

Lostock Gralam Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 19

Date: Thursday 30th January 2020

Messages from Mrs Powell:

- Just a reminder that as a school we expect children to be reading their reading books every day! This is so important for their learning, not just in reading but in other subject areas too. Recent research is saying that 15 minutes seems to be the “magic number” at which children start seeing substantial positive gains in their reading achievement; children who read just half-hour to an hour per day see the greatest gains of all. Thank you for your continued support with this!
- We will be organising a cake sale on Wednesday 12th February. We will be asking Owls, Starlings and Swallows to donate cakes and then the school council will be selling them to the children. More details to follow.
- If you are interested in your child’s mental health, we have had information this week of a new website with a section for parents. <https://www.mymind.org.uk/about-mymind/parents-and-carers/> If you ever have any concerns please come and speak to a member of staff and we will do all we can to support you.

Things that have made me smile this week:

- Josh, Brody and Ben sharing their historical stories about Mount Vesuvius. They were very proud of all the improvement they have made with their writing.
- Layla in Goldfinches has been doing lots of extra work at home because she is so keen on her topic work.
- Josh and Kyle in Skylarks for coming back from their trip and telling me all about it in great detail!
- It was lovely to walk around school with our School Improvement Advisor and see how engrossed the children were in their lessons, in particular Goldfinches were gripped by their English work!

| | Praise children for fantastic work | ‘Top Table’ children for wonderful manners at lunchtime |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Owls (Reception) | Isaac and Sklya | Arija and Tommy |
| Starlings (Y1) | Naomi and Hattie | Lydia and Alexa |
| Swallows (Y2) | Kyan and Taylor | Erica and Violet |
| Robins (Y3) | James and Francesca | Ellie G and Savannah |
| Goldfinches (Y4) | Abbie W and Andrew | Robyn and Riley |
| Skylarks (Y5) | Jacob and Ke Ren | Kyle and Lukash |
| Toucans (Y6) | Charlie and Charlotte | Harvey and Natalie |

Next week’s diary dates:

Tuesday 4th February – London Bus visiting Owls class. Vicar Andrew leading worship today.

Wednesday 5th February – Skylarks class worship in the hall at 2:30pm.

Thursday 6th February – Pupil Parliament at Weaverham Forest Primary.

Friday 7th February – Intra-school sports competition led by Mr Ault.

Click here to access our class blogs:

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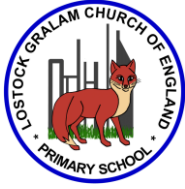
Click here to access our school lunch menu:

[School Lunch Menus](#)

Please help your child to decide what they should have for their lunch each day. From next week there will be a choice of ham, tuna and cheese for sandwich options.

Please visit our school’s e-safety webpage for access to up-to-date articles, tips, expert advice and resources designed to help parents keep up with what their children are doing online.

[Parent Info from CEOP and Parent Zone](#)



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Church News - Dates for February 2020

Sunday 2nd, 9th and 23rd February – Regular Holy Communion services in church starting at 11.00am

Monday 3rd, 10th, and 24th February – CAMEO (Come and Meet Each Other) in the church hall at 2.00pm

Friday 7th February – Prize Bingo in the Church Hall at 7.30pm

Sunday 9th February – Messy Church in the Church Hall at 2.00pm

Sunday 16th February - Café Church in the Church Hall at 11.00am

Monday 17th February – CAMEO plus in the church hall at 2.00pm when the speaker will be Rev. Susan Edwards whose talk is entitled 'From Commerce to Ministry'

Tuesday 25th February – Pancake and Quiz night at 7.00pm in the church hall. Tickets £5, school age children free. For tickets see Mr Cliff in school or contact Graham Sheen on 07718758444 or 01606 42940

Wednesday 26th February – Ash Wednesday, at the start of lent we join with St Helen's Witton for Holy Communion at 7:30pm

Remaining dates for 2019/2020 academic year

| | Date of Closing | Date of Re-Opening |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Spring Half-Term 2020 | Friday 14 th February | Monday 24 th February |
| Spring Break 2020 | Friday 3 rd April | Monday 20 th April |
| May Day Weekend 2020 | Thursday 7 th May | Monday 11 th May |
| Summer Half-Term 2020 | Friday 22 nd May | Tuesday 2 nd June |
| Summer 2020 | Friday 17 th July | |

Remaining INSET DAYS (Teacher Training): Monday 1st June 2020
Monday 20th July 2020



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TERM DATES for 2020/21 academic year

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| Summer 2020 | Friday 17 th July | Thursday 3 rd September |
| Autumn Half-Term 2020 | Friday 23 rd October | Tuesday 3 rd November |
| Christmas 2020/2021 | Friday 18 th December | Monday 4 th January |
| Spring Half-Term 2020 | Friday 12 th February | Monday 22 nd February |
| Spring Break 2021 | Wednesday 31 st March | Monday 19 th April |
| May Day Weekend 2021 | Friday 30 th April | Tuesday 4 th May |
| INSET weekend | Friday 21 st May | Tuesday 25 th May |
| Summer Half-Term 2021 | Friday 28 th May | Monday 7 th June |
| Summer 2021 | Wednesday 21 st July | |

INSET DAYS (Teacher Training) – 5 in total for 2020/2021:

Tuesday 1st September 2020
Wednesday 2nd September 2020
Monday 2nd November 2020
Thursday 1st April 2021
Monday 24th May 2021