



LAUREL LANE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

LAUREL LANE NEWSLETTER

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Head Teacher – Mrs S Voisey



QUEEN ELIZABETH II 21 APRIL 1926 – 8 SEPTEMBER 2022

It was with great sadness that we received the news that Her Majesty The Queen, Queen Elizabeth II, died yesterday at Balmoral. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to her family and all those affected.

An assembly was held on Friday morning to pay tribute and to explain to the children about her life and how much she gave to her country and other countries around the world during her reign.

The following is an extract from a statement received from The Department of Education:-

“It is with sadness that Buckingham Palace announced the death of Her Majesty The Queen. We have now entered a period of national mourning that will continue until the end of the State Funeral. Guidance providing the public, businesses and institutions with advice on the period of national mourning will be issued by the Cabinet Office and available on GOV.UK.

Once details of the funeral are confirmed by the Royal Household, we will write to you with further guidance and information.

Schools should remain open. Whilst normal attendance is expected, headteachers continue to have the power to authorise leaves of absence for pupils in exceptional circumstances. Any requests for leave of absence should be considered on a case-by-case basis taking into account individual circumstances.

If children and young people are upset MindEd is a source of information to support children and young people to manage death and loss.”

We will keep you informed of any intended events or actions to commemorate Her Majesty The Queen.



Next week is Menu Week 2

We would like to extend a warm welcome back to everyone for the start of the new school year. If you are new to our school, or you would like a refresher, we have lots of information for you in the newsletter below.

We have had a wonderfully warm break, so it is a shame that we have had so much rain already. It is amazing that it usually rains at pick up time.

Contact Us:

Telephone 01895 462360

Email:

laurellane@fraysacademytrust.org

attendance@fraysacademytrust.org

The office is open for personal visits between 8am and 4pm

New Staff Members:

Teachers: Miss Niroshan, - RNN; Mrs Klecha – 1AK

Support Staff: Mrs Rifdy and Mrs Gunathilaka Y1; Miss Harrison Y2; Miss Armstrong Year 3 and 4; Mrs Allemandy Year 5 and 6

Miss H Smith has also extended her role and is working with Year 3 and 4.

Dates for Your Diary

September:

16th – Non-uniform Day for children from Class of the Year 34HN (July 22)

23rd – Non-uniform Day for Red House (House of the Year)

October:

3rd Individual School Photographs

18th Nasal Flu injections

November

7th – 11th – Year 5 Swimming

14th - 18th – Year 5 Swimming

14th – Year 2 Florence Nightingale Trip

December

7th – Year 3 and 4 Trip to London Mithream

LAUREL LANE REWARDS

The following rewards are available to celebrate children's achievements:

Dojo points are awarded daily, as the children show they can follow the school rules of Be Safe, Be Ready, Be Respectful as well as for their wonderful work. Each child is placed in either Red, Yellow, Green or Blue house, which they earn points for. At the end of the every term, the house with the most points earn a non-uniform day.

The colour of your child's avatar on Dojo, is the colour of their House.

Each week a child is chosen for going **above and beyond** during the week. They have a special treat with Mrs Voisey – usually on a Friday.

At the end of each Term, two **Students of the Term** are chosen by the class teacher. There are lots of different reasons they are chosen and they are awarded a certificate in assembly and their parents are invited to see them receive their award.

At the end of the Year, teachers choose their **Student of the Year**.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

If your child will be absent due to sickness, please inform us no later than 8.45am. This can be done by telephoning the school on 01895 462360, or emailing the school at attendance@fraysacademytrust.org or laurellane@fraysacademytrust.org. If you do not receive an answer on the telephone, please leave a message stating their full name and class and the reason for their absence. Please advise the nature of their illness, not just unwell. Please ensure that you inform the school office using the above details, not just by informing your child's class teacher – teachers are very busy and do not always have time to inform the office before the end of registration and this could result in you receiving an absence message.

Please obtain **medical or dental appointments** outside of school hours for both your children and yourself. We do appreciate that this can be difficult, but please bear in mind that if children miss any time in school, this may have an impact on their education.

Holidays in term time are **not** permitted. You may apply for exceptional leave by completing a form, which can be obtained from the school office. However term time leave is rarely authorised. London boroughs issue fines for taking children out of education for holidays and we are obliged to report pupil absences.

Pupils who are late to school are monitored and are required to be reported to the local authority Participation Officer at Hillingdon Council. We do appreciate that getting children to school on time can often be difficult and if you are struggling to get them motivated and would like help, please speak with your child's class teacher. Regular night-time and morning routines work well.

Our **Breakfast Club** is open from 7.45am to 8.45am Monday to Friday. Children can enjoy a choice of breakfast items and a drink plus the opportunity to play in a safe environment. The charge for this is £2.00 per child per day and is payable via ParentPay at the end of each week. At the moment, you do not need to book in advance for this. Please note that Breakfast club is still payable to those receiving free school meals.

School Lunches

For those who would like their children to have a **school dinner**, a copy of the autumn/winter menu is below and is also available on our school website; <https://www.laurellaneprimary.hillingdon.sch.uk/>

The cost for lunch is £2.23 per child per day, payable via ParentPay, unless you are eligible for **free school meals**. If you believe you are eligible please contact Mrs Knight at the school office with your details. If you are unsure if you are entitled, the criteria can be found below.

Please note all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal every day. They are also have access to a piece of fruit for a snack at break times.

A few housekeeping reminders for Parents;

- Please do not attempt to drive onto the school premises or block the entrance barrier – this must be kept clear at all times so that in the event of an emergency, the emergency vehicle can get through. Vital minutes can be lost by a vehicle not being able to get onto the premises because the entrance is blocked.

The only exception to this is for those who have presented their disabled badge to our school office and those who have been granted access for other purposes. For those who are permitted to enter the school grounds with their vehicle – please respect the 5mph speed limit at all times.

- We would also ask that you keep your children with you at all times and use the safe-path when entering and leaving the school grounds because there may be vehicle movement at the start and end of the school day. No bikes or scooters should be ridden by children or parents within the school grounds.
- No dogs are permitted within the school grounds, this includes them being carried.
- No smoking or consuming alcohol is permitted within the school grounds.
- Any form of abuse towards another member of the public or staff will not be tolerated.

Keeping all Children Safe - Safeguarding at Laurel Lane

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. In the guide below, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as scams, strangers and location sharing.

As National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to help an internet-connected phone or tablet safely with their children, should they find it needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nos.org.uk/parents for further guides, tips and top tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCAMS
Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (asking to top up their phone or send payment details) or impersonating a friend to resolve and collect for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be re-viewed forever – so if your child has sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been blamed for accelerating the spread of dangerous rumors. In India in 2018, some millions of fake videos a year to have been shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating harmful messages. In the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic,

POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'my contacts' feature gives the warning(s) of a group contact user who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from pushing in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (but other people can track it down the app). WhatsApp can access the contacts book on someone's phone and recognize contacts of their contacts (who use the app). So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their whereabouts. WhatsApp doesn't use it as a 'map' and means any to let people know where you are. It is a useful tool for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they could be exposing their location to strangers.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The actions are 'visibility', 'my contacts' and 'privacy' – changing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.

EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives apps or offensive messages, calls or text from a contact, they should block them using 'blocking' in the app. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undeleted. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.

REPORT POTENTIAL RISKS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as a scam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, tell that person on their usual number to verify if really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.

LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use 'leave group' settings to leave. If someone adds a group, the admin can see that back in time; if they were a second time, it is permanent.

THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need it. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.

DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp gives the user seven minutes to delete a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone'. However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.

CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been reported as 'spam' by using 'reporting false info' to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.

Meet Our Expert

Parvina Bhowri is a social media expert and digital media specialist who is passionate about internet-safety literacy for parents and children. She has worked on numerous in the world media and is the founder of Kids iCircles a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Week One 05/09/2022 26/09/2022 17/10/2022 07/11/2022 28/11/2022	Option 1	Cheesy Swirl with New Potatoes	Chicken Korma with Rice	Build a Burger Day A choice of Burger (meat, veggie or vegan) with toppings and Potato Wedges	Roast of the Day with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Fishfingers/ Salmon Fishfingers with Chips
	Option 2	Tomato Pasta	Aubergine and Potato Curry with Rice		Crunchy Top Veg Bake with Roast Potatoes	Cheese Omelette with Chips
	Vegetables	Cauliflower Green Beans	Peas Sweetcorn	Sweetcorn Roasted Peppers	Carrot & Swede Mash Cabbage	Peas Baked Beans
	Dessert	Pear and Chocolate Crumble with Custard	Yoghurt & Raisin Cdf	Seasonal Root Cake	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Station	Vanilla Shortbread
Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily						
Week Two 12/09/2022 03/10/2022 14/11/2022 05/12/2022	Option 1	Mac and Cheese Station	Cajun Chicken with Rice	Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Sausage, Onions and Gravy with Roast Potatoes	Fishfingers with Chips
	Option 2	A choice of different Mac & Cheese flavours, with meat & vegetarian toppings	Chickpea and Apricot Tagine with Couscous	Vegetable Fajitas with Rice	Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese with Roast Potatoes	Mexican Roll with Chips
	Vegetables	Peas Carrots	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Green Beans Roasted Butternut Squash	Carrots Brussel Sprouts	Peas Baked Beans
	Dessert	Chocolate Drizzle Cake	Jelly with Mandarins	Fruit Sponge with custard	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Station	Ice cream
Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily						
Week Three 19/09/2022 10/10/2022 31/10/2022 21/11/2022 12/12/2022	Option 1	Cheese and Tomato French bread Pizza	Chicken Sausages with Potato Wedges	Sticky Chicken Noodles	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Fishfingers with Chips
	Option 2	Veggie Chili with Rice	Veggie Sausage with Potato Wedges	Chinese Vegetable Curry with Rice	Quorn Roast With Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Cheese Quiche with Chips
	Vegetables	Green Beans Carrots	Baked Beans Sweetcorn	Broccoli Carrots	Cauliflower Peas	Mushy Peas Baked Beans
	Dessert	Marble Cake	Chocolate Cookie	Banana Sponge with Custard	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Station	Apple, Cheese and Crackers
Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily						

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Available Daily:

- Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings (where advertised)
- Bread freshly baked on site daily
- Daily salad selection

ALLERGY INFORMATION:
If your child has an allergy or intolerance please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.

Free School Meals

Parents who are in receipt of certain benefits may be entitled to receive free school meals and shopping vouchers during the school holidays for their children. Below is the criteria that could mean you are eligible. If you believe that you meet these criteria, please contact Mrs Knight at the school office to supply your details. We would require the full name of the person receiving the benefits, their date of birth and National Insurance Number or National Asylum Support Service number (NASS).

Please note that if you have been in the UK for less than 8 weeks, your details may not yet have been registered with Hillingdon Council and therefore an online application for free school meals may be declined, even though you may be entitled. Please speak with Mrs Knight if you have any queries.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- 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 guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than
- £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)



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