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## SEPTEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Carers and the Lemington community,

I hope that you've all had a fantastic summer! A warm welcome back to all of our children and families and a very special welcome to those children and families who are starting their journey at Lemington Riverside this week!

### NEW STAFF MEMBERS:

I would like to welcome Mr. Carter, who will be jointly teaching our Year 1 class with Mrs. Crowe this year. Mr. Carter will also be teaching other classes across the school on Monday's and Tuesday's and will be our new PE and Healthy School's Leader.

We also welcome Mr. Brown and Miss Dobson who will be completing teaching assistant apprenticeships with us over the next 18 months.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. MURPHY:

During the summer break, Mr. Murphy and his wife welcomed their new baby, Lily, into the world! Congratulations to the Murphy family!

### COVID UPDATE:

As you may be aware, there have been a number of changes to Covid restrictions over the summer. We continue to follow the latest guidance issued by the Department for Education and Public Health England. Our full Covid risk assessment and protocols can be found on our website in the 'Covid-19' section, however a few brief updates as follows:

- The Department for Education do not expect schools to continue the 'bubble' system that was in place last year. Therefore, children can now mix with other children in different year groups.
- We will continue to encourage good hand hygiene – we will have hand sanitiser available in all classrooms and communal areas throughout the day.
- The caretaker will continue to carry out regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces.
- We will continue to ensure the building is well ventilated, whilst ensuring room temperatures are kept at a comfortable level.



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If your child presents with any of the Covid-19 common symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough, loss/change of taste/smell) they should stay off school and you should seek a PCR test immediately (these are available to order by calling 119 or on the NHS website). Lateral flow tests should not be used on primary-aged children.

If your child tests positive from a PCR test, they should self-isolate for 10 days from the first day symptoms appeared. You should inform school as soon as you can by calling 0191 267 4315 or emailing [admin@lemingtonriverside.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lemingtonriverside.newcastle.sch.uk)

Schools are no longer involved in contact tracing. This is now carried out by the NHS. Children are now no longer required to self-isolate if they have been in close contact with somebody who has tested positive. If your child has been in close contact with somebody who tests positive you may be advised by NHS to get a PCR test for your child as a precaution.

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September** – Roald Dahl Day – there will be lots of activities in school related to the legendary children's author!

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September** – Year 5 and 6 residential to Boggle Hole, North Yorkshire.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** – English School's FA Cup (Y5/6 Boys Tournament) at Walbottle Academy.

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September** – Whole-school Anti-Bullying Day with Ann Foxley-Johnson (Anti-Bullying Ambassador).

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October** – English School's FA Cup (Y5/6 Girls Tournament) at Kenton School.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October** – National Poetry Day.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October** – Duffy League Football Fixtures vs Throckley, St. George's, St. John Vianney and Knoplaw at Walbottle Academy.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October** – Parent's Evening (Details to be confirmed nearer the time).

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – Harvest Day (Details to be confirmed nearer the time, but we will be collecting tinned/long-life foods/drinks and toiletries for the Newcastle West End Food Bank).

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** – Final day of the half-term, school re-opens for all children on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

**Best wishes – Mr. Heeley (Head Teacher)**



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