

# Loseley Fields Newsletter

October 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been fantastic to be able to watch all the children enjoy a full, active and uninterrupted half term's learning. Our vigilance with our continuing enhanced hygiene routine and our cautious approach as to when to gather the children in wider groups has paid off. We have, so far, had minimal, positive cases of COVID across the school despite nationally rising rates; other schools have not fared as well as us. We keep our Outbreak Management Plan under constant review and will take action to implement additional restrictive measures if and when we need to. We ask all parents to continue to be alert to COVID symptoms in your children ensuring that they do not come into school and that get a PCR test to rule in or rule out COVID. Please can I remind you that the Lateral Flow Tests should only be used if you are asymptomatic but if you have symptoms then a full PCR test should be ordered. Thank you all for your continued vigilance to this issue so that we can continue to do our best to keep our community healthy.

**Celebrating and congratulating our Young Leaders.** This half term has been all about developing our opportunities to give our young people leadership responsibilities across many areas of school life. Mrs Day has been working to recruit a team of **Sport's Leaders** who will help to lead physical play during our break times and coordinate extended sporting opportunities across the school. Miss Leah has appointed a band of **Reading Ambassadors** who will be responsible for promoting a love of reading across the school, organising extended reading activities for the children and help maintain our school library. Lastly, Mrs Stanton will be working with our school council who this year will be flying the flag as our **Sustainability Ambassadors** to promote all things environmental so that our children (and us parents) can begin to play a real and meaningful part in changing habits to help combat the climate crisis initiative. On that note, and as a first task to parents, please can I ask you to turn off your car engines if you are waiting in your cars at drop off and pick up so that we can limit pollutes in our local community's atmosphere- thank you for playing your part.



## Health and Well-being

We are constantly reviewing our procedures to ensure that our staff are kept up to date with their first aid knowledge so that we are able to help in any emergency that may arise in school. This term this has included all staff updating their EpiPen training and we have also invested in an onsite defibrillator (pictured) which will be kept in the school office in case it is ever needed. Please let local residents know that we have the resource in case it is ever needed in an emergency outside of school.



**Some exciting news....**unbeknown to us our new Science Lab and Field Study Centre was nominated for a **Godalming Trust Civic Design Award**. I am pleased to be able to share that our project is the winner of the New Building – Education/Community category. We are so delighted that learning space has been recognised for the inspiring building that it is. We will be presented with the award over half term.

**Christmas arrangements.** We have started to plan as a staff what we will be doing to celebrate the festive month that lies ahead and in true Loseley style we are determined to plan some events that bring us together as a community. You will recall that even under restrictions last year we tried to make this time special for our children with our virtual Christmas tree light turn on and filmed infant nativities. This year we are hoping very much that we will be able to come together in person (COVID rates dependant) and are busy planning Christmas Productions, Carol concerts and a school led community event to turn on the Christmas Tree lights. More information to follow after half term.

Until then, I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November (Reminder: INSET Monday 1<sup>st</sup>)

Kind regards,

Amanda Pedder

Headteacher