

Lyme Community Primary School



July 2

Football's Coming Home

I was asked this week why the England Team have three lions on their kits. I had no idea, so I looked it up.

The short answer is that England wear the three lions on their shirts - as they have done ever since the first international against Scotland in 1872 - because, as representatives of the Football Association, they're sporting the logo of the FA. However, where that logo comes from is a much longer story. The lions have a history going back to the 12th century, when a standard with three gold lions on a red field was carried into battle to inspire the troops.

The first one came from Henry I - known as the lion of England - who had a lion on his standard on taking power in 1100. Shortly afterwards he married Adeliza, whose father also had a lion on his shield, and to commemorate the event he added a second lion to his standard. In 1154, two lions became three when Henry II married Eleanor of Aquitaine, who - yes, you've guessed it - also had a lion her family crest. Later that century, Richard the Lionheart (1189-1199) used the three golden lions on a scarlet background as a symbol of the English throne and, after that, it appeared on the Royal Arms of every succeeding monarch.

So, when the FA was formed in 1863, it seemed natural enough to base their logo on this stirring royal shield.

Science week

Next week we are celebrating with a particular focus on all things scientific. From amazing facts to exciting experiments to learning about famous scientists through the ages and what they discovered or invented to help us today. Adrian Bowden will be here with his fully risk assessed, socially distanced Science Show which always goes down brilliantly with the children.

Look forward to hopefully, being filled in at home with some of the scientific excitement we're hoping to generate!



Y3 – Mrs Lindley

Mrs Lindley will be back next week after isolating with members of her family. Thank you to Mrs Roberts and Vicky who have provided excellent substitution.

Please return our reading books

As we get nearer to the end of this year, we need all our reading books back in school so we can sort them and make sure we have the right number of books in sets etc. PLEASE send them in, dig down the backs of chairs, underneath beds and in the back of cupboards to find any strays. **Thank you.**

I cannot emphasise enough the value of joining your children at the local Library this summer if you aren't already a member and, get them involved in the Summer Reading Challenge. **READING OPENS DOORS** and we need that more than ever!

Spare uniform/sports kits

It's that time of year when you're thinking about outgrown uniform that needs replacing. If you have any spare items **IN EXCELLENT CONDITION**, we can and will make good use of them. **Sports Kit is strictly:** black leggings or joggers in the colder weather with a white t-shirt and the children's normal sweatshirt or cardigan. In warmer weather their red shorts can be worn. Black trainers are preferable to brightly coloured ones.

From September, this kit will also be worn for ANY after school clubs as well to avoid confusion.

Party Day on Thursday 22nd July

All children can come in their own clothes for the last day of the term. We'll have parties and games to celebrate the last day of what has been an incredibly challenging year for all our community. I speak for all the staff when I tell you we're all looking forward to September, a new year with no interruptions!



Hope Academy here on Tuesday

As Y6 can't go to Hope, they're coming to us to work with the children going there in September. The children not going to Hope will do some transition work with the Y6 staff.

Brass Band

Because we can't invite you in, we'll film the Y4 children and the after-school Brass band showing off everything they've learned this year in their music lessons with Mr. Chadwick. They've only had a limited time because of the lock down but they've still made lots of progress. We'll send you a link to our private You Tube channel to watch these after next Friday. So, get plenty of practice in!

19th July – whole school transition

To keep our bubbles intact, for each class, their next year's teacher will go to them, in their classrooms on the morning of the 19th July to introduce themselves formally and start to get to know their new class and vice versa!

Reports

Reports will be sent home on the 19th July. As last year, they are limited to teacher assessments with a brief overview of your child's attitudes to learning and a general comment. There will be an opportunity to discuss this report if wanted before the end of the year, by ringing the office on 01744 678350 and leaving a message. Your child's teacher will ring you back as soon as they can.

Lateral Flow Testing

We are awaiting a delivery of lateral flow tests so we can give these out to you. Earlestown and Newton are two of the areas in St Helens with the highest number of cases! Regular testing is helping the community identify cases quickly and, although cases remain high, it is preventing further spread. As soon as we have received them, we will be distributing them to our families.

You can use the following link to access weekly data on COVID across the borough.

<https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/covidtracker>

PGL

A reminder that a contribution towards the cost of PGL from any summer birthday money is an excellent use of it: value for money, something to remember it by and a gesture to make your child appreciate the importance of saving and budgeting! 😊

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Challenge
Achieve
Nurture