



Dear parents, carers and friends

When times are challenging, it can be difficult to find the joy that we aim to share and celebrate. However, working with children keeps you focused, and when the children you work with are as wonderful as ours at Lady Katherine Leveson, there is always joy and always hope of a brighter tomorrow.

We feel very fortunate that we have not had to close any bubbles so far. Thank you all for your support in following the rules, maintaining distances, wearing face coverings, adapting your plans to fit in with staggered timings and for keeping children off when they have needed to isolate. I understand that logistically, this can be really difficult but it is essential and appreciated. We also appreciate how positive everyone has been. Our children have also been fantastic; sensibly following the new procedures. All of the staff have worked tirelessly to keep things as normal as possible. Teachers often delivered daily lessons and then provided work for those who couldn't attend for Covid related reasons. The office and site teams have done an incredible job in keeping school clean and open, whilst following and reporting on ever changing national measures. Pastoral support has been vital and Miss Russell and the staff have continued to offer the highest standard of support to children and their families when needed. There is a wonderful team supporting your children at school and I am very proud to be working with them and with all of our families.

A joyful, Christmas performance

We have missed everyone attending our usual Christmas concerts and performances. However, as you couldn't come to us, we have made a video in our bubbles to share with you. An email has been sent with the link and instructions on how to access it. We hope that you enjoy it.

Thank you and farewell

Firstly, a big thank you to our PTA. It has obviously been difficult for them to raise money for school under the tight restrictions. However, thinking outside the box, they have still managed to raise funds and provide a Christmas treat. An incredible £310 was raised from the virtual PTA Christmas market. They have also arranged for Santa to visit school this afternoon (in a socially distanced way) and to drop off a treat for all of the children. We also give our thanks to our Governors. They have guided us through the transition to Academy status, and supported us to continue to raise standards, as well as coping with everything Covid related. It is reassuring to know that we are looked after by Kathy, Nic and the governing body.

We sadly wave farewell to Mrs Brill, Lunchtime Supervisor, who has been such an inspirational member of our staff for so long. We wish her all the best in the future and hope that she enjoys quality time with her family.

Academic success

We are incredibly excited by our recent phonics assessments. Our Year 2 children missed the phonics screening in June so had to be assessed this month. We have worked with Little Sutton English hub, and the teaching and resourcing of phonics and reading has been transformed. This has resulted in 85% of our Year 2 children achieving the required standard, which is better than national and amazing progress for our children.

Social Media

Please follow us on Facebook (search Lady Katherine Leveson C of E Primary School) We will continue to share information and good news stories and photos about school. Our PTA has also got a Facebook page. Follow this link to access it:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/120846131973974/?ref=share>

Covid

If you or someone in your household has a positive test result at any point throughout the Christmas break, we need you to inform us on the school office email:
office@ladyk.solihull.sch.uk We will be monitoring it every day in case we need to inform others who might have been in contact.

Accident in the small car park

Firstly, thank you to everyone who is parking in the correct car park. Please remember that only people who have been given permission **since September this term** to park in the small car park opposite school should be doing so. Everyone else should be in the large, parent car park. Unfortunately, there was an accident on Tuesday this week between 3:00pm and 3:15pm. A car hit and damaged the bumper of another vehicle. Please contact school if you know anything about this.



Returning to school

We have a staff training day on Monday 4th January. Children return on Tuesday 5th. As we continue in tier 3, our risk assessment remains the same and the procedures regarding timings, washing and cleaning, visits and volunteers also remain.

Wishing you all a happy, safe and joyful Christmas. We look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Simon Russell

Head Teacher

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