



# LEIGH ST PETER'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## DECEMBER 2020

I just want to say thank you to everyone for being so patient and supportive over the last term, especially as we've had to send more bubbles home. There have been weeks, this term, that school has been missing ¼ of its staff and it's been very difficult to manage. However, staff have been amazing and gone over and above to keep everyone safe and support your children. I can't stress enough how important it is for everyone to work together to follow guidance and risk assessments to identify any symptoms, isolate, inform school, and get a test.

We know and appreciate that younger children are often asymptomatic (don't show symptoms); they find it more difficult to socially distance; and the care needed for our youngest and most vulnerable children means it's difficult for staff to socially distance. Therefore, ensuring we are managing any sickness of children is important, especially as there's limited knowledge on the long term effect of anyone who has developed COVID. So, I thank you all for your support.

### PARENTS EVENING:

Thank you to those of you that attended parents evening this year. The majority of feedback was positive but we are aware of some glitches in setting up the appointment times. Some of these were due to school having incorrect information. Please can I ask that if you change any of your contact details that you inform school also. This includes contact numbers and emails.



### CHRISTMAS:

Christmas will look very different this year. We have a range of guidelines from the government and we have looked at them when planning what we are offering this year. Sadly, we won't be able to do the usual nativities even virtually. We have asked all the classes to think of something special that we can share with you all. These will be shown daily as part of an Advent Calendar idea. Only children with permissions will be able to be on them so please can you make sure you have completed your permission for GDPR. Today Mr Robinson has resent the link for you to complete if you haven't already done so. This can be found on Dojo School Story.

We will be holding the Christmas Jumper day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like your child to come in a Christmas Jumper please donate £1 for Save the Children <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day> This is the same day as the School Christmas Dinner. If you would like your child/children to have a school Christmas dinner information is on the school story and a link to order. This must be completed by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December.



### CHRISTMAS CARDS:

Our children love sharing Christmas Cards with their friends. This year we will have to manage this differently. Please can we ask that your child only sends in cards for children in their own year group. There will be 3 deliveries only – so that they can be quarantined before they go home. Cards need to be in for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. They will come home on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

### RESPECT:

Our Christian value next half term is RESPECT. This bible quote is from 1 Thessalonians 5:11 - 15: "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing... always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else."



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Jumper Day

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Dinner Day

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

Break up for Christmas

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

Back to school



**Together with God we challenge minds, recognise talents and build dreams.**

All schools are required to have a home learning offer and share it with families. We have put this together to best suit our school community. We have listened to what parents said about the best support they received during lockdown and have tried to provide a balanced approach so it meets all needs. Children from Year 3 to Year 6 have been sent home CPG books and we ask that you keep them safe, at home. When your child comes back into school they may need them again if there are further isolation times, and school can't afford to replace them. Children in lower years will be sent something more appropriate to their learning needs.

If you feel you are not getting what we have agreed to provide or you are concerned about the level of work your child is getting please get in touch with the class teacher and I know they will support you.

## **HOME LEARNING OFFER:**

### **Individual children in isolation and well enough to work:**

On the first day of absence, your child will have work set for them via Class Dojo Portfolio. There will be three lessons set – English, Maths and Curriculum. You may be given website links to help them with the work.

The teacher or teaching assistant will check your child's work throughout the day and feedback may be given between 9.00am and 4.00pm.

If your child does not have access to class dojos, then work packs will be sent out to you in line with what the children in class are learning.

If your child has to isolate for two weeks, the teacher will provide your child with a 2-week timetable outlining the lessons to be provided.

### **If the bubble is in lockdown/Isolation:**

All work will be set and accessed via Class Dojo stories or your child's Dojo Portfolio. For those families that are unable to access Class Dojo then paper copies of work will be sent out to your child.

Your child's class teacher will provide your child with a 2 week timetable/tick list outlining the activities your child is expected to complete and the lessons that will be provided.

Each morning, your child's teacher will contact you through Dojos, greeting the children and giving an explanation of the lessons and activities for the day. This will be uploaded to Dojos by 9am.

The daily lessons that are posted will be in line with what the children are doing in class.

There will be a Maths, English and one topic curricular lesson – this could include a video link or another online learning resource and some questions to clarify the children's understanding.

Additional links will be made available for children to click on to support their learning e.g. White Rose with video explanations to assist.

In addition to the Dojo lessons, year group teachers will set up a Zoom meeting with the children every day. This will be no longer than 15 minutes and will be an opportunity for your child's class teacher to provide feedback or for your child to ask questions.

If your child is unwell please contact Mrs Arnold through the school office or email [attendance@lspps.org.uk](mailto:attendance@lspps.org.uk) and she will let the class teacher know.

**WEBSITE:** <https://leighsaintpeters.wigan.sch.uk/>

**FACEBOOK:** @leighstpeters

**TWITTER:** @leighstpeters

**If you still don't have a log in for your children's class dojo account or have changed your phone and need a new code please contact Mrs Arnold on [attendance@lspps.org.uk](mailto:attendance@lspps.org.uk)**