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LPPS Newsletter

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We returned to some lovely Spring weather for the start of the Summer Term and it was great to see the children get straight back in to the swing of school, even with the existing protective measures. We are hoping that the measures will relax in line with national measures through this term but will have to wait to see. Next week we will make the final decision on Friday afternoon early closing but signs already point strongly to finally terminating this arrangement. We will, however, keep the staggered start and end of the day timings to ensure no bottlenecks. These are also caused if people turn up early or leave late so please continue to do the great job of sticking to the timings as closely as possible.

Our Nursery (Class 1) doors opened today and we welcomed a little cohort of little people. Some of the children in Reception reported to me that they already felt 'a little bit grown up' when seeing the younger ones. Mrs O'Malley and Ms Hicks have been very busy this week Zooming new parents with their child and getting to know each of them in preparation for this first day. They all seemed very at home in the outdoor area, exploring together in the sunshine.

Year 3 have had an excellent week back in school. They are excited to start their new topic 'Children in World War 2', and have used role play to imagine what it might have felt like during an air raid. They are looking forward to learning more about it this term.

Year group curriculum letters have been shared this week via Google Classrooms and emailed via Parentpay. Letters are also available to view on our website. Please take time to read the letter as it gives lots of detail and information about what your child will be doing this term.

Congratulations to Miss Corrick who got married this week on a very sunny Wednesday with a very restricted family attendance. She has chosen the family name and is now Mrs Irving-Gordon. We wish her the best in married life with Harry.

COMING UP.....

Class Photos on Friday 30th April – Children will have their class photo taken next Friday outside and with protective measures in place. Unfortunately individual photos cannot be taken due to the undue mixing which would occur in the logistics. Please let the school office know if you DO NOT wish your child to be in their class photo. Remember to check your child has the correct uniform/presentation for the day.

Break The Rules Day is coming up on Friday 7th May.

On this day your child can pay to break a selected number of our rules. We will use the same rules as last time based on their popularity last year:

Squash in your water bottle

Cuddly Toy

Change your own name

Call teacher by first name

Unhealthy snack

Wear a hat in class

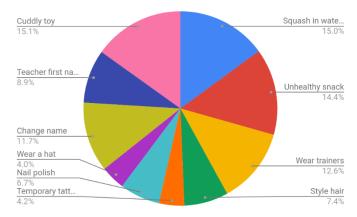
Wear trainers all day (accepting that some of you might be in PE kit anyway)

Nail polish

Temporary tattoo

Style hair differently





(The proportion of children who broke these rules last year)

Year 6 Kilvrough – we have been talking directly with Kilvrough and you can assured that there WILL be a residential experience of some kind. We will only go ahead with the physical trip to Kilvrough if all the protective measures can be assured on coaches and at the centre at that time. Otherwise the Plan B is also very exciting and will involve the Kilvrough instructors coming to the school with resources and equipment to replicate the experience with Year 6 off timetable for that week. This is, of course, all dependent upon the next Government update in May and in the meantime, please ensure the balance for this trip is fully paid to secure a place. Please email the school office if you no longer wish for your child to go to Kilvrough so we can arrange a full refund for any monies paid.

Year 4 Hill End – it remains unlikely that Hill End will go ahead as an overnight residential but we are hoping to organise the trip as a two consecutive day trips for each class, morning, afternoon and evening, at Hill End. In the meantime please ensure the balance for this trip is fully paid to secure a place.

NOTICES

We have a new summer menu (see below and on our website). As a reminder, at morning registration children will be asked if they are having a hot school meal or a packed lunch. Any hot school meals ordered will be entered on to ParentPay and we ask that you settle your ParentPay account at the end of each month.



If you are aware of anyone that is struggling to afford food or essential items, please ask them to contact the Community Support team. They can help with supermarket vouchers or refer them into one of their advice centres if they need more support than they can offer. Contact details are:

Community Connector Team

· Tel: 01235 422600 Email: communityconnectors@southandvale.gov.uk

They can also get in touch with advice centres for support with affording food or paying their fuel bills. Advice centre contact details are:

Advice Centres

- · Citizens Advice 0808 278 7907 (South and Vale)
- · Wantage Independent Advice Centre 01235 765348 (Vale).

Please remember that each Friday for the first three weeks of this term we finish early at:-

Reception	Years 1, 3 & 5	Year 2, 4 & 6
1pm	1.10pm	1.20pm

Andrew Markham and the school team

PALS:



Who can grow the tallest Sunflower?

PALS sunflower growing competition starts March 31st. Order your sunflower growing packs here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLScLHcUJH2J4edBYPcJp8sxuo4rJxoFdZr709D2iGNta5gm-EQ/viewform?usp=sf_link Winner gets a £10 Waterstones voucher.



Date for the diary!
PALS BREAK A RULE DAY
7th May 2021 – Forms will go home next week

