

# Long Meadow Matters

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe it is October already! It's been fab to welcome even more year groups back this week, with Year 6, EYFS and Year 1 all in school again. We can't wait to have our whole community back on Monday when Year 2 complete the LMS family again. I keep my fingers crossed that we don't have to close any more consistent groups, but I fear it may not be avoidable. As ever, we will continue to communicate openly and honestly with you and we will continue to follow national and local guidance and advice at all times.

Next week, we will be embracing **Bike to School Week**. Although nationally this took place this week, I wanted to ensure that all of our year groups had the opportunity to participate. There will be lots of opportunities to take part in activities during the week, but most importantly it is trying to ride to school for as many days as you can! Every time you do, you are easing traffic around school and keeping fit whilst also reducing the risks of COVID. Also, each day a cycle/scooter will be chosen to receive a 'Golden Padlock' which can be brought to the school office and exchanged for a prize. We really hope to see even more bikes and scooters coming to school next week!

I have added a reminder about **drop-off and pick up times** later on in the newsletter. This is even more crucial now we are getting our school back to being full again. Please read them carefully – being here before your allotted time will not gain you access to the site. I have also had a query from a parent as to why they are not allowed to use their mobile phone on the school site. The answer is very simple and it is Safeguarding. Not having phones out and being used means that we keep our children safe. Safe from inappropriate photographs being taken, safe because parents are concentrating on keeping their children safe whilst walking round. Also, when your child leaves school, they deserve to have your attention, even more so during these uncertain times. Thank you in advance for your continued co-operation.

Our 'Coronavirus Journey' display is nearly finished. This plots the journey of our school through lockdown (when each bubble created their own canvas) through to our recovery curriculum in school now. This will be added to the Year 6 Legacy Project which is a table which has a top comprising stones that each child wrote a message on. We are determined to celebrate our school from the beginning to the end of COVID-19 and this permanent display will be a reminder of this. I will share pictures once it is complete.

It is with great regret that I need to inform you that **Kidsplay** have taken the decision not to reopen their clubs at LMS during the pandemic. I hope you have seen the individual email sent earlier today. We were informed of this yesterday, which of course means there will be nothing in place next week as a minimum. We will of course try to source another provider asap but this will not be a quick process. We will keep you updated with our progress.

Have a great weekend and look after each other.

Mr Gray  
Head Teacher

Please read  
our **Food  
Bank**  
donation  
information  
further on in  
this newsletter  
– please help

Please remember **DO NOT**  
send your children into  
school if they are displaying  
any of the following  
symptoms:

New continuous cough and /  
or high temperature and /  
or a loss of, change in, normal  
sense of taste or smell.

Please contact school  
reception on 01908 508678  
for advice if unsure.

Don't forget to see  
lots of wonderful  
learning in and out  
of school on our  
**Twitter account**  
(@LongmeadowSch)

We love sharing  
what we are doing  
and love seeing  
what you have been  
doing at home!



*"You fell - but I've got you"*

### Week 4-

### We have got you!

We know that you have all had different experiences of lockdown and that you continue to have differing ones now. We see it in the children, we see it in you. In school, we feel the same, but can guarantee we are working with your children everyday to ensure their well-being, both physical and mentally.

We are here for parents too. If you think we can support your family in any way, please let us know. We may not have the answers but we will find someone who has.

We all may have fallen in different ways, but please remember, as a school community, "We have got you".

## **Harvest Festival for the MK Food Bank**

Harvest Festival is coming up soon, and we are hoping that parents will want to donate to MK Food Bank this year. The COVID-19 crisis has caused demand for their emergency food parcels to increase significantly and the need for community donations is higher than ever before.

This year they are asking if we can focus on their most needed items which is a little different from how they usually run their harvest requests. The SIX ITEMS they would like us to focus on are as follows:

- Tinned pasta (spaghetti, spaghetti hoops, ravioli, macaroni cheese)
- Tinned custard and rice pudding
- Tinned meat (corned beef, spam, tins of bolognese, chilli con carne, hot dogs, etc.)
- Tinned fruit
- Biscuits
- Long life juice / squash

This year they have a high stock of dried pasta , dried rice & soup, therefore I would discourage you from bringing in these items if possible. Please could you also encourage children to check dates on items as we are unable to use food that is past its best before or use by date.

Finally, due to COVID-19, could we please ask that NO carrier bags are used.

All items can be placed in the Food Bank crates in the main entrance. Please also ensure that you wait outside and socially distance if someone is already using the crates.

***Thank you in advance for your support.***

## Drop off and pick up time reminder

	<b>EYFS</b>	<b>Y1</b>	<b>Y2</b>
<b>Drop Off</b>	8.30am	8.45am	8.35am
<b>Pick Up</b>	3.00pm	3.15pm	3.05pm

	<b>Y3</b>	<b>Y4</b>	<b>Y5</b>	<b>Y6</b>
<b>Drop Off</b>	8.55am	8.40am	8.50am	9.00am
<b>Pick Up</b>	3.25pm	3.10pm	3.20pm	3.30pm

- Please note that parents/children will not be allowed on to site until a minimum of 5 minutes before their allotted time.
- If there is a backlog of parents on site, we may have to ask some year groups to wait until it is clear.
- Parents may drop off **ALL** of their children at the **EARLIEST** allotted time.
- All of our measures are to limit the number of people on site and are in place for everyone's safety.
- Children **MUST** stay with an adult and not run off. Children leaving site on their own must walk.