

Loseley Fields Newsletter

September 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been fabulous to welcome many new children to Loseley since September, not just in Reception, but also across every year group in the school. I would like to formally welcome new children and parents to our Loseley family. There will be lots of opportunity to get involved in school life so please watch out for parentmails from The Friends of Loseley Fields where you will be given an opportunity to come to meetings to help plan fund raising events from the school or to get involved in general school life. Any contribution you can make is welcome.

It has been fantastic to see how quickly our new Reception intake have settled in with the routines of full time school over the last few weeks. The teacher's have worked skilfully to ensure that the children are starting to understand the routines of their school day, showing high levels of engagement during session time and moving around the school with confidence. They have started their daily phonics programme, Phonics Bug, which will enable them to learn the skills of reading quickly; parental support with this programme is essential so please do come along to the phonics workshop on Tuesday 4th October at 2.30pm to learn more about how you can support at home.

We were absolutely delighted to be able to share with you the outcome of our most recent Ofsted inspection. This has been able to validate the work that we have been doing over the last four years and puts us in a great position to continue to plan the next stages of the school's development over this year and beyond. We have some exciting plans ahead. This includes our continued effort to re-model our playground. The trim trail that we built last year has been such a huge success with the children that we plan to build another which will be positioned at the lower end of the playground and will allow our youngest children to practice their gross motor skills.

Another big project for us began during our July INSET day when we met as a large group of stakeholders, which included staff, parents, governors, and children, to begin to plan ahead ways that we can have a future impact in the sustainability agenda. We have already done lots of work at Loseley over the last few years to ensure that our curriculum tackles head on this very important issue and you will also be very aware of the good work of our student leaders, The Sustainability Ambassadors, in ensuring that this issue is kept high on the agenda and in the minds of us all moving forward. As a result of this day's work in July, I have been able to write a Sustainability Strategy for our school where we can meaningfully ensure that we are implementing sustainable practices in all areas of school life. This will include not only the curriculum that we give the children but also how we manage our estates and digital infrastructure and our operational and supply chain practices so that we are working responsibly and ethically moving forward. You will start to see the impact of this strategy first hand as teachers will be including an activity linked to Sustainable Citizenship on your child's homework grids moving forward; this is designed to get our whole community involved in this very necessary work.

Never has this work been so timely as we head into this year understanding from our personal lives, as well as here at school, the impact that rising energy costs will have on us all moving forward. We understand that for some of you this will have a worrying impact on your cost of living and how much disposable income you have for those extras in life. As a result, we have worked as a staff to see what we can do to try to ensure that we are not adding to this burden with things that we ask of you. We want to take steps to support you in this challenging time, particularly as we head towards the winter. Examples include:

1. Review of our school trip offer to ensure that for the next academic year we minimise the number of more costly trips out of school. Teachers have worked to limit this to one and then provide more

cost-effective year group experiences.

2. We have reviewed the additional experiences we offer the children, which are voluntary, e.g. Young Voices, theatre trips and sporting events, to ensure that these are spread across the year groups
3. Continue to provide affordable school uniform options and expand our used uniform stock on offer to parents
4. Work with The Friends to minimise what we ask parents to contribute for social events over the next year

As always, please reach out to us if you need support and we will do all we can to signpost you to help that is on offer.

I hope that you are all pleased with how your children have settled in at the start of the year. Teachers are busy working on Welcome Newsletters for you which will outline the curriculum and key events particular for your child this year. These will be sent out to you shortly.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher