



Lee Brigg Infant & Nursery School

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Friday 24th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid-19 Update

A reminder that our current Risk Assessment and wider Waterton Academy Trust Outbreak Management Plan can be found on our school website: <https://leebrigginfants.org/>

Settling into Class

We are extremely proud of our pupils (and their parents and carers) who have all returned to a full time family routine following an unprecedented 18 months due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We appreciate that the return to a full school calendar at a pre-covid pace has been a huge change for many pupils following blended learning periods during national lockdown. Please be assured we have robust strategies in place to ease this transition.

We are mindful that for some pupils the initial welcome into school may currently be causing them to experience a 'wobbly tummy' or have feelings of uncertainty. We are also conscious that parents and carers are managing not only their child's transition back to school but a return to their own pre-covid routines simultaneously.

From experience, once welcomed into school and involved in school morning routine children who may be uncertain do settle extremely quickly. That being said we would like to reassure parents and carers that it is not uncommon for pupils to take a few weeks to settle fully into the routine of a new class. We would ask that should parents and carers wish to discuss any concerns that they contact their child's class teacher in the first instance using the contact details below.

| Class Teacher | Class Name | Class E-Mail |
|----------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Mrs Windsor | Tiger Cubs (Nursery) | leebriggcubscubs@watertonacademytrust.org |
| Mrs Taylor | Tigers HT (Reception) | leeBriggTigers@watertonacademytrust.org |
| Mrs Tutt / Mrs Guppy | Tigers LT/KG (Reception) | leeBriggTigers@watertonacademytrust.org |
| Miss Tate | Leopards (Year 1) | leebrigg Leopards@watertonacademytrust.org |
| Miss Calvert | Jaguars (Year 1 / 2) | leebriggjaguars@watertonacademytrust.org |
| Miss Crossley | Panthers (Year 2) | leebriggpanthers@watertonacademytrust.org |

Geography / History Walk

Our Leopard and Jaguar classes went on a walk into the local area on Thursday. The purpose of the walk was to support our History and Geography curriculum whereby they identified human and physical features. They also discussed shopping habits both now and in the past. Thank you to our parent and carer volunteers and our lunchtime staff who assisted teaching staff in supporting pupils during the walk.

Pupil Asset

As mentioned in last week's newsletter each school within Waterton Academy Trust has moved to a communication system called Pupil Asset. This will be the final paper copy e-mail sent to parents and carers and from next week, we will submit our newsletter electronically using the Pupil Asset e-mail function.



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We have once again sent this newsletter in an e-mail using pupil asset to those who hold parental responsibility for our children (nursery to year 2), and would ask that you check your e-mail account(s). Should you not have received this communication please email the school office leebriggadmin@watertonacademytrust.org to advise, detailing your child's name and most up to date e-mail address in the message.

We will be inviting parents and carers to register for the Pupil Asset system shortly. A text message will be sent prior to a 'password reset' email being submitted to you by the school office.

As always, communication (including the school newsletter) is uploaded to our school website -

<https://leebrigginfants.org/>.

Morrisons 'It's Good To Grow'

We are in the process of registering with the Morrisons 'It's Good to Grow' initiative. From September, for every £10 spent in store or online at Morrisons, you'll get one Grow Token that we can then redeem for a wide range of gardening and growing equipment. Further information can be found on the following link: <https://www.itsgoodtogrow.co.uk/>

Term Time Holidays

We would respectfully like to remind parents and carers that in line with the Government's amendments to the Education Regulations 2006, Headteachers are not permitted to grant leave of absence for family holidays unless there are **exceptional** circumstances. In such cases, parents are asked to put their request in writing to the Headteacher clearly stating the exceptional circumstances.

Children who are absent from school during term time because of a family holiday will be marked as a 'G' code (family holiday not authorised) in the register.

Term time holidays are not permitted unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you have booked a term time holiday, again we require notification of this by letter or email.

Values Assembly

We are thrilled to be able to resume our assembly timetable in school. Each Monday, we hold a 'values' assembly, where we learn about and discuss things that are important to us as a school. Our value of this half term is 'Good Manners'. Every Thursday we hold a well-being assembly with Mrs Tutt and on Friday each week, we hold our celebration assembly. Should your child wish to celebrate an achievement outside of school, please send their certificate, medal, or trophy into school with them on a Friday morning and we will pop them on our celebration station!

Upcoming Dates

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| Tuesday 5 th October 2021 | Individual and family (younger sibling) school photographs |
| October 2021 (dates to be confirmed) | Parent / carer consultations |
| Tuesday 12 th October 2021 | Nasal Flu Immunisations |
| Thursday 21 st October 2021 | School closes - half term |



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The menu next week is as follows:

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 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:



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| Tiger class HT: | Oliver | For working hard to make a model of a gingerbread man |
| Tiger class HT: | Rohan | For spotting the sorting rules in maths |
| Tiger class LT/KG: | Hettie | For a fantastic printing of the gingerbread man |
| Tiger class LT/KG: | Eli | For fantastic maths work |
| Leopard class: | Max | For always trying his best and working hard in every lesson |
| Leopard class: | Megan | For fantastic handwriting in every lesson |
| Jaguar class: | Toby | For trying his hardest during carpet time |
| Jaguar class: | Demi | For being a fantastic role model and trying her best |
| Panther class: | Taylor | For a fantastic improvement in her handwriting this week |
| Panther class: | Archie | For being brave each morning and coming into school with a smile |

Attendance – School target – 96.50%

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

- 96.32% in Tiger class HT
- 95.00% in Tiger class LT
- 97.93% in Leopard class
- 97.86% in Jaguar class
- 100.00% in Panther class

Our school attendance figure this week is 97.10%. This week 91% of our pupils achieved 100% attendance – well done!

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Well-being Spotlight

As you may be aware, at Lee Brigg Infant & Nursery School we use a scheme called '1 Decision' to support our PSHE (Personal, social, health and economic) and relationship curriculum. Please see our school website for further information: <https://leebrigginfants.org/1-decision/>

As part of the 1 Decision scheme, we are pleased to share with parents and carers the 'Rainbow Smart' app, which can be downloaded from the App store (iOS) or Google Play (Andriod). The 'Rainbow Smart' app has been designed to support the social and emotional development of our pupils whilst at home.

Further details can be found on the flyer below. Please do give feedback should you download and use the app to Mrs Tutt or Mrs Dixon-Child.



Our Rainbow Smart App is ready!

Within this early years setting, practitioners use the 1decision resources to support little learners in understanding the world around them.

Together with schools, professional researchers, and children, the 1decision team have recently developed 'Rainbow Smart', an app to support your little ones in their social and emotional development at home.

Within the app, you can follow the Rainbow Drops on their journey in finding out more about the world around them. Through animations, read-to-me stories, mindfulness videos and flash cards, the Rainbow Drops learn how to behave positively, overcome problems, manage their feelings and so much more.

Parents/Carers can download 'Rainbow Smart' from Google Play and the Apple store.

Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play

Rainbow Smart supports children to:

- Manage their emotions
- Create healthy relationships
- Develop resilience
- Develop empathy
- Manage stress
- Behave appropriately
- Solve problems
- and much more!

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