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Friday 30th April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

May Bank Holiday / Polling

A reminder that school will be **closed** on **Monday 3rd May 2021** for May bank holiday. School will reopen on **Tuesday 4th May 2021**.

Our school is **not** being used as a polling station on **Thursday 6th May 2021** so will be **open** to all pupils. We would like to thank Altofts Methodist church, who have kindly offered their hall to be used as a polling station to allow us to open school on this date.

Class Photographs

On Wednesday, our pupils had their class photographs taken. Proofs will be sent home to allow orders to be placed shortly. The person who took our photographs commented on how smart and well behaved our pupils were – well done everyone!



Free Online Workshops - Turning Point Therapies

Turning point are offering free workshops for those 16 and over who are registered with a Wakefield District GP. There are several workshops available on the subjects of Managing Anxiety, Wellbeing, Mindfulness, Sleep, Assertiveness, Body Image, Emotional Eating, Grief, Mindful Pregnancy, Anxiety and Employment Support, Panic, and Loneliness / Isolation. Further information can be found on the link below:

https://talking.turning-point.co.uk/wakefield/free-online-workshops/?fbclid=IwAR3tg79KgeS-CdjXx89hheltRpx8QV_PkrmZ0cuSEIUvcK1ftUFS95rsVzs

School Website

Our new school website is now live (the newsletters and correspondence pages are still being updated). As always, we welcome your feedback. [Home - Lee Brigg Infant & Nursery School \(leebrigginfants.org\)](http://www.leebrigginfants.org)



Upcoming Dates

We would like to remind you of some key dates for the upcoming academic year:

Monday 3 rd May 2021	May Bank Holiday – School Closed
Friday 28 th May 2021	School Closes – Half Term
Monday 7 th June 2021	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 8 th June 2021	School Reopens
Thursday 22 nd July 2021	School Closes – End of Term
Friday 23 rd July 2021	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Monday 26 th July 2021	INSET Day – School closed to pupils

Amazon Wish List

Thank you to those who have donated books to school using our Amazon Wishlist. The list has recently been updated by Miss Kilkenny and can be viewed using the following link should you wish to make a donation:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2HA0R3CZRZ6MK?ref_=wl_share.



Year 1 Virtual Sports Day



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Our Year 1 children have this week taken part in a 'virtual' cross-school sports competition. We have submitted our 'Lee Brigg' team scores and await the results. Well done to everyone who participated!

Next week's menu is as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Italian Chicken Meatball Sub with Potato Slices	Moroccan Beef with Rice	Roast Gammon with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Hunter's Chicken with Savoury Rice	Fish Finger Bap with Chips
Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Margherita Pizza with Wedges	Vegetable Chilli with Rice	Cheese and Tomato Puff with Potato Wedges	Tarka Dhal Vegetable Curry with Rice
Ham or cheese sandwich	Ham or cheese sandwich	Ham or cheese sandwich	Ham or cheese sandwich	Ham or cheese sandwich
A selection of filled jacket potatoes	A selection of filled jacket potatoes	A selection of filled jacket potatoes	A selection of filled jacket potatoes	A selection of filled jacket potatoes

Stars of the Week

Every week two children from each class are nominated as **Stars of the Week** in recognition of their hard work, achievement and progress. Our stars of the week this week are:



Tiger class HT:	Harry	For fantastic effort in phonics
Tiger class HT:	Locky	For working hard to improve his handwriting
Tiger class LT:	Clara	For always trying her best at everything
Tiger class LT:	Kacper	For using his skills to make models
Leopard class:	Zosia	For trying hard to think of unique ideas for her creative writing
Leopard class:	Cameron	For trying hard to use his cursive writing
Jaguar class:	Tommy	For a fantastic piece of descriptive writing this week
Jaguar class:	Freddie	For fantastic understanding of division in maths this week
Panther class:	Natan	For writing a fantastic fictional paragraph
Panther class:	Eloise	For fantastic dribbling skills in hockey

Attendance – School target – 96.50%

Congratulations to everyone in **Jaguar** Class for achieving the highest class attendance this week. This week's class attendance figures are:

- 98.41% in Tiger class HT
- 99.49% in Tiger class LT
- 99.60% in Leopard class
- **100.00% in Jaguar class**
- 99.26% in Panther class

Our school attendance figure this week is 99.39%

Yours sincerely,

Laurabeth Kilkenny
Head of School



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All National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they be in need. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

7 Top Tips for Supporting Children to EXPRESS THEMSELVES SAFELY ONLINE

The past year has left many children feeling uncertain and worried. So Children's Mental Health Week 2021 has adopted the theme of 'express yourself'. It's not necessarily about being the best – but instead encouraging young people to relish the joy of being 'in the moment' and loving what they do. So whether they're into music, art, photography, film, drama or dance, here are our top tips for helping your child to express themselves safely online.

1 Celebrate their Identity
Celebrating who children are and reminding them of their uniqueness has a huge impact on their confidence and self-esteem. This week, remind them of what you love about them. You could revisit some photos and videos on your phone or computer of special times you've shared. Chat about the importance of finding time to do what they love, underline that it's an important part of who they are.

2 Promote Their Passions
It's different for all of us, but every child has something which ignites their passions and brings them joy. Perhaps they love music and you could introduce them to a music-making app? Or if they enjoy taking photos or making videos, use this week to set a photography or video competition at home, with some fun categories.

3 Support Their Interests
Some children seem to know instinctively what interests them and what they enjoy doing; others can be less decisive about hobbies. Spend some time this week sharing their interests and doing something connected to it together. You could make a short Lego film to post on your Instagram, a vlog about baking that you share with relatives, or just play with them on their favourite video game.

4 Help Them Help Others
Some children love to express themselves through activities which help others. Perhaps your local area's Facebook group has a community project that your family could get involved with – even as a one-off; it doesn't have to be a long-term commitment. Depending on your child's age, you could introduce them to online fundraising (such as sites like JustGiving, for example) and how it can make a difference to less fortunate people.

5 Enable Emotional Expression
Children sometimes need help in articulating how they're feeling and in beginning to understand how to manage their emotions. A safe, healthy way for your child to explore their feelings is to let them conduct an activity – like listening to a story, or creating some art – and discuss with them afterwards how it made them feel. There are lots of stories available on YouTube, while Audible is streaming children's audiobooks free of charge while schools are closed. YouTube also has a plethora of fun art tutorials (if you log in on an adult's account, remember to adjust your settings first to block inappropriate content and stop potentially unsuitable material auto-playing).

6 Let Them Stay Connected
The online world is a fantastic space for staying in contact with those who we can't be with right now. Young people are often very comfortable using social media to express themselves and stay connected by sharing their ideas, thoughts and feelings with friends. But bear in mind that most social media platforms require a child to be at least 13 before they should access it (WhatsApp is 16). Remind your child that, while it's OK to express who we are on social media, they should still always think before posting – and that their self-worth is never measured by their number of likes, friends or followers.

7 Coach 'Safe Sharing'
As part of expressing themselves, your child may want to share something online that they've created – like a funny video, a sketch, a meme or a dance. If they're too young to have their own social media, you could use your own account to share it with selected people who you trust. Emphasise the importance of only sharing content with people that your child knows well, like family and friends. This type of conversation is also useful for introducing young people to the risks and challenges that can come when expressing ourselves to a wider online audience of strangers.

Meet Our Expert
Anna Bateman is passionate about placing prevention at the heart of every school, integrating mental wellbeing within the curriculum, school culture and systems. She is also a member of the advisory group for the Department for Education, advising them on their mental health green paper.

About Children's Mental Health Week
Around three children in every primary school class has a mental health problem. Many more struggle with challenges from bullying to bereavement. Now in its seventh year, Children's Mental Health Week shares a spotlight on the importance of young people's mental health – and it's never seemed more relevant than it does in 2021. Find out more at www.childrensmentalthweek.org.uk

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