



# Year 4 Newsletter

Spring 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and happy new year. We hope you had a lovely Christmas holiday.



The children have already dug their teeth into the new topic, 'India' and are thoroughly looking forward to their Hinduism day and dance workshop coming up this term. For more information and to support your child in their learning this term, please refer to the 'I can' statements the children are striving towards achieving which can be found on the school website under the 'Teaching and Learning' tab.

As you are already aware, we have a change in staff this term. We warmly welcome Mrs Maghera and Miss Frost to HB7 and Mrs Taylor to HB8. They, too, are looking forward to the term ahead. We also wish Mrs. Abbott a speedy recovery.

We would like to say a huge thank you for an overwhelming effort on all of the children's big homework projects this year so far. We are aware that a lot of effort has been put into them and we can see the benefit it has on the children's learning. We have really enjoyed seeing how proud the children are of their work and hearing all about what they have been learning at home.

We look forward to discussing how your child has settled in at Parents' Consultation Evenings in February.

Best wishes,

*Caroline Ramsden and Lizzie Sanderson*

Year Leaders (acting)  
and the rest of the year 4 team.

## REMINDERS

### LIBRARY DAYS

HB5 – Thursday      HB6 – Monday

HB7 – Monday      HB8 – Friday

### PE DAYS

HB5 – Monday and Wednesday

HB6 – Wednesday and Friday

HB7 – Tuesday and Thursday

HB8 – Monday and Wednesday

Please ensure children have their kit in school on the correct days. We will be going outside in all kinds of weather so the children will need warm clothing.



## MARVELLOUS ME AND VIP OF THE DAY!

We hope you have enjoyed receiving updates on the Marvellous Me app. If you haven't yet downloaded the app please ask your class teacher for a new login because you might be missing out on some of the fantastic achievements your child has done at school. We will now be including the VIP of the day in our Marvellous Me updates so you can speak to your child about the VIP treatment they had during the day.

## HOMEWORK

Homework will continue to be set to complement the learning taking place in school. There will be maths and spelling set alternate weeks on a Thursday. Please check your child's Homework book/folder for any work set and support them in the completion of it. A year 3&4 homework club is run by Mrs Murray on a Wednesday lunchtime for any child who would like a quiet place and time to do their homework or who may need help. They just need to turn up at HB1 at 12.45pm.

Reading is seen as a daily homework activity whereby they read for at least 15 minutes – see below.

### **READING JOURNALS:**

Reading journals have been a huge success this year so far! To make it even easier for your child to record their reading, the journals will no longer be in homework books. Instead, the children have been given their journal in a plastic wallet. They should continue to bring their reading journals into school every day and take them home every night. Children should be reading regularly and recording this into their journals. We encourage that children read little and often but ideally at least four times a week. When they have their reading recorded and signed by an adult, at least four times in a week, they then receive a raffle ticket. They put their name on the ticket and it then goes into a draw. A winner from each class draw receives a prize - a book of their choice.

### **SPRING FAMILY READING CHALLENGE.**

For the start of this spring term, we have a reading challenge for your family (a parent mail was sent last term regarding this). An author for the month of January has been chosen – Michael Morpogo. We challenge your family to read any Michael Morpogo book together and to demonstrate this challenge has been completed, some evidence has to be submitted from your child. They could bring in a photo, write about the family's favourite parts of the book, make a 3D model of their favourite scene etc. This will be rewarded with some raffle tickets for the draw and a reading certificate. Come on – take up the challenge and enjoy the world of reading and some good quality family time.

### **PARENT HELPERS**

We always welcome parent helpers in school but do need you to be DBS checked. See the school office for details.

If you would like to volunteer, please let your child's class teacher know and they will arrange with you the most suitable times. If you cannot help on a regular basis, there will always be special one-off events that you may be free for. The extra pairs of hands are of great value to us here too and the children enjoy sharing these days with their grown-ups.

### **PACKED LUNCHES**



Thank you to all those parents who send their children to school with a healthy packed lunch.

Loughton School is a healthy school and we have noticed a rise in children bringing in lunches which are made up instead of snacks and chocolate. This has implications on children's energy levels in the afternoon and we would love to see children maintain their energy so they can focus on their learning. If you are stuck for ideas for what to put in your child's lunchbox, please visit this website which has lots of fantastic ideas!

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/zgr4kqt#z3dtn39>

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – SPRING TERM**

Friday 17 January - Indian dance workshop (£3)

Wednesday 22 January - Hinduism day (£3.50)

Wednesday 22 January - Writing parent workshop for parents at 7pm

Tuesday 28 January – Choir at Young Voices

Tuesday 4 February – Safeguarding workshop for parents at 7pm

Wednesday 5 February - Indian cooking day (£2)

Friday 7 February - Interim reports go home to parents

### **Parents' evenings –**

**Tuesday 11 February 4:00 – 7:00**

**Thursday 13 February 5:00 – 8:00**

Friday 14 Feb – School closes for half term (3.30pm)

Monday 24 February - Back to school

Thursday 26 March – Keeping fit and healthy parent workshop (7pm)

Wednesday 1 April – Yr 3/4 Sports relief family fun run (1.30pm)

Friday 3 April – School closes for Easter Holidays (1.30pm)