



# Lever Edge Primary Academy

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## Newsletter Autumn Term 1- 2024

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to you all for the start of a new academic year. It promises to be another busy year with lots of activities on the agenda for us to share. Please take some time to read the important information contained within this letter, I'm sure it will answer many questions you may have as well as remind you of some of our school's policies and procedures.

Firstly, just a reminder that school starts at **8:30am**. As soon as the children come into school they are straight into their learning. Being on time is therefore very important!

Can I also take this opportunity to remind you about Class Dojo and how important it is that you regularly check it for information on forthcoming events etc. Just to make you aware, every message on Dojo can be translated into almost all languages to make it accessible to all.

In order to make sure you have this option, please ensure you have your account **set to the correct language**.

When you are looking through your story or message feed, click on "See translation" below a photo's caption or under a message to see the translation in your account's language.



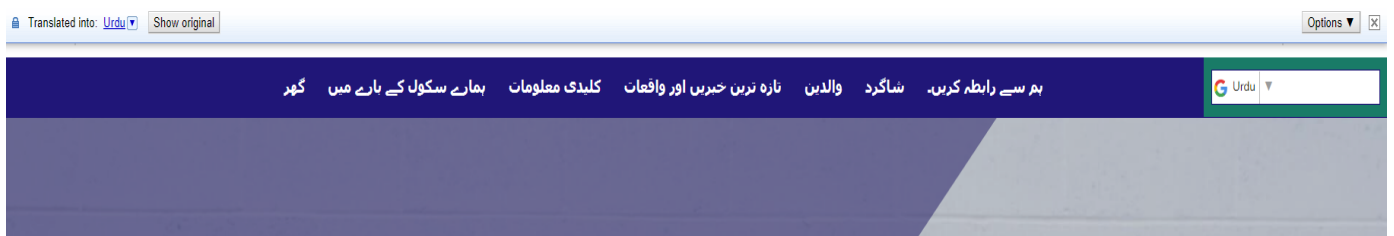
**ClassDojo**



Our school website also has the facility to translate the text into any language. On the top right hand corner there is a 'button' that says translate.



If you click that link then you are prompted to select any language e.g. Urdu and everything will then be translated for you e.g.



School also has an X (formerly Twitter) account where we frequently tweet updates about things happening in school. Please visit @LeverEdgePri or access via the link on the school website.



I hope this helps to ensure you can keep informed and stay in touch with school. If you have any questions then please don't hesitate in contacting me via the school office.

Regards,  
Mrs James

### **Breakfast Club and Wraparound Care**

As you will know, the school runs a Breakfast Club each morning from 7:45am and all pupils are welcome.

Healthy breakfasts are provided. The cost of the Breakfast Club is just £2.50 per day, which includes a breakfast and activities for pupils to take part in until school starts. If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club, please contact the school office.

We are continuing to provide Wraparound Care for children in Reception to Year 6, Monday to Friday, during term time. Your child can attend on an ad hoc basis, booking to be made prior to 12.00pm on the day, or in advance (as required), provided that you have made the appropriate payment up front as well as completing the emergency contact form. Payment can be made via School Gateway App.

The options are:

<b>After School Care times</b>	<b>Charges</b>
3.00 p.m. until 4.00 p.m.	£6.00 per child per day
3.00 p.m. until 5.00 p.m.	£8.00 per child per day
3.00 p.m. until 6.00 p.m.	£10.00 per child per day
Attending after a school club from 4.00 p.m. until 5.00 p.m.	£6.00 per child per day
Attending after a school club from 4.00 p.m. until 6.00 p.m.	£8.00 per child per day

### **Lunches**

Just a reminder that school meals are free for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. For children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 the meals are £2.50 per meal, £12.50 per week. This is payable in advance every Monday via School Gateway App.

Information regarding making payments has been sent out on Class Dojo. Menus are displayed on the school website.

If you think that you may be entitled to additional benefits, which includes free school meals (even if your child is in Reception or Key Stage 1), you should contact the One Stop Shop in Bolton Town Hall (telephone: 01204 331590) or complete the online form found on Bolton Council's website ([www.bolton.gov.uk/free-school-meals-clothing-allowance/free-school-meals-help-school-uniform](http://www.bolton.gov.uk/free-school-meals-clothing-allowance/free-school-meals-help-school-uniform)) and your entitlement will be checked. Your eligibility will give you access to supermarket vouchers during the school holidays. Please can you bring the letter, you will receive from Bolton Council to confirm eligibility, to school as soon as possible.



### **School Uniform**

Children must be sent to school in school uniform each day. It is important that they wear a suitable, waterproof coat **every** day which should have their name in it. We know what British weather is like!!

Children are welcome to wear headscarves but they **must** be plain and either black or white. It is important that they are not too long and they must be removed when taking part in P.E. (for health and safety reasons).

Footwear must be flat black school shoes, **NOT TRAINERS**, and suitable for wearing in school throughout the day i.e. no high heels or high boots etc.

Included in your child's timetable will be a visit to our Forest School. All children will be expected to have wellington boots.

The children must also have a P.E. kit in school, consisting of a plain white t-shirt, navy or black shorts (for gymnastics) and tracksuit pants for outside games. If your child has pierced ears, then small studs only are allowed. These will need to be removed for P.E. lessons. No jewellery should be worn apart from stud earrings and watches.

Please can I remind you to ensure **all** your child's uniform is clearly labelled with their name. For further information about our school uniform policy please visit the school website: [www.leveredgeprimaryacademy.co.uk/school-uniform/](http://www.leveredgeprimaryacademy.co.uk/school-uniform/)

If you need help with any aspect of the school uniform then please get in touch.

## Online Safety

The internet is amazing! Children can play, learn, create and connect - opening up a whole world of exciting possibilities. But with the digital world changing all the time, and with a possible increased need to use computers for online learning, how can you make sure your child is staying safe?

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers and how to act safely when using the internet.

As a parent you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. We continue with our commitment to protecting our pupils online and have worked with National Online Safety to provide useful tips/advice on our website as well as a link to an online safety course. This course highlights the most prevalent risks that children face in the online world, and provides you with strategies for prevention and protection for keeping children safe while using websites, games and apps.

Please find below the URL (or click on the link on our website) you need to visit to register your account. You will need to complete your details and select "I am a: Parent/Carer" from the dropdown:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/lever-edge-primary-academy>

Once you have registered, you will be able to access the "Online Safety for Parents and Carers' course and National Online Safety's Resources.



## Assessment Week – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Assessments of all our pupils in reading, writing, maths and SPAG will be carried out during the week beginning Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Please ensure that your child is in school for these assessments as they are very important.

## Homework Diaries

Please may we remind you to sign your child's Homework Diary every week. The diary details your child's reading for the week and will include their homework.

Parents reading and signing the diary is important as it helps support the work carried out in the school.

## Weekly PE Lessons

Class	PE Day	Class	PE Day		
RB	Tues	RK	Weds		
1A	Thurs	1H	Mon		
2C	Fri	2H	Tues		
3M	Weds	3R	Weds		
4B	Fri	4HB	Thurs	4W	Weds
5F	Mon	5R	Mon		
6M	Fri	6W	Fri		

Throughout the year, as well as a weekly PE lesson, the children will have additional gymnastics lessons taught by a specialist coach during the Spring Term.

**All** children are expected to wear shorts for these gymnastics lessons for health and safety purposes.



## School Trips

Each class will have two trips/ visitors each term. These trips/visitors will be part funded by the school and we will also ask for a parental contribution. We are NOT going to ask for £12 at the start of each term, as we did previously. This is due to still having a number of outstanding contributions. Instead, details about each trip/visitor will be sent separately and a contribution will be asked for, via the School Gateway App. Please make sure you pay for the correct trip for your child. Unfortunately, if insufficient funds are collected the trip/visitor will have to be cancelled.



## Swimming

We are very excited to inform you that swimming will continue this year with the temporary pool at school. These lessons will take place after October half term. More information will be given closer to the time.



## After School Clubs This Term

The following clubs will be taking place during this first half term. Further details about each club will be sent out separately to the appropriate Year Groups. Other clubs may be added as the term progresses.

Club	Time/Day	Year Group
Netball	Monday 3.00 – 4.00	5 & 6
Multi-skills	Monday 3.00 – 4.00	2
Countdown	Monday 3.00 – 4.00	4
Forest School	Tuesday 3:00-4:00	3
Girls' Sports	Wednesday 3.00 – 4.00	3
DT Club	Wednesday 3.00 – 4.00	4 & 5
Table Tennis	Thursday 3.00 – 4.00	4
Phonics	Thursday 3.00 – 4.00	1



## What your child will be learning this term

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the Autumn Term planner for your child's class. It details what your child will be learning this term in all subject areas of the curriculum and will hopefully prompt some discussions with them to support their learning. There is more information contained on our school website. If you require further information about our curriculum, please contact the school office.



## Parent Partnership

We have a number of parent workshops and activities planned for the Autumn Term and would love it if you could join us. Further details will be sent in a separate letter but here is an overview of what to expect:

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 8:30am (x 10 weeks) – Family Learning  
 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 8:45am – KS1 Phonics  
 Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 8:30am – Rec Stay and Play (Phonics)  
 Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 8:45am - Reading  
 Week Beginning 6<sup>th</sup> November (Dates TBC) – Come and join your child in their English lesson!  
 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Parent/Teacher Interviews

## Class Assemblies

Below is a list of class assembly dates for this term. All Parents are welcome to attend their child's class assembly. We look forward to seeing you all at these happy events.



Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	6M
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	6W
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	5R
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	5F
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	4B
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	4HB
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Harvest
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	4W
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	3M
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	75 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	3R
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 Christmas Production
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas Production
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Christmas Production

## Jeans for Genes Day

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September, the children can wear jeans to school on this day to raise money for children and families affected by a genetic condition.



## #HelloYellowDay

As part of our Mental Health and Wellbeing Week, we will once again take part in Hello Yellow Day. This means that on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October, children are invited to come to school wearing something yellow.



## Odd Socks Day

To raise awareness for Mental Health we are taking part in Odd Socks Day. This also coincides with anti-bullying week. The children are being asked to wear bright, colourful odd socks on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November. This is not to raise money; it is about raising awareness of how we are all different, unique!



## **Attendance**

**Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure their child is in school every day during term time, unless they have a significant illness.**

It is vitally important that the school is notified when a child is going to be absent. This must be done on the first day of absence by telephone or by calling in person into the school. Please do not just message the class teacher on Dojo as this may not always be seen in time.

Failure to notify the school could result in your child's absence being recorded as unauthorised. Unauthorised absences can lead to a fine.

Time missed in the classroom will result in your child falling behind their peers. One day missed is equivalent to at least 5 missed lessons. If your child misses a week then they have missed out on 25 lessons that their friends have completed. This is a large proportion of lost learning!

<b>Number of days Absent</b>	<b>Lessons Missed</b>	<b>Hours of School Missed</b>
1	5	6 hours
2	10	12 hours
5 (1 week)	25	30 hours
10 (2 weeks)	50	60 hours

## **Doctors, Dentist and Optician Appointments during School Time**

Despite previous letters, some parents are still booking medical and dental appointments for their children during the school day.

If your child is in school, routine doctor or dentist appointments cannot be considered an emergency and therefore you need to make the appointment for **after** the school day.

From October 2018, the NHS set up out of hours hubs around Bolton and if you contact your GP, you will find that appointments are available on the same day, out of school hours, especially for children up to the age of 16 who require treatment.

Going forward, routine doctors or dentist appointments during the school day **will not** be authorised. If you come to the school office to ask to take your child out for an appointment during the school day, it is highly likely that this will not be allowed.

Scheduled hospital appointments will be allowed, on production of a letter at least the day before the appointment.

## **Holidays**

Please remember, holidays in term time will **NOT** be authorised. Parents who choose to take their children out of school without authorisation, risk having a fixed penalty fine of £160 per parent, per child, imposed upon them.

Furthermore, it is highly likely that your child could lose their place at Lever Edge Primary Academy. We have a very long waiting list for places in each year group. If children are taken out of school, without authorisation, and other parents are waiting for a place for their child, then this place may be offered.

This may seem harsh but it is in line with government policies and is there to protect the education of your child.

Please see the attached leaflet for more information about school attendance.

## Important Dates for Parents to Note

<b>Autumn Term 2024</b>	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024	<b>Term Begins</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024	<b>Flu Vaccinations</b>
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	<b>Harvest Assembly</b>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024	<b>Half Term (School Closed)</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	<b>Swimming commences Year 1 - Year 6</b>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	<b>Assessment Week</b>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2024	<b>Elf Run</b>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	<b>Year 2 Christmas Production</b>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	<b>Staff Training Day (School Closed)</b>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	<b>Reception Christmas Production</b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	<b>Year 1 Christmas Production</b>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	<b>Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Lunch</b>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	<b>Christmas Party Day</b>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	<b>Christmas Carol Service</b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	<b>Term Ends. School closes at 2.00pm</b>