

# LADYWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

MARCH 2022

NEWSLETTER



**Welcome to our March newsletter!**

## Staffing News

I have some happy news to share. Miss McNamara welcomed a beautiful, healthy baby boy to her family last month. A huge congratulations to her from everyone at Ladywell!

## Student Teachers

We continue to have student teachers on placement throughout the school.

P2A- Miss Hamilton  
P6A- Miss Meikle

We are happy to support the development of the teachers of the future.

## Start/Finish times

Our start and finish times of the school day are now the same for everyone. School starts at **8.55am** and finishes at **3.00pm**.

**There is an adult presence in the playground from 8.40am.**

## Latecoming and Attendance

We have an increasing number of latecomers every morning. Please note the school day starts at **8.55am**. Arriving late causes a disruption to the class and leads to lost learning time.

**It is important that children arrive at school on time.**

## Attendance

If your child is unwell and unable to be at school please call the school office to inform us. I understand that there will be times that absence from school is unavoidable, particularly as we navigate our way through the pandemic, however I thought it may be of interest to share with you the

impact that absence can have on your child's education.

The table below shows attendance percentages and what these absences could mean for your child.

100%attendance	0 days missed	Child has the best chance of reaching full potential
90% attendance	1 week and 4 days of learning missed	Could become a little harder to achieve full potential
80% attendance	36 days of absence = half a term missed	This could impact significantly on learning and progress
75% attendance	45 days of absence = 9 weeks and 1 day of learning = almost 1 full term of learning missed	This could impact significantly on learning and progress

I understand that there are times when absence cannot be avoided and there may be circumstances where a child will be absent for an extended period of time. In these instances I am more than happy to work with the family to support the child's learning.

If you are unsure at any time, whether your child should attend school, please contact the school office for advice.

## Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> March.

Due to ongoing Covid restrictions, parents will be informed of their child's progress through a telephone call with the class teacher.

Letters will be sent out shortly which will give details of the time of your call.

Please note that the call may register as an unknown number.

Some parents have asked why we are not doing video calls for parents.

I completely understand the frustrations of not being able to meet or even see your child's teacher throughout the period of the pandemic, however

our internet within the school does not have the capacity for a number of reliable video calls to be made at the same time.

I hope that in the not too distant future, we will be able to welcome parents back into the building and have more natural face to face meetings.

### Free School Meals

All children within P1-P5 are entitled to a free school lunch.

Over the next few weeks children within these stages who bring their own lunch to school will be offered a free lunch to take home with them at the end of the day. This will be the form of a packed lunch, consisting of a sandwich, a piece of fruit, a biscuit and a drink. These meals will remain refrigerated until the end of the day when they will be given to the children to take home.

The following table explains how this will work.

Date	Stage	
Week beginning 14 <sup>th</sup> March	P5	Children who bring their own packed lunch will be offered a school lunch to take home at the end of the day
Week beginning 21 <sup>st</sup> March	P4	Same as above
Week beginning 28 <sup>th</sup> March	P3	Same as above
Week beginning 19 <sup>th</sup> April	P2	Same as above
Week beginning 25 <sup>th</sup> April	P1	Same as above

### Playground

Our Pupil Council is in the process of ordering toys for use in the playground at break times. I think the children are enjoying spending some money!

These will be available for the children to use within the coming weeks.

I ask that children do not bring toys from home in the meantime.

### Covid Guidance

Although some Covid restrictions have been relaxed, we continue to hand wash and sanitise regularly as part of our daily routine.

Staff continue to wear face coverings when moving around the communal areas of the buildings.

Please remember that face coverings should still be worn, unless exempt, when dropping and collecting your child.

If a member of your household tests positive for Covid please call the school office to let us know. Your child/children can still attend school if they have a negative lateral flow test every morning before attending school for a period of seven days.

If you require to speak to a member of staff about any concerns please contact the school office to arrange a suitable appointment. Please do not use Teams/Twitter/ SeeSaw to alert us to any concerns as these may not be checked daily.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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