

Luxulyan School Bulletin

Friday 7th January 2022

Happy New Year! Welcome back. I hope everyone had an enjoyable festive season, the staff have been so impressed with how quickly everyone has settled back to their learning this week it's great to have the whole school back together. Each week we intend to send out a bulletin in this format with any new information. It will always have diary dates for next week and any other relevant information. We hope that sending information out as a simple bulletin via email will make it easier to locate.

Covid Update

The new COVID-19 Operational Guidance for Schools published this week recommends that there is no longer the need to keep children and staff in consistent groups (bubbles) and whole school assemblies can resume. We will continue to ensure hand hygiene and that the classrooms are well ventilated with CO2 monitors.

The DfE recommends that face coverings are worn by staff and adults (including visitors) when moving around in corridors and in communal areas. (particularly at busy drop off and pick up times). Health advice continues to be that children in primary schools should not be asked to wear face coverings.

We will continue to notify you if there are positive COVID cases in your child's class. We will share with you, via email, all the information we legally can. We are unable to tell you whether the case is a staff member or child or when that person was last in school. The information does not require you to take action unless your child display symptoms, when you should be taking them for a PCR test and follow the most up to date guidelines.

Thank you for your support.

School Communication Survey

Thank you to everyone who participated in the School Communication Survey. I have reviewed the information with the staff in order to streamline our lines of communication, please note the following:

Information from school will be distributed via these methods:

- eSchool email
- Text message reminders or messages to draw your attention to an important update.
- Class Dojo School Story

If you need to contact the school, please use these methods:

For urgent information, attendance issues and messages relating to that school day, please phone the school office on 01726 850397.

For messages that do not require an immediate response, email the office and/or your class teacher. If more than one person needs to be made aware you can copy in more than one member of staff.

School Secretary- Mrs Grubb- secretary@luxulyansch.org

Executive Headteacher- Stewart Gynn- sgynn@mevagisseysch.org

Head of School & Beech Class- Emma Williams- head@luxulyansch.org

Ash Class- Sarah Berry, Monday & Tuesday- sberry@luxulyansch.org

Ash Class- Gemma Illsley, Wednesday- Friday- gillsley@luxulyansch.org

Beech Class- Joel Heagney, Thursday & Friday - jheagney@luxulyansch.org

Sycamore Class- Tim Kellow- tkellow@luxulyansch.org

Oak Class- Nathan Cooper- ncooper@luxulyansch.org

Class Dojo remains a popular and useful tool for our school community, especially when remote learning. We intend to keep Class Dojo as a platform which celebrates events via pictures or updates and shares information about our school community on the school and class stories. If we have to return to remote learning at any time we will continue to use Class Dojo.

The messaging function is popular although it is not the most reliable form of communication between home and school as messages often get missed. Staff would prefer one method of communication and we check our emails daily within the working day. From now on, please direct your queries to the appropriate member of staff by calling the school if it is urgent or via email. Class Dojo messenger will not be checked on a regular basis.

Facebook, we will maintain the school social media presence using Facebook. Parents at Luxulyan (PALS) also have a page which you might be interested in.

Instagram and Twitter did not feature highly in the survey and we are deactivating our accounts for the time being.

Our School Website acts as an online prospectus for our school and there are many useful links for parents which we can signpost you to.

Please ensure that your contact details are up to date so that you are receiving the school text messages and emails. Please ensure the school are aware of your preferences for use of your child's image on our School Website and Facebook.

PE Kit Days

Ash Class continue to change in class, please provide a kit to keep in school.
Beech, Sycamore and Oak can wear their kit to school on the following days.

Ash Class: Monday & Wednesday

Beech Class: Tuesday & Wednesday* please note the change of day

Sycamore Class: Tuesday & Friday

Oak Class Wednesday & Friday

Clubs

The new list of clubs has been sent out by Mrs Grubb, please look out for the email from eSchools and Class Dojo School story. Clubs start the week beginning 17th January, apart from Plymouth Argyle Football which starts on Tuesday 11th January

Attendance Letter

Our attendance at Luxulyan is generally good, Covid related absence has had an impact on our whole school attendance figures, we are currently at 93.5% and all schools need to aim for 96% and above. Obviously we are unable to impact upon illness rates and do not expect children in school when they are unwell, we do ask that you are mindful about when you plan family holidays. We have been asked by our Education Welfare Officer to update everyone on the guidelines regarding unauthorised absence and you will receive a letter explaining this in more detail. Thank you for your support.

Staffing

There are some staff changes that I wish to update you all with.

At the end of Autumn term we said farewell to Mrs Sophie Catchpole who leaves Luxulyan to take up a position working in a nursery. Sophie has been a fantastic member of the Luxulyan team and we are very sad to see her go. I know you will join us all in wishing her every success in her new job.

Mrs Caroline Squire has worked at the school as one of our teaching assistants since 2018, she has made the difficult decision to change her career and leaves us on Friday 14th January to begin her new job. She has been a key member of the Luxulyan team for a number of years and her contribution to all areas of school life is greatly appreciated. She will be missed by staff and children alike. I am sure you will join us in wishing her every success in the future.

We welcomed Sophia Barnett to the staff in Autumn term, this term we welcome Laura Parry to the team, both ladies are working as teaching assistants in the school and we are delighted to have them at Luxulyan.

Staff Caretaker Vacancy

We are advertising for a part time School caretaker. The contract is for a permanent 15 hours a week role. Please share with anyone you feel might be interested, see link for more details [CARETAKER, LUXULYAN PRIMARY SCHOOL \(REF:LUX028\) - Cornwall Education Learning Trust \(celtrust.org\)](#)

Hall for Cornwall Pantomime Trip

We were so disappointed to have to cancel so many of our Christmas plans, the pantomime included. Our finance department are liaising with Mrs Grubb and we will be issuing refunds on Parent Pay for those who paid.

Sophia Barnett has successfully applied for a grant from the Luxulyan Community Fund to subsidise a future trip and we are looking for a suitable theatre performance to take the whole school to in the Spring or Summer term.

Jigsaw PSHE Theme: Dreams and Goals

This term in Jigsaw PSHE the whole school theme is Dreams and Goals and we are exploring the Fundamental British Values of Liberty and Rule of Law in our Personal Development Curriculum. This week we are celebrating children who 'keep trying even when it is difficult'.

Diary Dates for next week

Monday - Y3/4 Team selected to attend Poltair Athletics

Tuesday - Plymouth Argyle Football Club starts

Important Diary Dates for the term

Week Beginning 17th January: Clubs start

Friday 18th February INSET Day- School closed for children

February Half Term Monday 21st - Friday 25th February

Kind Regards

Emma Williams
Head of School

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