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De Lacy Primary School

Newsletter

"Working together as a community to enable all our children to develop as responsible citizens."

Friday 5th March 2021

We've come to the end of another busy week with lots of great stuff happening online and in school. All the staff are really excited to welcome back all the children next week. With schools reopening next week to all children, it brings us one more step closer back to normality! Though we are back into schools, it is important we all continue to follow social distance guidance to ensure we stop the spread of COVID-19.

Classroom Kitchen



I've been really impressed to hear of so many children trying out the Classroom Kitchen recipes this week. Please check out this week's recipes on your child's Class Dojo page to see how to make this week's fantastic dishes!



Year 1	Fruit Salad
Year 2	Fruit Smoothies
Year 3	Fish Fingers
Year 4	Paella
Year 5	Fish Cakes
Year 6	Bean Burgers

World Book Day

Yesterday was World Book Day...wow! It is great to see so many children dressed up in school and online! Thank you for everyone who supported us with this day. Reading is the key that unlocks all aspects of learning and it is crucial that all children are able to read fluently with expression and understanding of what they read. Please support us further by ensuring that you listen to your child read as much as possible each week! Also, well done to all the children who correctly guessed the Masked Readers! I think it



was tough to guess for some of them!

Returning to School – Monday 8th March 2021

As we have communicated, we expect all children to return to school on Monday. All the information regarding social distancing measures are in the booklet previously communicated to you. This can be found on our School website. If there is anything you are unsure about, or have any questions, please contact school on 01977 722620. We look forward to seeing you all next week!

Twitter



In the last 4 weeks our Twitter following has grown over 60%, this is because so many parents and members of the Pontefract community enjoy seeing what's happening at De Lacy Primary. Thank you to all the parents who have joined Twitter to follow us and like/share the things we post. You can follow us on @DeLacyPrimary. We look forward to your follow as we continue to share the great things of our community!

School Re-opening

We have finally reached the final day of lockdown for our school. Next week we are fully open and fully operational. We are all genuinely excited and thrilled to be welcoming everyone back. I am sure the children are looking forward to seeing their friends and teachers, and you as parents are looking forward to claiming back your time also!

In my communication on Monday 1st March, I described in detail what the full re-opening would look like. As you would expect we have a robust risk assessment in place and the necessary mitigating controls to ensure our staff, pupils and community are as safe as possible as we move towards the easing of the national restrictions. You have a big part to play in keeping us all safe and ensuring that we can get back to the business of educating our wonderful children. Below are a set of reminders about our non-negotiable expectations for Monday.

- The school is open for ALL our children on 8th March and attendance is compulsory. Senior leaders will be communicating with any families where there are absences for unknown reasons. I cannot stress enough the intrinsic correlation between pupil progress in all areas of their development and attendance. As adults it is our responsibility to ensure they get the education that they fully deserve.
- Breakfast provision, for those who have booked it, will recommence. After school clubs will be phased back in over the course of the academic year.
- Pupils are expected to be in full uniform on their return to school. On the days where they have PE lessons they may wear their PE kit into school and bring a change of footwear with them if necessary. These days will be communicated to you by the class teachers in due course.
- We expect parents and carers to consider the safety of others when circulating our school to drop off and pick up their children. Social distancing measures are in place around the school. Please do not take offence if you are gently challenged to stay 2m apart. This is to keep all of our community safe and ensure no one feels that there is unnecessary risk when bringing or collecting children from their educational setting.
- We will be contacting families with the arrangements regarding remote learning for those pupils that are required to shield or who are required to isolate at home from 8 March. Remote learning will be offered to these children ONLY. All other children, with the exception of those who are genuinely ill, should be in school.
- Finally, if you have already not done so, can you return any devices the school provided you with to support remote learning over the lockdown period.

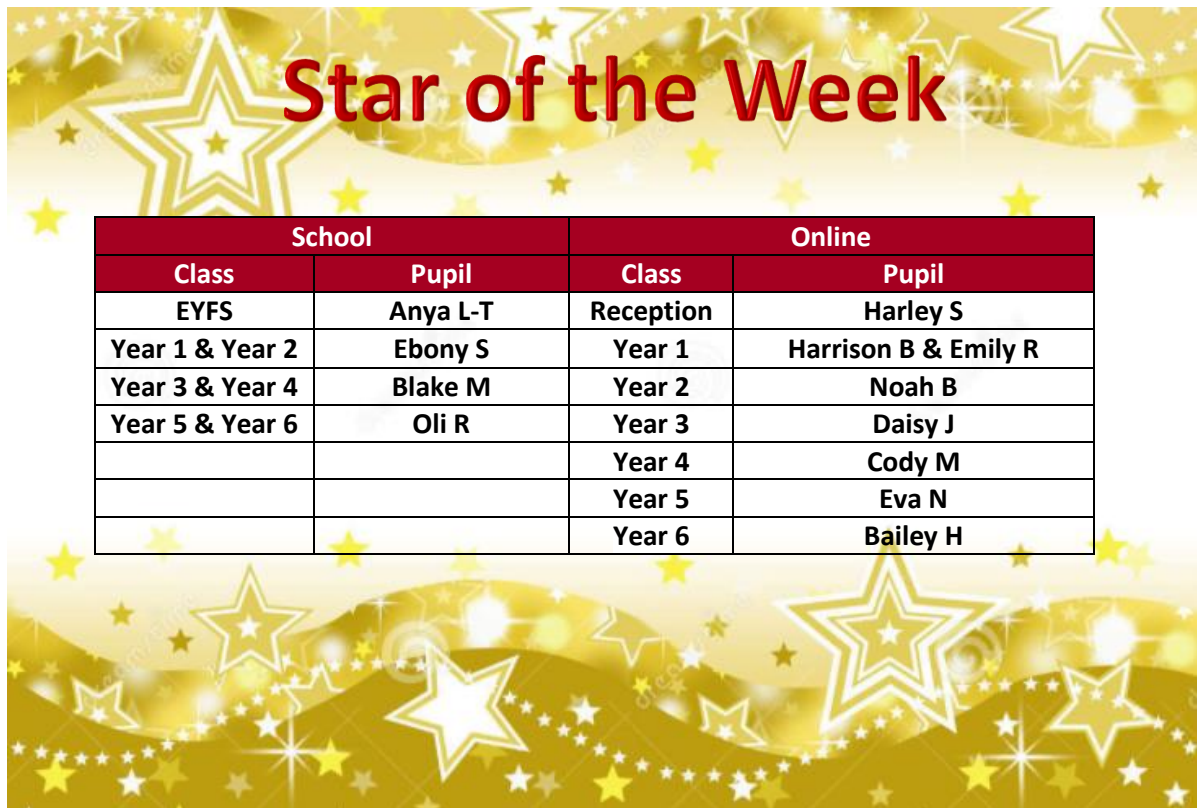
Times table Rockstars

Timetable Rockstars is a brilliant way to develop our mental multiplication skills. The children I know who use it everyday are so good at all of their timetables and really show the difference of using it more often than those who don't. TTRS is a fun way to learn our timetables and if you require your child's log in credentials, please contact your class teacher via Dojo who will be more than happy to help you get them logged on.



Star of the week!

Well done to our Star of the Week! The pupils will be selected for either excellent attendance, great contribution to class discussion, fantastic work or being a role model who has gone that 'extra mile'. I'm proud to say that this week our star of the week pupils are:



The banner features a golden background with various star patterns and a large red title 'Star of the Week'. Below the title is a table with two main columns: 'School' and 'Online'. Each column has sub-columns for 'Class' and 'Pupil'.

School		Online	
Class	Pupil	Class	Pupil
EYFS	Anya L-T	Reception	Harley S
Year 1 & Year 2	Ebony S	Year 1	Harrison B & Emily R
Year 3 & Year 4	Blake M	Year 2	Noah B
Year 5 & Year 6	Oli R	Year 3	Daisy J
		Year 4	Cody M
		Year 5	Eva N
		Year 6	Bailey H

Thank you for your continued support, I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Mr J Parkinson - Headteacher