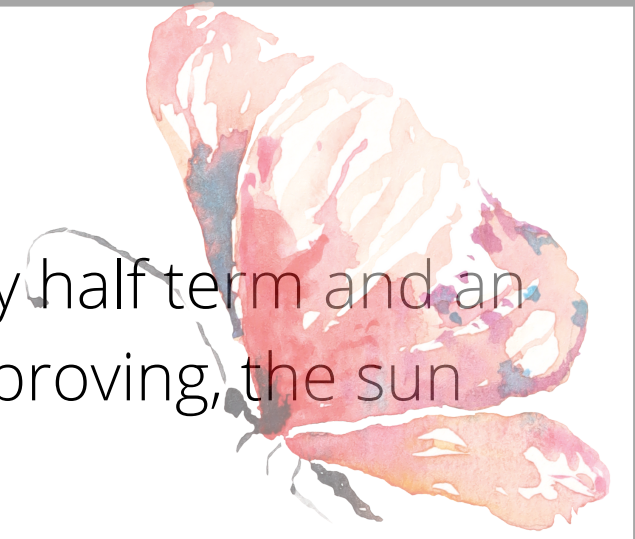


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## *A message from Mr Merry*

Welcome back – I hope everyone had a good half term. We have had a very busy half term and an exciting two weeks back. We are all looking forward to the weather hopefully improving, the sun coming out and new growth and plant life taking shape.



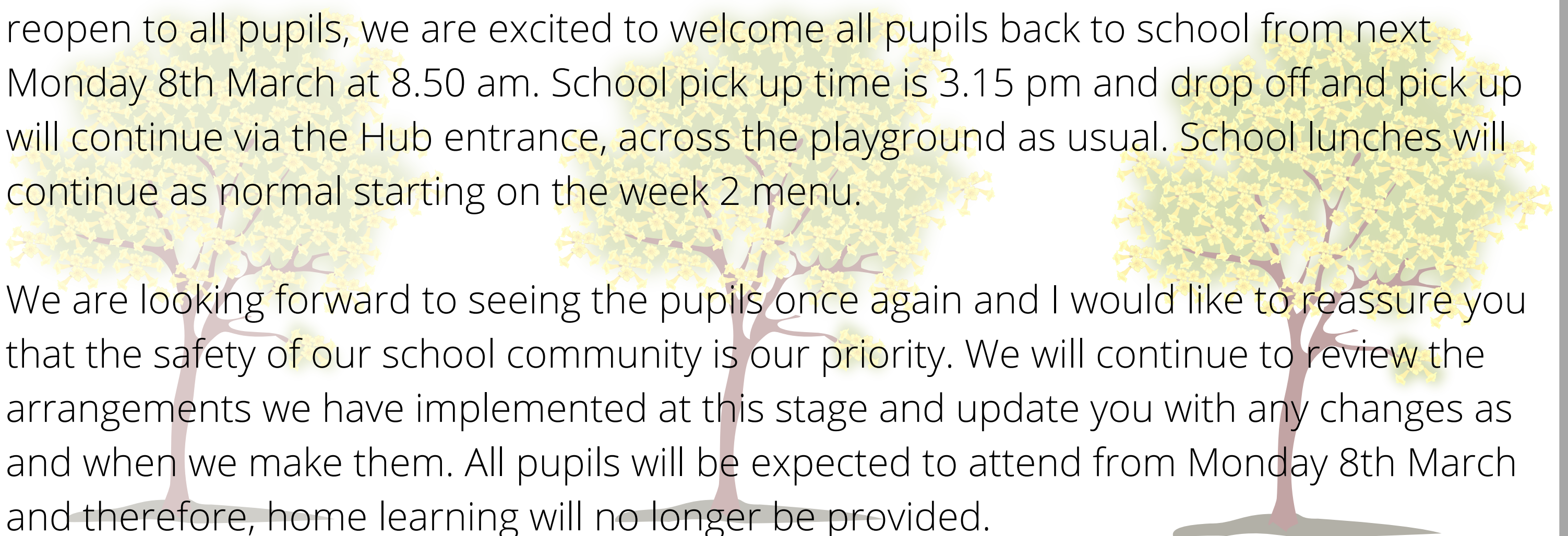
The Trustees and New Lubbesthorpe Governors have been discussing the New Lubbesthorpe headteacher role moving forward. Allowing myself to return to the role of CEO (Chief Education Officer) across the Trust. I am pleased to inform you that Miss Hackett an experienced headteacher, with 8 years under her belt has been appointed to this role from the start of the next academic year. Miss Hackett is a Local Leader of Education and has supported New Lubbesthorpe for one day a week for the last year and a half. We are delighted and privileged to have her leading New Lubbesthorpe Primary School. I will continue to be based at New Lubbesthorpe and will see you all and I look forward to seeing the School develop and our Trust grow. I am sure you will all make Miss Hackett welcome and we all wish her every success moving forward.

Congratulations to Mrs Pell for her exciting news that she is expecting her first baby. Mrs Pell will be with us for the whole of this academic year and Governors are seeking to appoint additional staff to support New Lubbesthorpe Primary for the next academic year.

## COVID-19 DFE GUIDANCE UPDATE

Following the government's announcement on Monday 22nd February that schools will reopen to all pupils, we are excited to welcome all pupils back to school from next Monday 8th March at 8.50 am. School pick up time is 3.15 pm and drop off and pick up will continue via the Hub entrance, across the playground as usual. School lunches will continue as normal starting on the week 2 menu.

We are looking forward to seeing the pupils once again and I would like to reassure you that the safety of our school community is our priority. We will continue to review the arrangements we have implemented at this stage and update you with any changes as and when we make them. All pupils will be expected to attend from Monday 8th March and therefore, home learning will no longer be provided.





## **HOMEWORK/ READING**

We have been really pleased with how Purple Mash has worked as an online platform for learning during the school closure. Therefore, going forward, teachers will set homework through Purple Mash on some weeks. There will be a combination of Purple Mash homework and written homework (done in homework books) depending on the task set each week. There will be no homework set in the first week back but homework will be sent home as usual the following week. Children will also shortly be bringing reading books home too, once they have been heard read by an adult in school.



## **PARENTS EVENING**

Parents Evening will take place during the week commencing 22nd March 2021. Further details and arrangements to follow in due course.



## **NOTICES**

Thank you to all parents/carers that continue to park safely at drop off and pick up times. Please can we all be mindful and careful to not block any of the residence driveways, Thank you.

Please can all parents/ carers who are dropping off/picking up their children please continue to wear masks.

Thank you for your support with this matter.



## **CLASS LIST**

Classlist is a totally free, secure digital platform that helps parents to connect with each other, successfully in use by parents at more than 1000 schools. Classlist acts as a 'virtual school gate', where you can make friends, ask for advice and recommendations, as well as arrange play-dates, school lift shares, fundraising activities and social events. Parents can also use the listings button to buy and sell personal items, such as second-hand musical instruments or to find a babysitter. And all of these services are available on one easy-to-use, modern platform.

While we're proud of the app's multi-feature versatility, Classlist's key function is to provide a directory of class parents accessible on all electronic devices, including mobiles. Parents can decide how much detail they want to share with other parents and Classlist is data protection registered and an approved supplier to PTA UK.

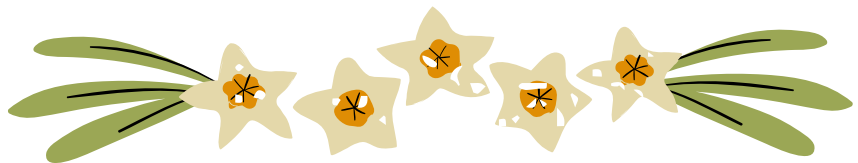
We will be shortly sending you an email which will explain this process and how you will be invited to join this group.

# WORLD BOOK DAY

This year, World Book Day is officially happening on 4th March. However, at New Lubbesthorpe, we are moving this date to Thursday 11th March so that all the children can be in school to celebrate together.

On this day, it will be non-school uniform and your child is invited to attend school dressed-up as a book character of their choice. There will be various fun and engaging reading related activities during the day for the children.

As you may be aware, the PTA and school have been working very hard to save funds for and plan our brand-new library. We therefore ask that on this day, if you are able to, families donate a book to start off the book collection for our library. This does not need to be a new book; we welcome any pre-loved children's books you may have finished with at home. Books will be collected by teachers at the door in the morning and put into quarantine for 72 hours. I am sure that you appreciate the cost of creating a brand-new library from scratch and your support with this is very much appreciated. Your child will receive a £1 book token on this day to bring home. These tokens can be swapped for one of the exclusive £1 books on offer from book shops/some supermarkets or put towards the cost of a full price book. To view these books properly, go to <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>. We look forward to seeing all the children dressed up and having fun together!



## Dates for your diary



### March

Parents evening: Week commencing 22nd March

Friday 26th: School closes for the Easter break

### April

Monday 12th: School opens

### May

Monday 3rd May day

Monday 31st-4th June Mid-Term break

### July

Friday 9th School closes for summer

### August

Wednesday 25th: School opens to all pupils

Teacher days - School closed to all pupils - Friday 28th May and Monday&Tuesday 12th/13th July 2021



# Join our school on Classlist

Classlist is the parent app that brings you into the heart of our school community.

- ✓ Get in touch with parents in our school
- ✓ Ask questions to the parents in your child's class
- ✓ See what's coming up for you and your child
- ✓ Find like-minded friends in our community
- ✓ Organise meet-ups and birthday parties
- ✓ Buy event tickets & RSVP to invitations

I can ask the parents in my child's class questions

It helps me to see who's who at my school and see who lives nearby

I can organise my child's birthday party and see who's coming

I can stay in the loop with important school info & PTA events coming up

Now I know who my child is friends with, I can get in touch with their parents

Round-up emails help me keep up with what's going on even when I'm busy



## Is Classlist moderated?

Yes! This keeps our community friendly, welcoming and useful.

## How much information do I need to share?

You're in control! You decide how much information to share and what notifications you want.

## Is Classlist safe?

Yes! It's fully GDPR-compliant, private and secure.

## Sign up today! It's easy and completely free

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Download the Classlist app on iOS or Android

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Select our school and sign up