

School Newsletter 16th July 2021





Friday 23 July
Last day of term (normal finish times)



Attendance Matters

This Week's Attendance 8 93.9% 8

<u>Class with the</u> Best Attendance

Most Punctual Class

1B, 2B & 5L

Attendance Matters

Be in school all day, every day.



New Classes and Staff for 2021-22

For next year, we will be reintroducing our animal names for classes (previously only used in KS1):

- New Rec L (Turtles): Miss Laithwaite
- New Rec B (Jellyfish): Miss Briscoe
 Reception pupils will be supported by Mrs Whittam and Mrs Toth
- Current Rec L (Hedgehogs) will go into 1B: Mrs Walsh and Mrs Ferguson
- Current Rec B (Squirrels) will go into 1L:
 Miss Hanley and Miss Towne
- Currently 1L (Whales) will go into 2L:
 Mrs Kalemi (M-W)/Mrs Baker (Th-F) and Miss Hughes
- Current 1B (Dolphins) will go into 2B:
 Miss Whittingham and Miss Rogers
- Current 2B (Pumas) will go into 3L:
 Miss Morris and Mrs Watson
- Current 2L (Tigers) will go into 3B: Miss Lynam and Mrs Ugharadar
- Current 3L (Starfish) will go into 4L:
 Mrs Widdowson and Mrs Hirani
- Current 3B (Seahorses) will go into 4B:
 Mrs Duckers and Mrs Kathiriya/Mrs Speed
- Current 4B (Lions) will go into 5L: Miss Bottomley and Mrs Mugal
- Current 4L (Giraffes) will go into 5B:
 Mrs Wood and Mrs Speed/Mrs Walker
- Current 5B (Kangaroos) will go into 6L: Mrs Bendelow and Mrs Asghar
- Current 5L (Koalas) will go into 6B: Mrs Jones and Miss Cooper

Additional support through the whole school:

Ms Woodley (cover)

Mrs Tayeb, Miss Acton, Mrs Nawaz and Mrs Dhan will support classes across the whole school.

(Ms Phillips, Mrs Harrison, Mr Ferguson and Mrs Matthews are all leaving).



Eid al Adha

A number of children in our community will be celebrating Eid al Adha next week (school will authorise one day's absence). If your child will be absent that day, you MUST email office@ladybridge.bolton.sch.uk as soon as possible confirming your child's name and

class, so that we are aware of your child's whereabouts on the day, and that a school meal is not prepared for them.

End of Year Reports

Today, your child should have brought home their end of year report. Over the last 16 months, there has been significant disruption to learning across the country. As a result, many pupils have made less progress than normal and are likely/may not be currently reaching the end of year age-related expectations (as set out in the National Curriculum). If your child's attainment has gone down from previous years, this is to be expected. We will continue, in partnership with home, to do all we can to accelerate learning in order that every child achieves as well as they can.

Bolton Council's Libraries & Museums

Savings Consultation

Bolton Council's Libraries and Museums service need to make savings of £430k in response to reduced council budgets. They have come up with a proposal that ensures all our museums and libraries stay open. However, it would mean changes to opening hours for our libraries and history centre, and reduced support for Neighbourhood Collections Sites. Please head to the Active consultations page of Bolton Council's website to find out more and give your views. Or you can use this link:

https://bit.ly/3cqBLHi

Each week, we focus on work undertaken by a different class. This week, it was the turn of 2B who say ... we began making our very own fire engines in DT. We looked at different kinds of fire engines from the past to current, as part of our history topic on The Great Fire of London. Then we looked at different vehicles and



how they move. After that, we designed our fire engines to include a ladder, hosepipe, shutters and even blue lights! We had to choose our own way of putting the axle on to the chassis (this part was really tricky) before we decorated them. We used A LOT of red paint! We are excited to finish them next week.





Pupils' Books

Next Thursday, <u>some</u> pupils' books will be sent home, but some books will remain in school until December. This is because we need to keep a selection of children's books as evidence of progress and learning, particularly in light of a likely Ofsted inspection early in the autumn term. This decision has been taken in light of the following guidance from Ofsted: 'The amount of work in workbooks at the beginning of an academic year (for example in September, October



and possibly November) may not be sufficient for inspectors to make a valid and reliable judgement about curriculum and learning progression. However, this would not be an issue if workbooks from the last few months of the previous academic year were also available for the pupils.' ('Workbook scrutiny - ensuring validity and reliability in inspections'). All those pupils whose books will be kept in school, will be spoken to about this matter. Thank you for your understanding and support.

<u>Snack</u>

Each day, a warm snack is available to all children at a cost of 38p per day (£1.90 per week). This will typically be a slice of toast, crumpet or similar. Due to Covid, we have been unable to provide snacks for the last 18 months or so, but we are aiming to reintroduce these from Monday 13 September. Snacks must be purchased for a full term in advance, and the cost for the full autumn term is £25.08. Payment must be made by cash or cheque (unfortunately, we are unable to accept online payments for snack).

Reading Books

Please ensure that all reading books are returned to school by Tuesday 20 July (this allows time for them to be quarantined and re-organised prior to the end of the term). Thank you.

Toys From Home

Reminder that no toys are allowed in school. Recently, a number of children have started to bring toys into school, including 'fidget' poppers. Toys like these cause a distraction as well as unnecessary conflict between pupils. Please do not allow your child to bring 'fidget poppers' into school (unless there are exceptional circumstances, which should be discussed with your child's class teacher or Mrs Hall).