

Friday 18th September 2020

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Monday 21st September

- Year 6 Secondary Transfer Meeting (5:00pm - via Microsoft teams)

### Monday 30th November

- Flu Immunisation for all children (parental consent required) - further information to follow shortly.

## Topic Overviews for The Autumn Term

In the same email as this newsletter, you will have been sent further information about the knowledge and skills that your children will be learning during the Autumn Term. The topic titles are:

- **Nursery** - "Getting to know you" and "Light and dark"
- **Reception** - "It's fun to be me" & "Up above and down below"
- **Year 1** - Paws, Claws and Roars
- **Year 2** - Toys and Games
- **Year 3** - A Victorian Childhood
- **Year 4** - Tudor Times - A Banquet for Henry
- **Year 5** - Water, Water Everywhere
- **Year 6** - A Civilization Long Ago - Ancient Egyptians

## Drop-Off and Collection

Thank you for following the current advice at Drop-Off and Collection times, which is:

- One adult (at most) should attend the drop off/collection for a child.
- Parents/Carers are encouraged to wear a face covering.
- Parents/Carers must not come onto the grass area.
- Everyone must ensure that they arrive within their allotted time
- Avoid parking outside the school on Doggett Road.
- Please avoid blocking the pavements. Wait on the opposite side of the road to the school or on one of the socially distanced markers.
- Older children are encouraged to enter the playground on their own to reduce congestion.



There are now several options for residents of Lewisham borough to get tested for COVID-19.

- At Vanguard car park in Deptford, there is a new walk-through local testing centre is now open seven days a week 8am-8pm.
- There is a mobile testing site in Catford (on Canadian Avenue) where you can drive or walk to have a test.
- You can order a home test kit online.

You can book any of these tests through the NHS website or by calling 119.

If you, your child, or anyone you know, develops any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 (**a high temperature, a new persistent cough, a loss or change to the sense of taste or smell**) then you should get tested as soon as possible.

## Secondary Transfer Meeting

If you are a **parent of a child in Year 6**, you will probably be beginning to think about starting the process of applying for Secondary School places.

The **application form for Secondary Transfer has to be completed online** and can be accessed via this website:

[www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

These online applications must be completed by **31st October 2020**.

To support you with the process we will be holding a **virtual information meeting via Microsoft Teams on Monday 21st September at 5:00pm**.

Alternatively, please telephone the school office if you would like to speak with Mr Bulpitt about the process.



## Birthday Treats

A number of families have asked for clarification regarding the school's position on birthday treats during the pandemic.

In order to reduce the risk of viral transmission, we are currently instructing children **not to bring anything from home other than their book bag, reading record and reading book**. This includes birthday treats/presents. Please help us to carry out all of the risk-reduction strategies in our Risk Assessment.

## Any spare computer devices?

In preparation for any future local or national 'lock-downs' the school is attempting to support our families who do not have a computer device so that they will be able to access any remote learning provision.

If you have any spare Lap-tops, iPads etc. and are able to donate them to these families please bring your devices to the school office so that they can be re-distributed.

# Welcome Home Holbeach Nursery

We are pleased to announce the re-opening of the Holbeach Nursery back on the Holbeach school site. For the past few years the Holbeach Nursery has been located at the Ladywell Early Years Centre but from this September it has returned home!

The Nursery staff have worked incredibly hard to prepare the classroom and the outside learning environment for our new arrivals who have had a great time in the first two weeks of term getting used to their new surroundings.



For further information about the Holbeach Nursery, including the admissions process and the start and end times, please visit the relevant part of the school website:  
[www.holbeach.lewisham.sch.uk/nursery/](http://www.holbeach.lewisham.sch.uk/nursery/)

# Pupil Premium / Free School Meals

## **Why is Pupil Premium important to me?**

Did you know that you could be eligible to receive free school lunches for your child? This could be a saving of more than £40 a month per child and the school would also receive more than £1300 to enhance your child's education.

This initiative, which is known as Pupil Premium, is currently **under used by families at Holbeach**. Research shows that approximately 40% of families at Holbeach could be eligible. However only 20% have taken advantage of this opportunity.

## **What is Pupil Premium?**

The Pupil Premium is additional funding for schools in England to raise the attainment of pupils of all abilities, whose families are in receipt of benefits, and to close the gaps between them and their peers.

## **Why apply?**

As well as providing a free hot lunch for your child (worth more than £40 a month) those who qualify for Pupil Premium can also benefit from:

- Free attendance to Extra-Curricular clubs.
- The opportunity for 1:1 Maths tuition in Year 5 & 6
- Contributions towards the cost of Educational Visits and School Journeys

By using the Pupil Premium funding wisely, Holbeach has ensured that -

**“The differences are diminishing between disadvantaged pupils, including the most able, and their peers. In some year groups, they are outperforming other pupils.”** OFSTED June 2017.

## **Who is eligible?**

- You are eligible to apply for Pupil Premium if you receive:
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on'

## **What if my child already has a Free School Meal**

Children who are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically qualify for a Free School Meal under the Universal Free School Meal scheme. However, the school does not receive any additional funding (Pupil Premium) unless the parent/carer has specifically applied to Lewisham using the link below.

Additionally, in the even of a National or Local lockdown, only those who have applied to Lewisham for Free School Meals would receive a voucher from the Government's scheme.

## **How do I apply?**

Registering is really quick and easy – you can check your eligibility online and get an immediate answer (there is a direct link from the school's website).

**For further details, or to apply, please visit [www.lewisham.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)**



# CALLING ALL PARENTS!



IS YOUR CHILD EXPERIENCING WORRY OR FEAR ABOUT RETURNING TO SCHOOL POST-LOCKDOWN?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BUILD YOUR CONFIDENCE IN HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH THEIR WORRIES?



## WHO ARE WE? WHAT DO WE OFFER?

We are a CAMHS mental health support team based in schools within the borough of Lewisham.

We offer online interventions to equip you with the skills and confidence to help your child manage any worries/ anxieties about returning to school.

The group will meet for 1.5 hours a week, for 5 weeks.



## WHAT DOES ANXIETY LOOK LIKE IN CHILDREN?

- Seeking reassurance
- Separation worries
- Social anxiety
- Friendships worries
- Trouble getting to school in the mornings
- Not wanting to go to school
- Challenging behaviour
- Difficulties with bedtime routines
- Concentration difficulties
- Tummy aches
- Appetite changes



## INTERESTED?

Please speak to your child's teacher by the 30th September 2020 to make a referral