

# Newsletter



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Message from Mrs Charlotte Garner**

It has been wonderful to welcome back all of the children at long last - what a pleasure to see all of them returning to school on Wednesday, and with such enthusiasm and big smiles. A special mention is extended to those children who have joined us for the first time this September, both in Class Reception, and across the school. I officially attended school for the first time on Wednesday and it was so lovely to meet all the children and some of you at the school gates, at the end of the day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, children, and you for making me feel so welcome in such a short space of time and I am very much looking forward to getting to know everyone properly over the coming weeks. Mrs Camps will be the acting headteacher at school at this current time and my official title is associate headteacher. This means I will be supporting Mrs Camps and the school in all leadership matters. I am passionate about successful teaching and learning and excited to work alongside the teaching staff in planning and delivering an effective and exciting curriculum for your child. I have no doubt Mrs Camps will do a brilliant job in managing the school, with the continued support of the teachers, and she will be your main point of contact for the foreseeable future. I will be on site every Tuesday and Thursday but can be contacted either at [head@edenfield.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@edenfield.lancs.sch.uk) or [head@sjsm.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@sjsm.lancs.sch.uk) at all times.

You will be pleased to know that all of your children have settled in brilliantly and adapted so well to all the necessary changes in place to protect them, the school staff, and the wider school community. Whilst some of these changes may appear very different to normal routine, please rest assured all decisions are made in line with the necessary risk assessments to protect the health and safety of your child. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

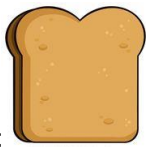
## **Message from Mrs L Camps**

It has been lovely to welcome you all back this week. It has been great to see the school full of happy children again. All the children have been incredible. I can't thank everyone enough for all their patience and understanding with all the new systems that have been put into place. The children are now settled and I am really excited for the term ahead! As Mrs Garner has mentioned above, I will be acting headteacher at this current time and if you every have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.



### **Outdoor Shoes**

As we are now using specific zones for playtimes to keep bubbles of children apart, we will continue to use the field even in damp weather. To protect school shoes and feet, please can we suggest that you send your child to school with a pair of wellingtons or waterproof shoes which will be kept in class for them to use at playtime, as required. These can be transported in a disposable bag which we will return in your child's book bag. We will aim to play out in all weathers so please ensure your child has a waterproof coat in school at all times.



### **Lunches and Toast**

It is our plan to resume hot lunches as soon as possible and especially before the cold weather arrives. Therefore, in line with LCC health and safety guidance, children must eat in the hall. As such, the children will eat in the hall with immediate effect, in their class bubbles, so that they are fully familiar with the rules and routines required. The room is fully wiped down with recommended cleaning agents between sittings and children are seated at socially distanced points. I can also confirm that the children are given more than enough time to eat their lunch in line with recommended guidance.

School snacks will also be available at playtime from 14<sup>th</sup> September but instead of children paying daily, parents will be expected to pay in advance by cheque for the morning snack and this will be delivered to the classroom each day. Snack will be limited to toast and the cost of toast for the first half term will be £6. Please make cheques payable to LCC. Parents wishing to order toast for week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> September must pay by Friday 11th September. In order to minimise the handling of cash, and to reduce visits to the bank, we would also be grateful if school lunches could be paid for preferably by Scopay. Although cheques will be accepted if necessary. Cheques should be made payable to LCC and the cost for the week is £11.50, or alternatively the cost for the first half term is £87.40.

### **Prayer of the Week**

A prayer written by a pupil

God of love and wisdom,  
Help me to be curious about the world around me;  
Help me to be prepared for the challenges I face each day.  
Help me to be open to difficult tasks.  
Help me to be determined to complete my work.  
Help me to be responsible in all I do.  
Help me to be accepting of people's differences.  
Help me to be kind in my thoughts and words.  
Help me to be aware of my talents.  
Help me to be myself – to be the best that I can be. Amen.

### **PE Kits**

PE lessons will start next week so your child will need an outdoor PE kit in school. The PE kits will be sent home every Friday and will need to be washed and returned to school on Monday.

### **Warm wishes**

**C. L. Garner**

