



LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to thank you for the support you have shown the staff and pupils during this challenging term. Staff have worked hard to help pupils settle into their new classes and to follow routines whilst also supporting their mental wellbeing and working towards closing the gaps in their learning due to the pandemic. We appreciate your support with getting your children to school on time and the help you have given with their homework, including daily reading, and we can see the positive impact this is having. The children have also worked very hard throughout this term. Thank you for following government guidance and school procedures; we are very pleased that all classes have been able to remain open despite the arrival of yet another wave of Covid in the past week. Thanks also to the staff for their flexibility and willingness to cover during the absence of colleagues affected by Covid and illness so that timetables could remain as normal as possible for the children.

In order to assist us in keeping our school community safe, please can I ask that you kindly inform us immediately by email (office@lionelwalden.cambs.sch.uk), should anyone in your household develop symptoms or have a positive PCR test, including over the coming weekend, so that we may inform others.

Please note that from January, there will be a few changes to staffing. We are pleased to welcome Miss Billimore back after her maternity leave. Miss Harrison (Year 1 teacher) and Mrs Ngwa-Akuro (Reception teacher) are both reducing from full-time teaching to part-time teaching. Miss Harrison will be leaving us at Easter and we shall be advertising in the new year for another teacher.

Class organisation will be as follows:

Reception	Mrs Latchford (Mon/Thurs/Fri)	Mrs Ngwa-Akuro (Tues/Wed)
Year 1	Miss Billimore (Mon/Tues)	Miss Harrison (Wed/Thurs/Fri)
Year 2	Mrs McBeath (Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs)	Mrs Bayes (Friday)
Year 3	Miss Watts	
Year 4	Miss Bennett	
Year 5	Mrs McLean (Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs)	Miss Billimore (Friday)
Year 6	Mrs Harrison	



Mrs Clarke, our Office Manager, has made the difficult decision to leave at the end of this academic year to join her husband in retirement. Mrs Clarke has worked incredibly hard over the last twenty-eight years and will be greatly missed by everyone in the school community. I shall personally miss her commitment and support for me as Headteacher. We shall be advertising in the new year.

Finally, staff would like to thank you for your Christmas good wishes, cards and gifts - they are very much appreciated. We would all like to wish you a very happy and safe Christmas holiday. We hope that everyone remains in good health and that we see you all back at school on Wednesday 5th January. School start and finish times and all routines will remain the same, unless government guidance changes in the meantime, in which case you will be notified by email.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, should you require any further advice or support.

With best wishes for a happy and safe Christmas.

S A Barnard-Taylor

Mrs S A Barnard-Taylor
Headteacher

