

LUCAS VALE
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Friday 26th April 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the first half of the Summer term, I trust that you all had a very restful break.

Thank you to all of the children who attended Year 6 SATs Easter School, your commitment to learning is admirable. We have not got very long now until the commencement of the Year 6 SATs, therefore any additional learning that takes place during this period will be extremely beneficial. There are three more Saturday school sessions taking place, please could you ensure that your child attends. It is paramount that Year 6 pupils are in school, on time, everyday.

Please be mindful of the road closure on Tanner's Hill, I know this has caused some disruption before and after school, we have been advised that the closure will be for approximately 8 weeks. Please plan your journey ahead to avoid children being late for school.

I must bring to your attention the number of children being picked up late from school. School finishes at 3.15pm, afterschool clubs finish at 4.00pm or 4.15pm depending on the club. Please ensure you are on time to collect your child—children who are collected after 3.30pm will be charged £5 per child for every 15 minutes that they are late. Children collected after 4.00pm will be taken to our Wrap Around afterschool club and you will be charged the standard rate of £12. I will be meeting with parents whose child(ren) are continually picked up late. If children are picked up late from afterschool club on more than 2 occasions, they will be banned from the club and you will not receive a refund.

I would like to thank all of our Lucas Vale community for your continued commitment to the children and staff at Lucas Vale. Please continue to encourage your child(ren) to read everyday and ensure they complete their reading record. We are already seeing the positive impact this is having on our children.

Finally, please make sure you check your child's book bag everyday for correspondence.

Have a great weekend,

Ruth Gomado-Cobblah

Head of School

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Afterschool Clubs

As you will know, our club letters went out this week and we sold out of some of our popular clubs very quickly. Apologies to all of those who did not manage to secure a place in their desired club. Sometimes, places do become available so please do put your name down on the waiting list if you are still keen for your child to be considered.

I know some pupils/parents were disappointed at not being given a sufficient opportunity to secure their place in a club. Moving forwards, we will do things a little bit different next term, we will announce the day that club letters will be going out and once they are out, we will give parents a couple of days to prepare before we start filling up our clubs. Clubs will always be allocated on a first come, first serve basis and we will not reserve places for children. Thank you for your continued support.



Pupil Premium

Many parents may be missing out on huge savings on things such as school meals and afterschool clubs because they have not applied for **Free School Meals**.

Even if your child is in receipt of a universal free school meal due to them being in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, if you have not already done so, we urge you to go onto the Lewisham Council website and apply for free school meals.

Each child who is entitled to Free School Meals allows us to claim additional funding called 'Pupil Premium' which we can then pass on to you in the form of discounts for afterschool clubs and equipment for the school.

Please type the link below into your browser and follow the instructions. If you need support in applying, please see Miss Sasha as soon as possible.

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/student-pupil-support/free-school-meals-and-extra-support-for-your-child>

Building Resilience in Children

Tip of the week:

TEACH EMOTION REGULATION TECHNIQUES

Teach your child to label their emotions and to make sense of them by talking about the reasons why they feel these emotions and respond to them as opposed to ignoring them.

Help your child to manage their expectations when it comes to emotions. Primary school is a time when children are trying different things out, some of which will work and some won't. Help your child to understand that both achievement and disappointment are emotions that are natural.

Parent Support

After a pretty busy, intense year, let's start planning some fun events!

Join Miss Sasha in Coffee Morning on Wednesday 1st May 2019 at 9am.

The purpose of the Coffee Morning is to share ideas, to plan and decide what we want to do to create a really fun, exciting Summer term for our children.

Parent support is so crucial in ensuring additional activities outside of learning are successful, we need committed and reliable parents to make sure this happens.

We will extend the invitation of the Coffee Morning to our Pupil Parliament so they can share what it is they would like to see at Lucas Vale.

We hope to see you there!

Key Dates

Event Planning Coffee Morning

Wednesday 1st May

2R to Creekside

Thursday 2nd May

2W to Creekside

Friday 3rd May

