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Lionwood Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

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To all our parents and children at Lionwood Infant and Nursery,

This week we have been busy in our new phonics groups and working really hard on learning our sounds. It has been wonderful to have the children come and talk to us about the stories they have been reading with you at home - some of them have commented on the funny voices you create for the characters in the stories!

All the children were extremely calm and sensible when we did our fire drill practice as well - we were especially impressed with the nursery and reception children.

Miss Thorpe and myself have really enjoyed doing dancing and aerobics with the children at lunchtime - they have definitely got a lot of energy and are keeping us on our toes!

We have had some reports of headlice in school - please do check your children regularly and treat any cases of headlice immediately.

Have a wonderful week,

Miss Kingsley and all the Lionwood Team

WARM CLOTHES, COATS AND PE KITS

As the weather gets colder— please can you ensure that your child wears warm clothes as well as a coat. The classrooms have to remain ventilated due to COVID-safety measures so it can get a bit chilly in class as well as outdoors.

We were impressed at how sensibly the children arrived and left the building in the heavy rain last week! If it is raining, we will open the gates at 8.40am for all children and they will walk straight to class.

ON THEIR ALLOCATED PE DAYS, PLEASE CAN WE ASK THAT CHILDREN COME IN SUIT-ABLE PE KIT - CLOSE-FITTING SHORTS, JOGGING BOTTOMS/LEGGINGS, T-SHIRT, SWEATSHIRT AND TRAINERS (AVOIDING EXPENSIVE ITEMS SUCH AS FOOTBALL KITS IN CASE OF DAMAGE)

NHS FLU VACCINATIONS

All children in school are being offered the Flu Vaccination this year as normal. The medical team will be in school on 9th November 2020.

It is essential that if you want your child to be vaccinated that you give your consent online by the closing date which is: **30th September 2020. Your child cannot be vaccinated without you doing this. There is no paper consent form available. Details have been sent to you by email and letter.**

As you would expect, we have been provided with a comprehensive risk assessment to ensure that these vaccinations are carried out safely.

PARENT-TEACHER CHECK-INS

Due to the COVID-19 Restrictions we are unable to do our normal Parent/Teacher Meetings this year - however it is important that parents and teachers have a chance to talk about how children are doing in school.

We are arranging telephone calls for parents/carers with class teachers that will take place over the next couple of weeks. This call will be a short check-in of 5 minutes.

The check-in will allow parents to check that their child is settled in school, ask any brief questions, and if they wish, arrange a further call from a the teacher to discuss any concerns that they will need more time to discuss.

We would urge all parents to sign up for this check-in even if it is just to confirm that all is well. If there are any difficulties with this, please contact the Class teacher via Class Dojo.

RULES FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING

Thank you all for adhering to social distancing rules while on the school premises. It is so important that we continue to do this in order to ensure we do everything we can to stop the spread of coronavirus.

The government guidance still applies that **only 1 adult per household can pick-up and drop children off.** This must be adhered to avoid congestion at the entrances and reduce risk.

Please leave the school and the surrounding area around the premises promptly—some parents have been waiting for other parents and gathering in small groups outside the school which increases the risk to others. **Please do not gather in groups outside the school building.**

Below is the latest government guidance regarding social distancing:

Social distancing:

To reduce the risk of catching or spreading coronavirus, try to **keep at least 2 metres away from people you do not live with.** Social distancing is essential to stop the spread of the virus, as it is more likely to spread when people are close together. An infected person can pass on the virus even if they do not have any symptoms, through talking, breathing, coughing or sneezing.

When with people you do not live with, you should also avoid: physical contact; being close and face-to-face; and shouting or singing close to them. You should also avoid crowded areas with lots of people; and touching things that other people have touched.

You do not need to socially distance from anyone in your household, meaning the people you live with. You also do not need to socially distance from someone you're in an established relationship with, or anyone in your legally-permitted support bubble if you are in one.

Seeing friends and family:

When seeing friends and family you do not live with you should:

- meet in groups of 6 or less
- follow social distancing rules when you meet up
- limit how many different people you see socially over a short period of time
- meet people outdoors where practical: meeting people outdoors is safer than meeting people indoors because fresh air provides better ventilation

Thank you as well for refraining from smoking near the school grounds until you are leaving the area having dropped off your children.

