

LARKSWOOD NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Families,

The end of term is finally upon us and as we approach the festive season, we can now reflect upon our achievements over the course of the autumn term. It has been an exceptionally unique and challenging year, and term, but also one of celebration when we see how well your children have adjusted to school-life since September, and the progress they have made as a result of demonstrating our Larkswood values. I want to thank you all for your relentless support to our school community, your warm greetings on the gate on some very cold and wet mornings, and for your countless emails or messages of praise and thanks to the school team.

Earlier this term we were filmed as part of a promotional video for the school – we are exceptionally proud of it, as it really captures the true essence of our school, and the wide range of learning experiences and joy of being a member of our school community. You can watch it by clicking here: [Home \(limeacademylarkswood.org\)](https://limeacademylarkswood.org) This is a video we would love to share far and wide, so if you are connected to any local, or even national or international groups, then please send it their way. We want everyone to know about our incredible children, passionate staff and wonderful community. We also have an Early Years promotional video which showcases our Nursery and Reception provisions – as we have been unable to show our prospective parents for next year around on tour, so take a look and again, please share it with anyone who you think might be interested. The link for the Early Years video is here: [Little Larks Nursery \(limeacademylarkswood.org\)](https://limeacademylarkswood.org)

Whilst we will be closing the gates today, this does not in any way compromise our contact tracing commitments as a school. During the school closure, you must still inform the school via the link below if there is a confirmed case of Coronavirus of a child who attends our school. If your child tests positive for Covid between Friday 18th December and 24th December, you should notify us using the electronic form as soon as possible by following this link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rRe3-QMIA0SHTmebxnlbjQJkOEmwrA5Om_wS5dcmhdUQks0RU1GRVQyMzhVNIAXR0pQODQ1OEISQy4u

This will ask for information such as when your child became symptomatic. If your child tests positive having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school (i.e. the evening of Sunday 20th December onwards), the school may not need to take any action, but you will need to follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

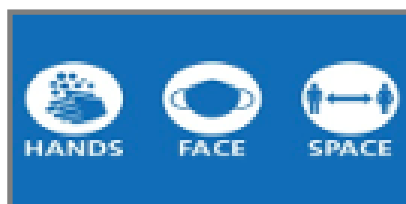
Thank you to everyone who has adhered to our COVID rules and systems since we returned in September, it has helped to keep us all safe. Well done to our pupils who have seamlessly followed the new systems and have behaved responsibly, respectfully and with great resilience; we are incredibly proud of you all! I also want to thank our staff, who have worked so hard this term under some exceptionally challenging circumstances, to keep the children safe, happy and learning.

I hope you have a wonderful, relaxing and happy holiday with your families, even if you cannot see everyone you would like to this year, I hope you will have a memorable and peaceful holiday.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 4th January.

Yours sincerely,

Brendan Plunkett
Headteacher



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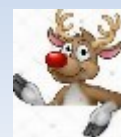


KEY DATES FOR WINTER

Please find below a list of dates for the Winter These dates are provisional and could be subject to change.



Red = Additions to previous newsletter



| Date: | Title: |
|-----------------|---|
| 04/01/21 | Return to School after the Christmas Holidays - normal time |
| 12/02/21 | Last day of school - School will finish normal time |
| 22/02/21 | Return to school - normal time (Staff and Children) |
| 04/01/21 | Return to School after the Christmas Holidays - normal time |
| 04/01/21 | Year 3 Roman Day. Children in Year 3 ONLY to come to school dressed up |
| 05/01/21 | Year 6 WW2 Day. Children in Year 6 ONLY to come to school dressed up |

A HUGE THANK YOU

Today we had a lovely surprise delivery from a local Facebook community group to all the staff at Larkswood! They informed us that we had been nominated for this generous treat as a thank you for all the hard work that has gone into this unique year of schooling. We would like to personally thank the Chingford community for this very special gift and our staff were very touched that they had received recognition in this way.



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RECEPTION NATIVITY

This week Reception have been busy reading and acting out the Nativity story. We dressed up as the characters from the Nativity and had lots of fun making props to retell the story in small groups.



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APPLYING FOR A RECEPTION PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

The closing date for the September 2021 Reception intake is 15th January 2021

Please see this link to the Waltham Forest website:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-primary-school-place>

SCHOOL MENU WEEK 1

Please visit the below to view our school menu upon return for week 1

[school-lunch-menu-2020-autumn-term-week-1.pdf \(limeacademylarkwood.org\)](#)

Please do keep your
child's ParentPay
account in credit at



COVID 19 GUIDANCE

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance and support - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)



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BOOK NOW!
to secure a limited space plus low booking deposits pre-Christmas

Make new friends!
Develop new skills!
Try new activities!
Have fun!

BOOKINGS OPEN FOR 2021
at
BARRACUDAS
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COVID-19 SECURE CAMPS

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