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Principal's Message

We want our school to be a place where we are safe: to learn, have fun and work hard. A place where we are kind and mindful of everyone and have positive attitudes for our bright futures.

Many thanks to the majority of parents who are helping to keep our school community safe when increasing numbers of schools are closing to groups of pupils. You can continue to help us stay safe by:

- Keeping socially distanced (2m) when in the queue and then as you walk through the one-way system*
- Keep your children with you in the queue so that they are socially distanced and stay in their bubbles. Once collected, your children should stay with you as you walk through the school grounds*
- Do not push into the queue – pushing in means social distancing cannot be maintained.*
- Wear a face mask in the queue and around school.*
- Do not bring additional adults with you and especially not other children who have been sent home from other schools to self-isolate*

If you drive to school then please do not park on the zigzags or mount the kerb to park especially where the queue is. There is ample parking at the leisure centre so we can keep families safe.

Liz Latham

As a school we are following Government guidelines to stay safe. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

Letter from the City Council.

We are very aware that the guidelines on how to respond to the Covid pandemic frequently change. It can be very confusing to try to pick your way through lots of information and advice especially if your child is ill and you are unsure about what to do. The City Council have circulated a letter that we emailed to parents on Tuesday which hopefully made things clearer and gave guidance on the recent rise in cases. You can view this again by following the link here.

<https://schools.leicester.gov.uk/media/6600/director-of-public-health-rise-in-coronavirus-cases-letter-25-sept.pdf>

Morning Club starts 12th Oct



We are now ready to open the Morning Club provision from Monday 12th October. This is for parents who need early, supervised childcare to support their working arrangements. A limited number of daily places will be available for a small charge – this will cover breakfast provision as well as supervision from 8am to 8.45am in the hall. Places will need to be booked and paid for in advance through Parent Pay so that we are able to make arrangements to support pupils in their Year group bubbles. Please see the flyer sent out today for further details on how to book in.

Artology After school Club

We have been offered the opportunity to hold a creative after school club called Artology. It will be a mixture of art and history where children will get to create a range of history – based art creations. Please see the flyer attached for more information about the activities and costing. We are aiming to hold this on Wednesdays after school starting after half term. Please click the link below to complete a form to show interest by no later than Tuesday 6th October so that we can get some idea of numbers as we will have to ensure pupil year group bubbles are maintained. <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WnSRoNi3ek2yphNZBT1FEB0rUh7hlpdAkSuyfxHO4vpURFVWN05WNE40WU5JMzJaU1ZNTTVDMFoyVS4u>

The club is open initially to KS2 (Y3,4,5,6) with any spare places then offered to Year 2.

School Photos- a great Christmas gift!

We are going ahead with 'socially distanced' Covid compliant school photos. The school photographer will be in school on the afternoon of Friday 30th October. Individual photos of pupils will be taken during the afternoon. There will be an opportunity for you to have 'family group' photos (including younger children) after school from 3.30pm until 4.30pm. More details about this will be sent out in the next newsletter.



ParentPay reminder

As we are now a cashless school, we are unable to accept cash payments for anything. Please ensure you've signed up for this using the password on the letter you received at the beginning of term.



After school 'sporty social' club.

We are currently working on plans to start an after school 'sporty social club' after half term – to be Covid secure this would be for each single year group bubble once a week (ie. Monday Y2, Tuesday Y3 etc) The club would run from 3.15pm-4.15pm and would offer table tennis, badminton as well as social activities. Places would be limited and initially offered to Years 2-6. More details to follow.

Coats are essential!

We are aware that the current arrangements to keep the pupil bubbles and families safe and socially distanced mean that occasionally pupils will be waiting in the rain at the end of the day.



Unfortunately at this time we are unable to change this. With your help in moving through the school grounds quickly we are clearing the playground on average in 8 minutes. By sending your child with a warm/waterproof coat with a hood, we can help to make sure that they are kept as dry as possible whilst they wait to be collected.

Braunstone Book Bus

Please check your emails for the Bookbus flyer to let you know when the Bookbus is visiting a street near you! This free mobile service has got 100s of books to borrow for both adults and children and is a great way to get access to some fantastic reading material. It's free to sign up to and free to borrow from. Perfect for finding a great read now the nights are drawing in! Follow the link here for more information <https://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-community/libraries-and-community-centres/libraries/find-a-library/>



We still need library book returns!

We are still desperate to receive back any books that you may have had earlier on in the year. Currently our book stock is down by around 150 books – this represents a huge amount of money to replace them. Please hunt out any library books you still have at home – we need them as we're very keen for pupils to bring home books to share with you.



Half Term opportunity

We have been notified of an exciting opportunity for children of different ages during the upcoming half term. Braunstone's Natural Galleries is a project by visual artist Sian Watson that will involve workshops to celebrate the natural environment. Please see the flyer below for more information and how to sign up for this great creative event.

Braunstone's Natural Galleries

Free children's arts activities this half term!

Wed 21 Oct
and
Fri 23 Oct

At The BRITE Centre,
Braunstone Ave,
Leicester LE3 1LE

Workshop times:

10.30am – 11.30am suitable for **age 5-8**
12.00pm – 1.00pm suitable for **age 8-11**
2.00pm – 3.00pm **suitable for families**

Work with the exciting visual artist **Sian Watson Taylor** to **create sculptural pop up galleries** that celebrate the nature of your local areas. Create beautiful layer maps and explore using different types of materials that bring together the brilliance and imagination of your community.

Limited places!
To book your workshop contact
Liga on 07425867969 (text)
or buzzingroots@gmail.com

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