



# Aiskew, Leeming Bar Church of England Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

September 18th  
2020

*Rooted in love and growing together to become lifelong learners!*

### **CHANGE OF ROUTINE - VERY IMPORTANT**

We constantly evaluate our procedures as part of our risk assessment (which is even more important than ever at the moment) to ensure we are COVID secure. We need to make a few changes to drop off/pick up routines as we have to ensure we are being as safe as possible.

Firstly, when we open the gate, please can you come in round the one way system rather than standing in the gate way.

Secondly, we will only be letting Oak Class into school at 8:45 am (unless you have a sibling in Acorn Class). Acorn Class will be let into school at 8:55 am. It is really important that we stick to these times because we do not want the classes to mix as they are separate bubbles. We ensure that throughout the school day children do not have contact with one another. This measure is in place because we hope that in the unfortunate event of a COVID case being in school, only the class affected would need to self-isolate, rather than the whole school. If we can't guarantee that the bubbles have not mixed then the likely hood is, the whole school would have to close for 2 weeks.

There has been a bit of congestion at home time therefore we are going to ask that the one way system we have in place in a morning is used on a night too. All children will be collected from the internal side gate, just like in the morning when you drop them off. We ask that once the gate is opened parents/carers line up along the fence at the side of the path through the gate, all socially distanced. We will then pass the children to you via the internal side gate. We then ask that you walk out the car park entrance. It is really important that times are adhered to. Oak Class will be ready for collection at 3:20 and Acorn Class will be ready for collection at 3:30. Parents/carers with children in both classes should come for the later time of 3:30. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation. It is imperative that in these challenging times we do everything in our power to keep you all as safe as possible.

### **Oak Class Learning**

We have started our maths learning by looking at the important topic of place value, this will include some recap lessons to ensure we fill in any gaps in our learning. We will be giving out homework tasks each Friday and expect children to bring their completed work back to school by the following Friday so we can check them together in lesson time. The homework will be based on what we have been learning in school the previous week to help consolidate our understanding.

As we are unable to compete in inter-school sporting competitions in our PE lessons, this term we will train for and take part in the virtual school games challenges organised by North Yorkshire Sports. These include tri-golf, archery, orienteering, new age kurling and dance. How fantastic! PE will always be on a Friday, please make sure children come to school wearing suitable PE kit. We will try to do as much of our PE lessons outside so children will need warmer clothes to wear when the weather becomes colder.

Our first topic in science this term with Mr Hodgson is about electricity. The children will be investigating circuits and learning about how to draw, make and check an electrical circuit. They will be building their own circuits using different electrical components and learn appropriate scientific vocabulary for the topic.

Both Mr Hodgson and Mrs Stanley have started off this term with PSHE lessons to ensure children have the emotional literacy to talk about their feelings; to know what they can do when they have worries; and to give them the opportunity to talk about the good and bad things that have happened during lockdown and being away from school. To also support this, our English is based around a lovely picture book called Here We Are which is about trying to make sense of the world we live in. We haven't read many pages yet but we are enthralled with the detail in the illustrations. Thousands of schools around England are using this text and the lesson plans that go with it. It's a great feeling to know that we are working on something that is much bigger than just our school!

Our first block of learning with Mrs Stanley this term is art. We will be practising some mark making techniques, creating a wash and combining this with zentangle patterns. During lockdown, we tried making some optical illusions. We will continue to investigate how we can use lines and the use of black/white to create a more complex optical illusion. Regarding painting, we will learn about tints and tones and use these to create monochromatic pictures. Watch this space!

### Acorn Class Learning

Our EYFS children are still settling in at the moment, however they have been very busy building bridges across hot lava and having lots of tea parties. We have made vegetable soup by chopping up lots of different vegetables and mixing it in the mud kitchen. We are investigating rhyming sounds and looking at different numbers as well as discussing how to be healthy.

In KS1 the children are covering place value in maths but would you please count in 2s with the children so that they are confident doing this independently. Year 2 need to count in 2s, 5s and 10s with confidence. As Oak Class, Here We Are by Oliver Jefferies is the new book which we are covering in English. Our current topic is Our Local Area, we will be finding out about where we live and using lots of new vocabulary such as urban and rural. Our science topic this term is all about Our Bodies and we will be investigating the parts of our body and our senses.

All the children are receiving reading books and we expect a brief comment or signature each day please. EYFS are sharing a different story book each night, KS1 receive 1 book per week but it needs to be in school each day for our learning. Spellings for KS1 are given on a Friday, the test will be towards the end of the week. (We choose a different day each week.) Maths homework is learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s as outlined above.

## First Autumn term Half Term

### September

A restricted diary is currently in place due to Covid 19.

### October

Friday 2nd	1pm	Flu vaccinations for all pupil – <i>NOTE change of date.</i>
Friday 23rd	3.30pm	School closes for half term

If you would like a hard copy of this newsletter sent home please contact Mrs Bentley in the school office.

This week's  
**Learning Hero**  
is **Amelia and Jacob**

**Pupil of the Week  
Certificates**  
Our Pupil of the Week is:  
**Katie, Maison and Joe**

**Writers of the week**  
Congratulations  
**Emma**  
for your writing this week

**Handwriters of the week**  
Congratulations  
**Charlie, Kaci and Savannah**

**Silver Maths Certificates**  
Congratulations to  
**Sofia**

**Mathematicians**  
of the week are  
**Kieron, Thomas and Jasmyn**

**PE Player of  
the Week**  
is... **Harlee**



**Bronze Maths Certificates**  
Congratulations to  
**L-Jay, Jacquelin, Althea and Sofia**

**The Spelling Shed**  
CHAMPION is  
**Amelia**