



FEDERATION

The Grinling Gibbons and Lucas Vale Federation



Thursday 15th November 2018

Dear Lovely Lucas Vale Family,

It was so lovely to see so many of you at our reading event. The key message is that your children need to read for 20 minutes everyday at home in addition to the reading they do at school. Your lovely children will quickly develop their fluency and enjoyment of reading. We will start asking children to read in their break times if they are not doing that at home. Thank you so much for being so supportive with the home learning, your support really helps to accelerate your children's progress.

Can I also remind you that children need to be in school everyday on time. We have a number of children who arrive late almost everyday. If this is your child they are missing crucial English or numeracy teaching. The impact on their attainment is huge. I know you want your children to be successful- please get them in on time everyday. Thank you.

Best wishes to you all,

Jeanette Brumby

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**Wear Spots or Stripes for Children In Need on  
Friday 16th November and donate just £1!**

Please wear at least half of your school uniform so  
either your school jumper or school trousers!

We can't wait to see you all!

### Attendance

As you know, attendance and punctuality is something we take very seriously here at Lucas Vale. Each day your child is in school is so valuable to their learning. Our attendance is currently 96.5% which is great—but we can be better!

Miss Sasha has been communicating with all parents whose child(ren)'s attendance is below expectations. We expect ALL of our children to achieve and maintain at least 98%.

If your child is unwell and unable to come to school, medical evidence is required to authorise these absences.

We now have weekly visits from **Laura Annansingh, an Attendance Officer from Lewisham** monitoring children with significantly low attendance and meeting with these families.

Did you know that if your child has more than 5 days of unauthorised absence in a 12 week period, you could receive a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN)? Unfortunately there have been occasions where we have had to resort to FPN's as families are taking time off during term time.

Please ensure your child attends school regularly. It is their right as a child to receive a full time education and it is your responsibility as a parent/carer to ensure this happens. Miss Sasha is always willing to support parents with any attendance or punctuality concerns.

### Well Done Young Mathematicians!!

We would like to say a big Well Done to **Micah Osuide 6E, Nadiya Baessa 6E, Masir Motlekar 6M** and **Krithik Kapoor 5O** for participating in Explore Learning's

Young Mathematician Competition.

The results are yet to be announced but a huge Good Luck to them!

### Nursery spaces

We are quickly filling up our nursery spaces! If you have a three or four year old, please apply for our nursery as soon as possible!

We also encourage you to get your two year olds on the waiting list! Please see the nursery team if you have any questions.

### Phonics Workshop

Thank you for a fantastic first session! I was so pleased to see so many of you at the workshop on Tuesday.



Please let me know if you need any of the leaflets or resources. The next session will be on **Tuesday 28th November 2018**

See you there!

Matt Wills

### Key Dates

*Book Fair*

**Thursday 15th Nov—Thursday 22nd Nov**

*Year 6 to Junior Citizen at Lee Fire Station*

**Wednesday 21st November**

*Year 3 to Sivan Kovil Hindu Temple*

**Thursday 22nd November**

*Year 2's to Royal Observatory*

**Tuesday 27th November**

*Year 1's to V & A Museum*

**Monday 3rd December**

