



# Aiskew, Leeming Bar Church of England Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

April 23rd  
2021

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

### **Getting Back to Normal**

School is finally starting to feel more normal - Oak Class were able to start their swimming lessons once again. As you know, we normally have swimming for both classes each year but due to Covid, we have prioritised Key Stage Two pupils as the younger children will have access to swimming lessons in all future years. To reach the expected standard in PE, Y6 children need to be able to swim at least 25m with confidence and competence.

### **Planting Vegetables**

Michelle was able to come into school in a Covid secure way this week. She helped the pupils in Acorn Class to plant all different kinds of vegetables in our new veggie beds. Thank you Michelle for sharing your gardening expertise! Rev'd Simon also came into school to build our little greenhouse that is in Acorn's garden - thank you for offering to do this job for us. We are now all ready to go with our veg growing - watch this space!

### **Improving our Grounds**

We are working on improving our grounds to create attractive outdoor spaces and different areas where children may choose to learn/play. We will be getting some willow tunnels and dens in the Autumn term (we have to wait for the right time of year to plant them). Again, later in the year, some small trees will be planted along the edge of the field, along with a wild flower garden. We are waiting for some hedging to arrive which will also section off the edge of the field - this is expected any day. There will be a seating area and a fire pit incorporated into the design. We are hoping that we can become a Forest School (staff have to attend intense, accredited training to do this so it can't just happen over night)! If you work for a company that might be able to give school a monetary donation, please talk to Mrs Bentley as we need to raise as much money as possible to fully implement our plan.

### **The Big Ask**

The Government has launched a survey called 'The Big Ask' in the hope that it can find out how best to support children post Covid. Parents are invited to take part by sharing their views. For more information, please follow the link below:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/adults/>

### **Regional Sumdog Competition**

This is an important reminder to all children. The next North Yorkshire Regional Sumdog competition starts today (Friday 23rd) and runs until next Thursday. Last month, Oak Class came 36th out of 121 classes (well done). Let's see if this time they can do even better! Will Lexie hold onto her reigning Sumdog Champion title? Everyone has a week to answer up to 1000 questions. How many can you get correct? What are you waiting for? Get playing!

### **The National Daily Mile**

On 30th April, schools all over the country will be joining in with The National Daily Mile Day. The Daily Mile is a popular, simple and free initiative that sees children run or jog for 15 minutes every day in their primary and nursery schools.

### **Sun Hats and Sun Screen**

As the days are getting warmer, please can you send a sunhat in each day with your child and if need be, put sunscreen on them before they come in to school. We will be spending more time outside enjoying the lovely weather.

### **Pick Up and Drop Off**

A resident in Freeman's Way has written into school to complain about our parents turning at the top of this street. The resident said her view was completely blocked to the right with a vehicle this morning whilst waiting to complete the turn. This is not the first time it has happened and she is concerned an accident will happen. Please can we be considerate of our neighbours now we have been alerted to the problem?

## Summer Term

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

### April

Friday 23rd April – 16 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00 – 10.45am	Oak Class swimming lessons start (11 weeks)
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	At some point	Daily Mile Day

### May

Monday 3rd	All day	Bank holiday – school closed
Thursday 27th	9.00 – 5.00pm	Oak Class visit to Carlton Lodge
Friday 28th	9.00 – 5.00pm	Oak Class visit to Carlton Lodge

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This week's  
**Learning Hero**  
is Olivia

PE Players of  
the Week  
are...  
**Frankie and Olivia**



This week's certificates of  
**Awesomeness**  
go to  
**Kaci and Rafs**

### Pupil of the Week Certificates

Our Pupils of the Week are:  
**Lucy and Leighton**

**The Spelling Shed**  
CHAMPION this week is  
**Emma**

**Bronze Maths Certificates**  
Congratulations to  
**Aiden**

**HEADLINER**  
**Times Tables**  
This certificate goes to  
**Maison**

### Writers of the Week

Congratulations  
**Lucy, Edward and Dean**  
for your writing this week

**Handwriter of the Week**  
Congratulations to  
**Sara**

**Mathematicians**  
of the week are  
**Jacob, Kaci and Savannah**