

Half-Term 25th-29th May

It is half-term next week, so make sure you take a break from all that home learning. The staff will also be taking a break, so there will be no online learning on Class Dojo.

Remember though, you can still do your own learning and also have a go at designing the front cover of next year's planner (see overleaf).

Home learning will resume on Monday 1st June.

Congratulations!

Our congratulations go to Mrs Ugharadar who has given birth to a beautiful baby girl. Amaya was born on Thursday 6th May 2020, weighing 6lb 1oz. Both mother and baby are doing well.



Preparing for June 8th...

In readiness of an anticipated return to school on 8th June, we have contacted the parents of children from Reception, Y1 and Y6 and are now in the process of formulating plans for those pupils who will be able to attend school from 8th June. There have been some big changes and, unfortunately, for those families who return to school in June, school will be a very different place ...

- A one-way system in and out of the school grounds is now in place. Please enter via the top gate (KS2 playground) and leave through the bottom gate (KS1 playground).
- Only one parent should escort their child onto school grounds.
- Pupils will only attend for a morning or afternoon for Monday to Thursday (**school will be closed on Fridays**).
- There will be staggered start and finish times (you will be informed about your child's times in due course).
- At drop off/collection time, parent/carers should wait on the playground nearest to their child's classroom (confirmation of which rooms each class will use is still TBC).
- Maintain 2 metres distance, from other families, at all times.
- Pay close attention to any markings on the floor. Please do not wait in 'busy' or access areas, eg, near steps or classroom doors.
- Only let your child bring their water bottle and coat to school.
- Wait on the playground until the teacher calls your child's name.
- As soon as children enter the class, they must wash hands with soap and water at the sink, then they will be told which table/place to sit at.
- All classrooms will be set out in a way that allows pupils and staff to adhere to **stringent** social distancing measures; all tables will be 2 metres apart, in all directions. Sorry, but no hugs are allowed at this time!
- There will be a maximum of 6 pupils (and 1 or 2 adults) in each classroom.
- Every child will be given their own zip wallet, which will include basic equipment that only they can use during the day.
- Class activities are likely to be very paper-based with pupils completing tasks by themselves. There will be no partner work, and there can be no practical sharing of resources/equipment. Staff will teach, guide, support and feed back to pupils - all from a 2 metre distance.
- Break-times will be staggered and pupils will need to adhere to social distancing when playing/talking with their friends outside (no tig, chasing, catching, throwing or any games that involve being close to someone else).
- Teachers will go through new indoor and outdoor rules with all children.
- There will be regular handwashing throughout the day.
- **If your child is not at school from 8th June, they will continue to be set home learning tasks via Class Dojo, by staff that are not in school. This means that communication during the day, via Class Dojo or phone, may not be with your child's usual class teacher.**

PLEASE STAY ALERT. KEEP 2M APART AND PROTECT US ALL.



Diary/Planner Front Cover Competition

Competition time... it's that time of year when we ask for your ideas/designs for the front cover of next year's diary/planner:

- Your picture should be portrait (NOT landscape) and measure 13cm x 19cm.
- It's for the school year 2020-21.
- No spelling mistakes.
- Your own drawing and writing (not done by an adult or older sibling).
- It's for a planner that will be used by children from Reception age, all the way through to Year 6.
- Be creative, imaginative and colourful.
- Entries can be scanned and emailed to office@ladybridge.bolton.sch.uk or photographed and sent via Class Dojo to your class teacher. Please keep your original drawing safe as, if you win, we'll need to submit this to the printing company.
- Competition closing date is Monday 1st June at 12.00pm.



Did You Know?

Each week, during lockdown, we will interview one of our staff members or governors, so you can get to know them a little better. This week, it's the turn of Mr Edward Woo, our Vice-Chair of Governors...

Q1. What do you do when you're not being our Vice-Chair of Governors?

I have been learning a variety of Latin dances over the last 5 years, and I have danced at the famous Blackpool Tower Ball Room and also did the Bolton Hospice Strictly Dancing 2018 Competition. I have also been learning to sing and I am part of a 70 strong Choir called the Tonge Haulgh Community Choir in Bolton. I have a huge amount of Lego and continue to collect it and regularly build it with my teenage sons.

Q2. What's the best thing about being a Governor at our school?

I enjoy the meeting the children and how they love to learn at such an early age. I took on the role of school governor so that I could give something back to the community and to the school children. When I was a small child, I was the only Chinese boy in reception. I did not speak or understand much English and finished at the bottom of the class that first year. I went into a new class in year one with a new teacher, who saw my potential and I was top of the class that year with his help. That one teacher helped me to be a successful person in life and this is why I do school governance, to help children achieve their potential.

Q3. Tell us one thing that is unusual/unique about you.

I am a Broadcasting Engineer and I work at the Winter Hill Television mast near Horwich, where your TV pictures come from. I was trained by the BBC to do this work. BBC stands for British Broadcasting Corporation and for me, it also means British Born Chinese.



Re-opening Update

After a great deal of thought, planning and discussion, we have decided that we will be unable to re-open school to any pupils until Monday 8th June. This decision has not been taken lightly, and is based upon a number of health and safety factors (including the current availability/arrival of PPE, cleaning and social distancing equipment and resources).

I know some of you will find this decision extremely frustrating, but we will only open school once we are confident that we have put in place all the appropriate safety measures to minimise the spread of COV-id 19.

We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause, but we must put the health and safety of your children and staff first. We thank you for your continued understanding and support at this time.

Useful Information

Tel: 01204 333646

Email: office@ladybridge.bolton.sch.uk

Website: www.ladybridgeprimaryschool.co.uk

There is lots of Government guidance and help available here...

- [Guidance for education and childcare settings](#)
- [Guidance on implementing protective measures](#)
- [Guidance for parents and carers](#)

The latest NHS guidance is available here...

- www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19