



Mon 22 March

Photo Day for children who were absent on 17 March

French Language Celebration
(see overleaf)

Tues 23 March (a.m.)

Year 1 Screening Tests
(Heights, Weights & Vision).
Children to wear Velcro shoes or PE pumps, if possible.

Weds 24 March (a.m.)

Year 6 Screening Tests
(Heights & Weights)

Tuesday 30 March (6.00pm)

Parents' Forum (virtual)

Weds 31 March & Thur 1 April

Parents' Evening (virtual)

Thur 1 April

School closes for half-term

Mon 19 April

School reopens for summer term 1

EVERYday
counts
attendance matters

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This Week's Attendance

☹ 96.3% ☹

Best Class Attendance

☺ Rec B - 99.1% ☺

Most Punctual Classes

☺ Rec B, 1L and 3B ☺

Remember how important it is to be in school all day, every day.

Does Your Child Need to Catch Up?

NO!

During lockdown, many pupils had intense support at home and excellent engagement with the remote learning from school. As a result, they have not fallen behind. It is important that these pupils (and their families) continue to work hard at school and home, in order that they sustain and deepen their knowledge and understanding.

YES!

It is important to realise that the impact of last summer's lockdown, and also the most recent one, could be long-lasting for some pupils, particularly those who were inconsistent with remote learning, missed work and have now fallen behind their peers.

The government has provided schools with some catch-up money, which we are using to provide more adult support and targeted help for identified pupils. BUT, we can't do it on our own! We need help from home, too. You can help by:

- Showing an interest in your child's learning and asking questions about their day (every day).
- Asking your child if they are finding anything difficult and then helping them find solutions. This might include asking them to show and explain it, or by using the internet to visit sites such as:
<https://www.thenational.academy>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>
- Helping your child to go through and remember their subject organisers.
- Ensuring your child reads every night (and asking them questions about what they have read, so you know they understand it).
- Regularly communicating with class teachers to see what more you can do to support your child to help them catch up, whilst you are with them at home.
- Making sure your child sleeps and eats well, so they can give their full attention when they are in class - the more they listen and participate, the more they understand.

WARNING

Please keep your ears and eyes open regarding a website called OMEGLE that is becoming quite popular with young people. In essence, it's a video platform where you can talk to strangers. That is how it markets itself. You create a profile about yourself (with your likes and dislikes etc) and then it matches you with people from anywhere in the world to 'chat'. On the actual home page of the site, it states to be aware because 'predators have been known to use this platform'. If they state this, then reality could be much worse.

PLEASE BE VIGILANT AND CAREFUL - DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILDREN TO ACCESS THIS WEBSITE

Each week, we focus on work undertaken by a different class. This week, it has been the turn of 5B who say ... we have been learning all about the French artist Henri Rousseau. He was famous for his paintings of jungles and jungle animals, even though he never visited a jungle! His preferred medium was oil painting as this allowed him to use bright, vibrant colours. We have been painting in the style of Rousseau and have used our colour mixing skills to create all the different shades and tints of green that you can see in our wonderful pictures below.



Red Nose Day/Comic Relief Funny is Power!



We've used the power of funny to turn laughs into lasting change today. Thank you for getting involved and for all your donations for Comic Relief 2021. We've had red noses, socks, hats, painted faces and underpants (apparently) - brilliant! Some classes even tried 'laughter yoga'. All of your donations this year will go towards four main challenges that society is facing which are poverty, mental health, shelter and freedom from fear. Go on - share a laugh!

On Sunday, it is Census Day. This happens once every ten years and today, your child has been learning about the history and purpose of the Census. Please discuss with your child what they have learnt, what they have been counting and what graphs they have made. More information can be found on the Let's Count website, which can be accessed by clicking [here](#) or visiting <https://letscount.org.uk/en/>



We are delighted to officially welcome all the new children and families who have joined Ladybridge, either virtually during lockdown, or physically since we actually returned to school. We hope you have all had a very happy start to your time with us at Ladybridge, and that you have settled in well as you make new friends here in school. As always, please speak to the class teacher (or, indeed, any staff member), if you need help or advice with anything. We are always more than happy to help.

Photo Day For Those Children Who Were Absent On 17 March

On Monday 22 March, the official school photographer will be back in school to take 6L's class photos, and also take individual photos of the other children who were absent on 17 March. To ensure that individual children are included, they will be 'photo-shopped' onto their class photos. The photography staff will wear face masks, and deal with children in small bubbles (approximately 6 at a time). If you have refused your child's photo consent to school (via the general data collection form), your child will NOT be included in the class photos. If, however, you wish to make an exception to the rule for this occasion only, please speak with the office staff who will provide you with a consent slip that will be retained by school. Please be reminded that online payments only will be accepted by the photography company (due to Covid) to avoid unnecessary cash handling and to minimise parent/school staff interaction.



French Language Celebration



On Monday (22 March), children will be celebrating the French language here in school. Children should either wear blue, white and/or red clothes to school on Monday, or they can wear their school uniform along with blue, white and/or red accessories. Any accessories will do - there is no need to go to the expense of purchasing a special outfit.