



# Newtown Linford Primary School

## Friday 24th September Fortnightly Bulletin

Hello!

We are now well into September and in the full swing of the autumn term and it is safe to say everyone in school is working very hard. All classes have now completed an assessment week using PiXL assessment materials. This will help us identify any individual or class gaps in understanding so we can quickly address these. We have been so impressed and proud of how well all children have adjusted to being back in school, their attitudes to learning are exceptional.

We will soon be able to offer you a telephone or virtual parents meeting appointment where teachers will inform you of your child's progress so far and how they are settling into school life again. Keep an eye out for a Weduc link in the next week or so to book your slot.

We both believe being out on the gate to greet and say goodbye to children daily is an important part of our role as Headteacher. If we are ever not able to be out this will be due to being in a meeting in school or off site. Mrs Cox has even bought us ponchos for wet weather!

*Ms Brooks and Mrs Kennedy*

### Social Distancing and Face Coverings

A big thank you to parents for so quickly adapting to the new request for face coverings. Please also remember to stick to your drop off and pick up timings unless there has been a discussion with us. This really is having a positive impact on minimising footfall around the school grounds.

### Wrap Around Provision

Mr Barley has been busy working on a wrap around provision timetable for after October half term. We have attached this to this post. We continue to respond to the need in each Key Stage bubble and as ever look forward to when normal service can resume. Thank you to Mr Barley on all his effort on planning this and adhering to our school bubble and rules so carefully.

### Jumpers

Your child will need a jumper/fleece in school at all times. As part of our risk assessment classrooms will need windows open for ventilation purposes.

### Internet Safety

We are aware of the use of apps by children, particularly Tik Tok. This app, and others similar, have an age restriction of thirteen plus. However, we are aware children in our school are accessing these yet do not fully understand how to set their privacy settings to be safe. Please be proactive in checking what your child has downloaded and they are safe.

The link below is likely to help -

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/>

### Upcoming events

#### October

**Tues 6th Oct** - Virtual Parent's Evening

**Weds 7th Oct** - Virtual Parent's Evening

(A method of booking will become available on Weduc shortly)

**Mon 19th - Fri 23rd**

Half Term

**Thurs 12th Oct** - Virtual Reading Session  
@7.30pm

#### PE Days

**Children to come into school in PE Kit.**

**Linford** - Monday and Wednesday

**Bradgate** - Monday and Wednesday

**Tyburn** - Thursday and Friday

**Old John** - Thursday and Friday

## Inspiring Individuality, Excellence and Adventures

We have been busy behind the scenes considering Newtown Linford's school vision and speaking to all those involved with the school. Based on all of this we have decided on the above. We believe this incorporates what makes Newtown Linford unique and are the values we want to take forward over the coming years. There is more information on what 'Individuality, Excellence and Adventures' mean to us on the school website, within the 'Key Information' section. This will be become 'live' very soon.

### Request to parents - Labelled Clothing

Based on our risk assessment we are limiting the amount of objects touched by children and staff. We are also encouraging children to keep belongings with them. However, there are times when a jumper or coat is left on a bench. It would be hugely beneficial to us if these could all be labelled in order for us to return this quickly and safely. We remember in our days as class teachers children smelling jumpers in the 'jumper dumper' to work out which was their own, we are very much avoiding this approach!

### Request to parents - School Lunch Payments

A reminder to parents to ensure lunches are paid for by Friday a week ahead of time. Thank you.

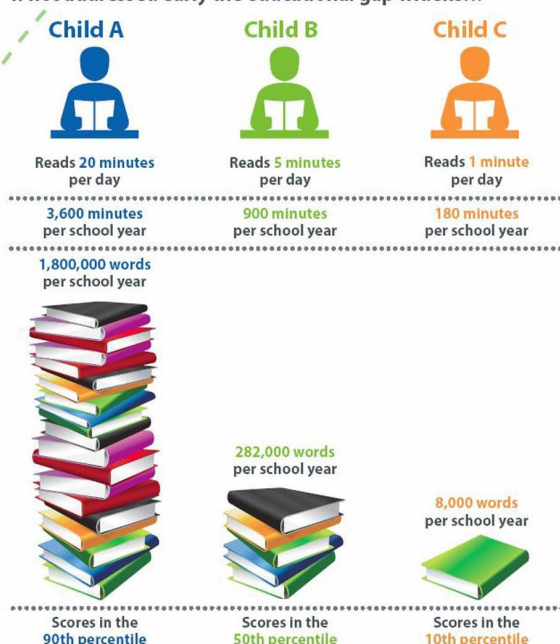
We have both sampled several of the lunches and have been very impressed! There is now a new Healthy Eating display in the hall on which children can write about the healthy foods they have enjoyed recently.



## Virtual Learning at Newtown Linford Primary School

At Newtown Linford we very much hope children remain in school throughout this current period. However, we recognise we must also be prepared for a bubble closure if there were to be a positive case in our school community. We wanted to reassure you that we have a clear plan in place for if this were to be the case. This would comprise of virtual sessions daily ran by class teachers alongside their cover supervisors and opportunities for small group support and feedback. In the event of a closure you would be sent; a virtual timetable, the group your child is in, expectations for virtual sessions and some initial tasks whilst teachers set meetings up. If your circumstances have changed and you do not have access to technology (Teams will work on a smart phone) if virtual learning were to be required please do let us know as soon as possible.

Regular reading impacts a child's success at school. If not addressed early the educational gap widens...



## Linford and Bradgate Phonics and Early Reading Virtual Session for Parents

As we have mentioned before, engaging in reading with your child is very beneficial to their progress. It can support with fluency, vocabulary development and their wider understanding of the world. We know that many parents worry about getting reading 'right' so in order to support you with this Mrs Hamm will be leading a virtual session for you on **Thursday 12th October at 7.30pm**. If you would like to attend please email the school office and we will send you a Microsoft Teams invite nearer the time. We would also add that we do not believe any time sharing a book with your child is wasted even if you are unsure on phonics.