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SUMMER 2 PARENT/CARER UPDATE 17.07.20

Dear Parent/Carer,

What a year! Who would have anticipated a year like 2020?! The school year was certainly not as we had hoped it would be, but I as Headteacher of Lostock Primary School, I could not be prouder.

Our children have been so resilient, so positive and so determined to continue their learning and to keep smiling. How amazing are they?! We honestly cannot wait to have them all back where they belong in September.

The staff team have been incredible. Every single member of staff (both teaching and support staff) have worked their socks off, always putting the children first and they have supported me through this very challenging period. I am so grateful for each and every one of them.

Finally, our wonderful parents/carers and family members, thank you all. The overwhelming support has been so very much appreciated. You have all been so understanding and so flexible. It really does mean a lot. Our saying, 'Lostock Family' has never been so true.

Transition and Reports
Many thanks to all of you who attended our transition sessions. It was lovely to see you all – we have missed you so much! We hope that you and your children found them useful. Reports have been distributed at these sessions. Any families unable to attend will receive their reports through the post.

Sports Person of the Year Awards
Well done to our KS1 Sports Person of the Year, Tamer Ibrahim and our KS2 Sports Person of the Year, Olivia Hurst. Thank you to you both for your hard work, commitment and dedication to PE and sport over the last few years. We are so proud of you both. Well done!

Staff Leavers
We are very sad to say goodbye to three of our much loved members of the Lostock Family.

Firstly, we have to say 'goodbye' to Miss Lynch. As you know, Miss Lynch stepped down in her role as Deputy Headteacher last year, continuing as our part time Year 5 teacher, allowing her more time to pursue her own business venture. This has been so successful; she is ready to commit to her business full time. However, very sadly, this does mean she has to leave Lostock Primary School. Miss Lynch was an incredible Deputy Headteacher and an invaluable support to me and the rest of the staff team. She has developed the curriculum so it is special and unique, particularly through the Lostock Learner approach and, of course, our Forest School provision. We will miss her very much indeed but of course wish her well. We will look forward to seeing her in September as one of our parents…

Mrs Frimu recently returned from maternity leave, but understandably is missing being a full time mummy to her beautiful daughter. Therefore, she is also leaving us today. Mrs Frimu and I began our journey at Lostock Primary School together, back in 2014. Again, we are very sad to see her go, but we fully support her decision. Liesel is a lucky little girl!

Finally, Miss Venner will be leaving us today to pursue a lifelong dream of working abroad. She has been successful in getting a teaching contract in Qatar and although again, sad to leave us here at Lostock, very excited about the future. Miss Venner will be missed but we wish her the very best.

Year 6
Thank you to our wonderful, incredibly talented, hardworking and amazing Year 6 children! They have 'aimed high' all year and have proved themselves to be outstanding role models. No challenge has been too great, as they have been leaders in school, prepared for exams that were never taken, made the very best of lifelong friends and demonstrated resilience and optimism through a global pandemic. We are extremely proud of them and wish them every success in their new schools.

Plans for September
We will be open to ALL pupils from September, with children in **Years 1-6** starting back at school on **Wednesday 2nd September. Reception transition** days will be during **week commencing Monday 7th September**, with **full time Reception provision from Monday 14th September**. We intend for school to feel as 'normal' as possible for children to enjoy their learning. However, measures will be in place to ensure the health and safety of our children, staff and community remains our number one priority. These measures (which may be subject to change depending on ongoing reviews and taking into consideration any new guidance) were summarised in last week's update.

We would ask for your ongoing support and patience regarding the new measures, particularly the staggered drop off and pick up times. This is as new to us as it is to you. A member of the Senior Leadership Team will be on hand to help at the start and end of each day. To clarify, each class has a designated start (drop off) and end (collection) time. These times were shared both in a personalised letter to each parent/carer, on the class leaflet and on the laminated coloured card (found in the report envelopes).

If you have more than one child in school, we ensured that all siblings have only one drop off and collection time, for your convenience. These were shared in the personalised letter. The class leaflet will still state the general class start and end times and therefore may differ to the times in your personalised letter. Children with siblings have been given the earliest drop off and latest collection time of each class they attend. This is to ensure no direct learning time is missed. Independent basic skills work will be set for any time before or after the official class start and end times. (For example, quiet reading, handwriting, basic maths skills etc.)

Tips for Parents and Social Stories
Please see attached with this letter, a set of tips and a social story for each class. These are, of course, optional, but we thought might be useful to read and possibly share with your children to help prepare them for their return to school in September.

Big Pictures
Big Pictures have also been sent to all parents/carers today (and have been added to the school website). This provide a useful overview of the areas of focus in the first half of the Autumn Term.

Happy Eid
This year Eid al Adha will begin in the UK on the evening of Thursday, July 30th, and come to an end on the evening of Monday, August 3rd. I would like to wish all our families taking part in the upcoming celebrations, a really wonderful time.

Until September…
I am hoping for a very uneventful summer in terms of new government guidance… However, should anything change, I will ensure you are updated as soon as we know anything.

Thank you again for everything this year. Have a wonderful summer break.

Yours faithfully,

Vicki Guest
Headteacher