



Leek First School

Autumn Newsletter 2020



Welcome back everyone and hello to the new reception children joining us. We've just put some helpful reminders together.

If you need to speak to the school office or give the class teacher a message please call the school office on 01538 714905. You can email the class teacher with anything in relation to learning.

Illness

We do appreciate that your child will be poorly from time to time and they will need to stay at home. It is important that you contact the school office before 10.00am on 01538 714905. If we are unable to answer your call, then please leave a message.

Contact Information

It is vital that we have all the correct up to date contact information. In case of an accident or incident parents **must** be contactable at all times. If you have a change in circumstances or details could you please make sure that a change of details form is completed, forms are available from the school office.



Leave of Absence

Parents are reminded that due to Government laws, leave of absence for the purpose of holidays in term time can no longer be granted, except in the most exceptional circumstances. A **leave of absence request form** must be completed for any time off during term time; these can be found in the office area. If you choose to take your child on holiday in term time without permission, this may result in the issuing of a fixed penalty fine of up to £120 per parent, per child.

Head lice

Please ensure you check your child's hair regularly and treat accordingly to help stop incidents of head lice spreading in school.

Earrings

Due to health and safety regulations, earrings are not to be worn during PE lessons. If your child is unable to remove their earrings, please remove them before coming into school.

Kids Club

We now have a school kids club which offers;

- before school/ breakfast club which opens from 7:30am for £4.50
- after school club which is open until 6pm for £6.50

Sibling discounts are available.

You can contact the kids club on 07756413979 between 7:30am - 8:45am and 3:30pm - 6:30pm during school hours please contact the school office on 01538 714905.



Medicines

We are happy to administer medicine to your child, **only under the circumstances of when this has been prescribed**. The medicine must show the pharmacy label clearly stating the child's name and dosage required. It is imperative that you obtain a form from the office advising us what time and how much of the medicine is required. It would also be helpful if you would complete the section with regards to the anticipated finish date of the medicine.



Asthma

If your child is prescribed an inhaler for asthma or any other medical reason, please notify the school office immediately and **ensure inhalers are sent into school**. We also have a form in school that you will need to complete. This enables us to keep our records accurate and ensures the class teachers are aware of any warning signs and treatment required should your child.



Free School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive free school meals. They have the choice of a hot meal or school sandwiches.

All children are welcome to bring a packed lunch from home if they would prefer.



Dinner Money

Children in Year 3 and Year 4 have the option of a school lunch; both hot dinners and sandwiches are available. These are charged at £2.30 each. Dinner money must be paid in advance, in a clearly labelled envelope / wallet.

Snacks & Milk

KS1 receive a free piece of fruit each day. KS2 children can bring a piece of fruit each day if they wish to have at break time.

Fresh milk is also available for the children each day, if you wish for your child to receive milk you will need to register with 'Cool Milk' and pre pay online. If you have not already registered, please see www.coolmilk.com for more information and for details of how to apply.

Reception children receive free milk until they are 5 years old. Please register them on the Cool Milk website. You will then be given the option to pay for the milk when they are 5.

Please provide your child with a water bottle each day or one that they can refill in school.

Fitness Friday uniforms

Plain white t-shirt, dark sports trousers, trainers & Fitness Friday Hoodies to be worn every Friday **and** on their PE day (see below).



Reception Friday

Year 1 Monday

Year 2 Wednesday

Year 3 Thursday

Year 4 Tuesday

School Day

Children can arrive in school from 8:50am and registration will be at 9am. Where possible please avoid bringing children through the front office.

Due to social distancing we have a one way system in operation to enter and exit the playground. The gate at the bottom of East Street is the entrance and the top gate is the exit.

PATCH



Our school Parent and Teachers Community Hub holds various events throughout the year to raise money for the school.

All parents/carers are welcome to attend meetings and to help at events. (Texts will be sent with more details)

Please follow the school and PATCH Facebook pages for more information.

Parking

As you are aware, the school has no parking facilities. Our priority is the safety of the children. Can we please request that parents adhere to the parking restrictions. Please do not park on the yellow zigzags outside of school and please respect our neighbours by not parking in Dairy Close.

Diary Dates

October half term - Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October. Children are back in school on Monday 2nd November.

Last day in school Monday 18th December. Holiday Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January 2021.

Inset day: Monday 4th January 2021.

Children are back in school Tuesday 5th January 2021.