

## Lambley Primary School

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### School Closed for INSET: Awesome Authors! Brilliant Books!

Please remember that school is closed on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October for INSET when we focus on developing our use of the Fischer Family Trust framework to support the teaching and learning of reading.

Our Pupil Voice committee have been sharing with me their wonderful ideas for how we can help to develop positive attitudes to reading. They are finding out their classmates favourite authors and sharing ideas to develop our classroom reading corners. In addition to the Lambley Reading Challenge, they have come up with a super idea for sharing book reviews to be in with a chance to win a book by their favourite author. I am delighted that the children are taking an active part in this important school improvement work. They really are fabulous! These ideas will all be discussed on the INSET day.

#### Start of the Day

I have been asked by a parent to send out confirmation on the start of the day routine for 'Open Doors' and Registration.

We open the school gate and external doors at 8:50am each morning to receive the children for Open Doors that allows 10 minutes settling in time before registration at 9:00am. Please arrive at school by 9:00am at the latest when we begin the morning register. The gate is closed at 9:00am to safeguard our pupils, ensuring that the school site is secure with your children safely inside the building. This tightening up of the morning routine has been an essential safeguarding step following a younger pupil making their way back out of the building after being dropped off by a parent.

If you ever arrive after 9:00am, come to the main school entrance to sign your child in. If you are running late or know you will be arriving later for some reason, please ring the school office so that we know your child's whereabouts and can make the necessary arrangements for ordering a school dinner. As a school, we believe that punctuality is important. When your child arrives on time, they have a calm and focussed start to their day and the opportunity to say hello to their friends and teacher before the register is taken.

#### sQuid- Online Payment for School Dinners

Before the Summer Holidays, our Parent's Forum requested we explore the possibility of an online payment system for school dinners. If you have a child in Y3-Y6, you will have received a letter last Friday about sQuid, our new online payment system for school dinners. This will be launched on the first Monday back after Half term getting rid of the need to process cash payments.

You will soon receive a personalised letter with your registration details. A representative from sQuid will be attending Parents' Evening this Wednesday to provide assistance to anyone who wants a helping hand. The following Tuesday Parents' Evening, I will be on hand to do the same. I promise it is very straightforward and will significantly reduce administration in the school office. Your support with this will be very much appreciated.

#### We believe that safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility.

At Lambley we are committed to keeping our children safe from harm. Vicky Dilnot, Rebecca Shardlow and Jennifer Swinburne have responsibility for safeguarding & child protection. If we have any concerns reported to us we will always take action to protect a child and inform the relevant agencies.

### **Important consultation on admission arrangements & our school pan**

We want to draw your attention to an important consultation for the 2019 admission arrangements relating to our school. There is a proposal to increase our intake pan from 22 to 25 pupils. Although we have a couple of small cohorts higher up in KS2, we are oversubscribed in most year groups and for the past two years, additional pupils have been allocated places above our pan number on entry to EYFS. This has helped to ensure that children living in catchment and those with older siblings in school are able to attend Lambley Primary School.

The Local Authority is seeking the views of parents on the proposed pan increase and admission criteria. If you want to give it consideration and make your views known, please go to the school admissions consultation 2019-20 at

[www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk)

### **Parents & Carers' Consultation Evening**

We look forward to seeing you this Wednesday or next week Tuesday for our Autumn Term consultation evenings. Your child's teacher will be based in the classroom but their will be children's work and a few stalls in the School Hall, including sQuid, Governors Forum, Lost Property and details of our autumn term extra curricular activities.

On arrival, we ask that you make your way down to the hall where there will be plenty to keep you amused while you wait for your child's teacher to collect you.

**Class Blogs-** <http://lambleyprimaryschool.org.uk/news/> To keep up with learning activities from each class, please head over to our class blogs.

## **Friends of Lambley Primary School**

### **Halloween Party**

Halloween tickets are now sold out. You should have received your printed ticket in your child's book bag by now but if you haven't, please contact one of the Friends of Lambley team or leave your name and a short message in the school reception so we can ensure you get your tickets before Friday.

You need to bring your printed ticket along with you to the party. We look forward to seeing you all on Friday in your spooky costumes!

### **Bonfire Night Stall**

We are also having a stall at the Lambley Village Bonfire event where we are planning to sell sweets, snacks, drinks and glow/ light up toys.

If anyone is able to offer half an hour of their time to help man the stall, that would be greatly appreciated. Please let one of us know or leave your name in reception and we will add you to the rota.

*Vicky Dilnot*

**Head Teacher**

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