

October 22nd, 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy term and our children have been very excited to be back and have enjoyed being in school. As we come to end of our first half term since our return from lockdown, I would like to thank you all for your continuous support for us as a school. Our children returned and settled really well, and we are so proud of how brave and resilient they have all been– from nursery right up to Year 6. I would also like to take this opportunity to express my pride and admiration in how brilliantly everyone in our school community is working together in the face of the immense changes to our lives that the battle against the Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic has caused; we will get through this together.

[Return to School](#)

Children are back on Monday 2nd of November from 8:45am. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and is appropriately dressed for school, no trainers please unless he/she has PE. We want our children to look smart; this is part of the training as they grow. The earlier we start, the better.

[Expectations relating to attendance and punctuality](#)

Thank you to all the parents who ensured that their children came to school every day and achieved 100% attendance; well done. We want all our children to maximise the time they are with us, so it is vital your child arrives at school on time. School starts at 08:45am. The main gate closes at 09:00am. All children should arrive at school before this time.

Attendance is essential. We appreciate that children are unwell from time to time and that there can be exceptional circumstances for absences. Please think carefully about keeping your child out of school. Research shows that pupils who achieve the best results are also those children who have the highest school attendance. As a minimum all children should aim for at least 97% attendance.

[Year 6](#)

Our children in Year 6 have been working hard and have been engaged in extra prep session during lunch and after school. We are working to ensure our children catch up on their learning and achieve their best. Thank you to our parents for supporting us with this.

[End of day arrangements and after school activities](#)

After half term the finishing times for the end of the day will be as follows:

Reception, Year 1 and 2– finish at 2:55pm

Years 3 and 4– finish at 3:05

Years 5 and 6– finish at 3:15pm

We encourage you to maintain social distancing and to wear a face shield/mask where this is not possible while you are waiting to pick up your child at the gate. Please do not come into school unless it is necessary.

After school clubs will start after half term, please ensure you pick your child up on time.

[Parents' forum on Zoom and Parents' Evening](#)

There will be a parents' forum session on Wednesday 4th November at 9:00am on Zoom. Please look see the link for the meeting below; we will also send it to you all via class dojo.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74230889526?pwd=UkRpcHRFU2pZZ2dPR2dVaGtTRFRrdz09>

Meeting ID: 742 3088 9526

Passcode: Parent

Parents' evening will take place on **Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th November** and these will take place over the phone as parents are not allowed to come into school. We will send you further information after half term.

[Free School Meals](#)

If you have not made applied for Free School Meals please do so as soon as possible. We are making arrangements for families of children on FSM to receive £15 payment/voucher for next week for each FSM child.

[Curriculum](#)

Our children have engaged in all aspects of the curriculum including art, PE, and music. Please see some of the photos our children's learning below.

I would just like to end by once again thanking you for your support throughout this challenging time – we are a fantastic community and I am extraordinarily proud and privileged to be the Headteacher of Lucas Vale.

My warmest wishes for a restful half term to you and your family.



