

NEW LUBBESTHORPE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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A message from Mr Merry

It has been truly delightful to see all of our children back in school last week. On Monday morning there was a lovely buzz around the school with lots of children keen to chatter to their friends and catch up again.

I have visited every class and spoken with the children and the overwhelming feeling from them was that they were delighted to be back and to see their teachers and friends. The most important thing over the next few weeks is to allow the children time to reconnect and redevelop routines. It is important that they can socialise with their friends in school and that our younger pupils continue to develop their communication and language skills.

Teachers have also reported that the children have really enjoyed their first few days back. They were keen to settle down to their work and have established good working routines – long may this continue!

I sincerely hope that this will now be how we can operate and that any further lockdowns will be avoided. I'm sure that there will be bumps in the road and we may have identified cases in school that we have to deal with, but we will do everything we can to make sure the rest of the year is as smooth as possible for our pupils.

This will be our last Newsletter before the Easter Break. Happy Easter!



PARENTS EVENING

Parents Evening phone calls will take place on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd March 2021. Thank you for making your bookings and please be aware that your child's teacher may make your telephone call on their personal phone and that this will show up as 'no caller ID'. If we are able to have an extra (optional) face to face Parent's evening later in the summer term we will send details about this nearer to the time.

SCHOOL MILK FOR ALL

School milk is available free or at a subsidised cost to all primary-aged children.

A portion of fresh, chilled milk at mid-morning break provides protein, calcium and other vital nutrients, important for your child's growth and development. It's also a great way to bridge the gap between breakfast and lunch, re-hydrating your child and helping them to concentrate in class.

If your child is currently under 5, s/he is entitled to receive free milk at school, funded by the UK Government's Nursery Milk Scheme.

Primary school children of 5 years and over have the option to pay for their milk at a subsidised cost. If your child (over 5) would like to start having milk daily, please visit www.coolmilk.com and select "Register your child for milk", then follow the on-screen instructions to register and pay, OR call/ email the school office to request a registration form. NB Children over 5 who are entitled to (means tested) Statutory Free School Meals (FSM) are also eligible to receive free milk daily. Please call/ email the school office before registering with Cool Milk.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thank you to everyone for making World Book Day a magical moment. The costumes looked amazing and the children had a great educational experience. Thank you for your ongoing support.

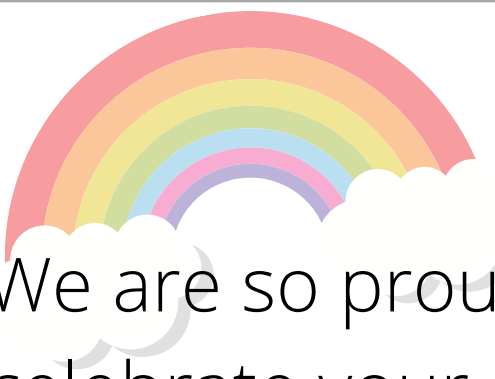
A massive thankyou to all who have donated books for our new Library. Your kind donations are very much appreciated, Thank you.

CLASSLIST

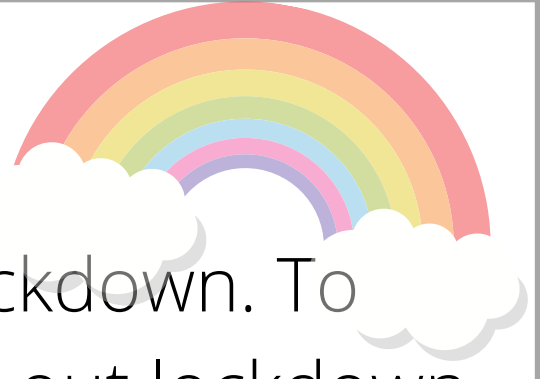
Classlist is a totally free, secure digital platform that helps parents to connect with each other, successfully in use by parents at more than 1000 schools. Classlist acts as a 'virtual school gate', where you can make friends, ask for advice and recommendations, as well as arrange play-dates, school 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.

Thank you for all those parent's who have already signed up to this and further details are included at the end of the newsletter for those who would like to do so. We encourage your support with this.



LOCKDOWN HERO MEDALS



We are so proud of all the work that you and your child have done over lockdown. To celebrate your child's efforts, we held a special assembly last Friday to give out lockdown medals. This all wouldn't be possible without your continued support. A big thank you to Mrs Hickey, who is part of our PTA for individually hand making these medals, Thank you.

BRITISH SUMMER TIME

Polite reminder that clocks go forward on Sunday 28th March 2021.

In the UK the clocks go forward at 1AM on Sunday 28th March. The period when the clocks are one hour ahead is called the British summer time. There is more daylight in the evenings and less daylight in the mornings (Sometimes called daylight saving time).

Don't forget to change your clocks!



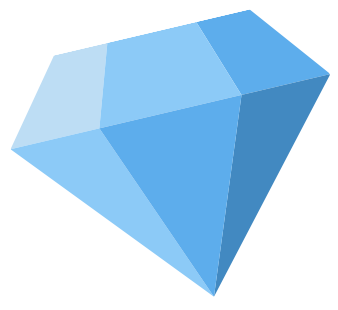
Thank you to all of the parents who ordered our mother's day breakfast in bed bags. We enjoyed them.

We managed to raise £99, so again a huge thank you to those that took part.

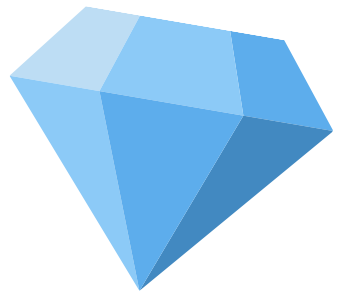


PTA EASTER COMPETITION

The PTA are pleased to be sponsoring an Easter Colouring Competition to be judged at the school on Thursday 25th March. Colouring will be sent home in bookbags this Friday. We are asking for a voluntary £1 donation per child to go towards PTA funds. All children's craft entries will be judged by their class teacher with a winner per class to be awarded with an Egg-citing prize. Thank you for your support with our continued fundraising efforts.



DIAMONDS OF THE WEEK



We have awarded all children in school with our Diamond of the week for settling back into the school routine and having a really good can do attitude. Well done to all of our wonderful children!

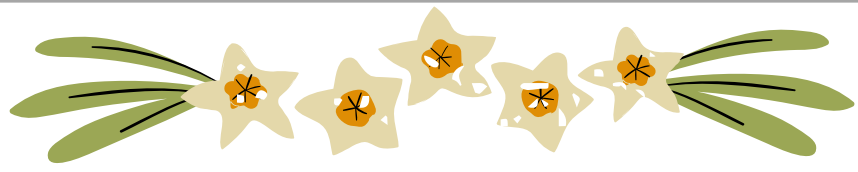
SCHOOL LUNCHES

We have made some changes to our lunch menu as some of the options were not proving popular with the children, resulting in lots of food waste.

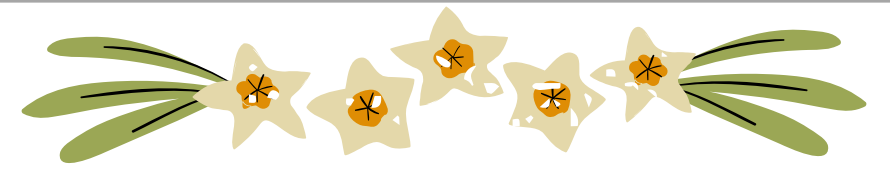
Children will continue to be given 2 meal choices each day. Vegetarian options will always be available to all children. We hope you support our decision with this matter and will update you on the new and improved menu.

FACE MASKS

A big thank you to all of our parents/carers who are continuing to wear face coverings during drop off and pick up time. thank you for your continued support with this matter



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