



LAUREL LANE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# LAUREL LANE NEWSLETTER

## Friday 10th December 2021 – Issue 13

**Mayor's Fund for London School of the Year 2016**

Executive Head teacher – **Mr C Cole**

Head Teacher – **Mrs S Voisey**

Lunch Menu: We are continuing with our Autumn Menu until February 22. When we return to school it will be Week 1 (Wednesday) but as a special treat the kitchen will be serving Beef Burgers (Halal option available) or Quorn Sausages instead of Lasagne. Jacket potatoes will be available as usual.



It seems barely any time at all since we returned to school after the half term break and it is lovely that we can end the year on such a positive note. Thanks to your generosity, we raised a total of £219.18 to present to HAC's in honour of Mrs Kenny who, very sadly, died last year. Thank you so much to everyone who was able to take part in our non-uniform day and make a donation.

As usual, this last week in school has been a hectic one, but what fun we have had. The children have had class Christmas parties, Carol singing, Christmas dinner day, Christmas Jumper day and the Laurel Lane Grotto. A big thank you to all of the staff for their extra efforts this week to ensure that the year ends with a bang!

**From all of the staff at Laurel Lane Primary School, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.**



**We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January by 8.45am**



### Important Notice

#### Applying for a primary school place

You must apply for a primary school place a year before your child can start school. Applications are now open and **close on 15 January 2022**. Your child will be 3 or have just turned 4 when you apply. You'll need to apply then even if you want your child to start part-way through the year.

Go to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-primary-school-place> for more information and to apply.

### Students of the term



**Congratulations to the children below for their excellent efforts this term. Keep up the good work.**



**Tadpoles – David, Tayla  
RMB – Tilly, Muhammad Atif  
1DS – Helin, Naveah  
2HJ – Jafet, Melody  
3/4EA – Jennifer, Anna  
3/4RH – Tiffany, Zoha  
6EG – Fathima, Stefan**



**Frogs Miruna, Umaima  
1IK – Shreya, Hussain  
2LW – Rebeka, Patrick  
3/4KS – Saffran, Jeevika  
5CW – Namreet, Jayden  
6GR – Ella, Puneeth**

## Times Table Rock Stars - Weekly stats:

6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021 (Monday 9am – Sunday 9pm)

Class	Active Players	Most Improved
1DS	0 % (-4%)	<i>No players last week</i>
1IK	20 % (+8%)	Nabeeha
2HJ	41 % (-9%)	Sofia
2LW	50 % (+15%)	Patrick
3/4EA	75 % (+46%)	Melina
3/4KS	43 % (+34%)	Anaya
3/4RH	73 % (+54%)	Baaziz
5CW	80 % (+30%)	Samantha
6EG	96 % (+4%)	Archie
6GR	76 % (+12%)	Donya

Best  
Week  
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Year:

**Congratulations to our class of the  
Term with 93% attendance  
3/4KS**

being late for school disrupts the children already in class and does not give your child a good start to their school day

**Please try to be in school by 8.45am**

Unfortunately, attendance is still lower than we would hope for. Whilst we appreciate that there is extra worry at the moment with Covid-19, it is important that we try to maintain a regular routine for children and that includes them going to school. On the next page you will see a table of a variety of conditions and if a child needs to be kept out of school or not.

If your child needs to take antibiotics 4 or more times a day, we are quite happy to administer them – just complete the form and hand the medicine to a member of staff at the school office. We are also happy to administer pain relief to your child – again complete a form at the school office and we will do the rest!

We would also be very happy to see a reduction in the number of children late for school each week as frequently being late for school disrupts the rest of the class and the start to your child's day. Please encourage your children to get ready for school in good time – you could even set them a challenge to be ready by a certain time.

# Do I need to keep my child off school?

<b>Chicken Pox</b> Until all spots have crusted over	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Diarrhoea &amp; Vomiting</b> 48 hours from last episode	<b>Glandular Fever</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Impetigo</b> Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
<b>Measles or German Measles</b> 4 days from onset of rash	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days from onset of swelling	<b>Scabies</b> Until after first treatment	<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Slapped Cheek</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Whooping Cough</b> 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
<b>Flu</b> Until recovered	<b>Head Lice</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Threadworms</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Tonsillitis</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		

If your child is diagnosed with any of the above conditions, please advise the school as soon as possible, even if your child can still come to school. By being aware of any potentially contagious conditions, we can take action to try and prevent the spread to other children.



## Train to be a Family Support Volunteer...

...and make a difference to local families who are having a tough time

[Apply now](#) for our next Volunteer Preparation Course starting on the [19<sup>th</sup> January 2022](#)

We need parents and grandparent with half a day a week to spare – can you help?

Our support really does change the lives of families with at least one child under 5 who are struggling to cope with issues including post-natal depression, isolation and managing difficult personal circumstances.

We can only help the number of families as we have volunteers to help. With the squeeze on public services, parents who are finding things tough are more in need than ever for a friendly, caring face to help them navigate the crazy world of parenting!!

Our volunteers come alongside a struggling family in their own home every week (where it is safe to do so) to give support, befriending, practical help and signposting information.

Full training and support are provided and agreed expenses are covered.

The 9-session course will take place on Wednesdays, from 9.45am to 14.30pm, Starts 19<sup>th</sup> January with a break for the February half term.

If you would like to find out more, please call 01895 252804

Or Email: [office@homestart-hillingdon.org.uk](mailto:office@homestart-hillingdon.org.uk)

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## Parents' guide to electric scooters (e-scooters)

This information sheet provides guidance on the current laws for e-scooters in the UK.



### What are e-scooters?

E-scooters are classed as 'Powered transporters'. This is a term used to cover a variety of personal transport devices which are powered by a motor.

In addition to e-scooters these include: Segways, hoverboards, Go-peds (combustion engine-powered kick-scooters), powered unicycles and U-wheels.

E-scooters have been fitted with rechargeable batteries to make them electrified with speeds ranging from 9mph to 15mph; despite looking much like a standard two-wheeled scooter.

### Did you know?

- E-scooters are **illegal** for use in any public space unless rented as part of a government-approved trial (see overleaf)
- Riding an e-scooter on the road is **against the law** as per the Road Traffic Act of 1988 and the Highway Act of 1835
- E-scooters are **prohibited** from being used on cycle tracks, cycle lanes on roads, or other spaces dedicated to pedal cycle use only
- Privately owned e-scooters can only be ridden on private land



## What can you expect police to do if they stop anyone riding an e-scooter on a public road?

- The police may seize the e-scooter from you because they are classed as illegal vehicles on public roads
- You will be reported to the courts for driving without any insurance or having the appropriate licence to ride them

## Can I be prosecuted for using a powered transporter?

- Any person who uses a powered transporter on a public road or other prohibited space is in **breach of the law**, committing a **criminal offence** and can be **prosecuted**
- If you use an e-scooter **illegally**, you could face a **fine and penalty points** on your licence, and the e-scooter could be impounded
- Those who use powered transporters dangerously or under the influence of drink or drugs can also be convicted of offences leading to **imprisonment**
- Offences related to the standard of driving and speeding also apply

## Are e-scooters safe to ride on public roads?

- E-scooters can be very dangerous and are not designed for use on public roads
- They have no suspension meaning even a minor defect in the road could cause the rider to be knocked off the e-scooter
- E-scooters consist of a thin piece of metal between two small tyres with the user being inches from the road surface. This can result in a significant risk of traumatic injury on the road
- E-scooters are not designed to carry more than one person
- E-scooters are small, quiet and quick, meaning they present safety challenges when being ridden on busy public roads
- E-scooters can be dangerous when used in parks or on public footpaths as they can cause significant injury to pedestrians

## The future of e-scooters

The government began trials of e-scooters in the UK from 4 July 2020. Trials are for approved rental e-scooters only. Maximum speeds will be set to 15.5mph. Those taking part in the trials will have to have a driving licence and insurance to legally ride rental e-scooters. Geofencing technology will be used to ensure rental e-scooters can only be ridden within a defined area.

The rules for private e-scooters and other powered transporters will not change, and it will still be illegal to ride privately owned scooters on public roads.

**Please note: Hillingdon Council is not part of the e-scooter trials.**

For more information on e-scooter trials visit:  
[www.gov.uk/guidance/e-scooter-trials-guidance-for-users](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/e-scooter-trials-guidance-for-users)

For more information about powered transporters and the law visit:  
[www.gov.uk/government/publications/powered-transporters/information-sheet-guidance-on-powered-transporters](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/powered-transporters/information-sheet-guidance-on-powered-transporters)



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Ofsted 2017

**Making Leaps for Young Children**

## Early learning zone for 2 year olds

The Pond is open term time for 2 year olds either 5 mornings or 5 afternoons a week

There are **free** places available for eligible families and places for families who wish to pay.

We have morning or afternoon sessions available.

The cost is £90 per week

**Apply NOW to secure your child's place**

To find out more call:

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