

# Lambley Newsletter 1

## Lambley Primary School

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In this first newsletter of the year, I want to say welcome back to those of you who have been part of our school community already and welcome to our new families! It is always a busy time as we all settle back into routines and we want to do what we can to help you feel organised and informed. With this newsletter, you will find our key diary dates for the year, a reminder about parking arrangements at the Lambley Village Kitchen and a separate letter about our upcoming Reading Week and Exciting Reading competition.

### First Day of School

It is always exciting to start the new school year and welcome back pupils after the Summer break. It is also an extra special time as we welcome new pupils and new staff members to our school community and look forward to getting to know them and working with them over these coming years. We hope and trust that this is the start of an exciting and positive time for them and I know that our existing pupils and staff team will soon make them feel very welcome.

In today's assembly, in addition to welcoming our new pupils, I have spoken to the pupils about "The Lambley Way". The four aspects of 'The Lambley Way' come very naturally to our children but it is always good to remind ourselves of these expectations and why they are so important. Firstly, REACH FOR THE STARS. Secondly, SHOW RESPECT TO EVERYONE. Thirdly, TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER. Finally, LOOK AFTER THE ENVIRONMENT.

### Pupil Planners/ School Diaries

Children are spending time in their classes becoming familiar with class routines, sharing out monitor jobs, developing a class charter and agreeing on expectations. As part of this, they are being given a home-school diary to help them stay organised and to store key information. Please have a look through this with your child and I ask that you look in particular at our home-school agreement and sign to say that you have read and agreed to your part in this.

Throughout the year, we ask that you make a note of the dates and number of times your child reads to an adult at home. Each day a reading session is logged in their diary (1 per day), these contribute to our Lambley Reading Challenge. Your support with this is hugely beneficial to your child's learning and future academic success so we very much appreciate your help.

### Fundraising

We have a parents fundraising group called the Friends of Lambley. Supporting the events of our Friends of Lambley is a fabulous way to make a difference to your child's learning experiences at Lambley Primary School and in the past, fundraising has resulted in a wealth of new reading materials for pupils, a Panto trip, contributions towards the cost of the MUGA (Multi-games area), paying for our Y6 Leaver's celebration meal and funding towards the cost of our new laptops. At a time of very tight budgets, every little helps and this fundraising group has made a considerable contribution to school funds over this past year. Being involved in these activities is also a great way to feel a part of the community and to get to know other parents. Any help and support is gratefully received so please look out for opportunities to get involved.

If you shop online, you can further support your child's school by signing up to Easy Fundraising. Follow the link below for more information or to register:

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<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lambleyprimaryschool/?q=lamb&cat=cause-autosuggest>

## **Squid Accounts for School Dinners**

All pupils in Y3-Y6 who have school meals need to have an online Squid account. This is our online payment system. If your child is new to Y3 or new to our school this September then they will need to be set up with an account. If this applies to you and your child, we will be sending details out to you in the next couple of days so please look out for this letter in your child's book bag. In the time being, if your child wishes to have a school dinner then this is fine but it will mean you will have an outstanding amount to settle shortly after registering. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

## **Meet the Teacher**

You are invited to attend our Meet the Teacher session on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm. During this time, they will share with you class arrangements and expectations and be available to answer any questions you may have. The teachers will also give you a copy of their first class newsletter and details of the curriculum content for this first half of the Autumn term. If you are unable to attend, they will send these documents home with your child and you can pop in to say hello and ask them any questions at usual pick up time.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

*Vicky Dilnot*

**Head Teacher**

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