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Be Brave. Be Kind. Be In Charge of Me. Be Grateful. Be Curious. Be On The Team.



To all of our LaceyField families,

As I write this month's newsletter introduction, the sun is shining and I have just walked the whole academy which is my favourite part of being the Executive Principal. In every class there is a buzz of learning and both children and staff are smiling! We have a truly magic team here at LaceyField (I know I am biased, but it is true). We are all hopeful that when we returned from Easter break, we would find ourselves on the path to normality and, fingers crossed, it feels like we are.

Summer Term Plans

As we move towards the end of this academic year, we beginning to put plans in place to ensure our children have a more 'normal' and exciting end to the year. I have already written to you about our 'social catch-up' and here are some other events that you can expect:

- Parent consultation phone calls
- Sports day
- End of year party
- Transition events to new classes
- End of year certificate celebrations the LaceyField Awards

Although we may not be able to invite parents into these events this year, if restrictions ease and it is deemed safe then we will try to find a way to make this happen.

Next year

I know that families are always keen to find out who your child will be having in the next academic year. At LaceyField, we want to ensure that children are in the present moment and not thinking too much about the year ahead. We will announce new classes well before the end of the year, but not too soon.

Easing of restrictions

Throughout the past year, we have regularly updated risk assessment in line with government guidance and support from Wellspring Academy Trust. When it is safe, we will begin to ease risk assessment measures around the academy. When the time comes for measures to ease, I will write a letter and do a video letter to update you all with the changes. The likelihood is that we will see measures eased at LaceyField in September ready for the new academic year. This gives us a chance to hear pupil and parent views on matters such as lunch times, playtimes, Busy Bees etc.

Thank you

I have said thank you a hundred times so I know it may seem a bit watered down at this point. Since the Easter break, I have spent a lot of time reflecting on the past year which includes my first year as Executive Principal for LaceyField. It is not the year I expected, but I wouldn't want to be anywhere else. The children, families and staff have made a time that could have been very lonely in my job feel far from it. In fact, this team have been the most supportive team that I have ever worked with! My thanks are from the bottom of my heart.

I look forward to celebrating our children's achievements with all of you are we finish the year.

Take care, stay safe and keep smiling!

Emma Beveridge

#BusyBeingBrilliant

Let's take a look at who has been 'Busy Being Brillia<mark>nt</mark>' outside of scho<mark>o</mark>l.



Megan has been #BusyBeingBrilliant! Megan has been awarded her SECOND Blue Peter badge for creating a poster and writing a beautiful poem about the environment. What an amazing achievement! Well done, Megan.

Roxii has been a little fundraising superstar! Roxii loves animals and wanted to raise awareness and money for the Ark Animal Rescue at Donna Nook. Roxii walked over 10 miles and raised over £1100 - what an incredible achievement! Well done, Roxii.





Jimmy is continuing with his charitable efforts! So far Jimmy has: raised a significant amount of donations for local food banks, created wellbeing hampers for school, ran a 5k, made and sold keyrings to raise money for school and he is now working towards raising money for a local care home! Jimmy has truly been 'Busy Being Brilliant' and has been awarded 'Little Sunshine' by Morrisons Community Champions!

NSPCC Number Day

To celebrate NSPCC number day our little bees have been busy being brilliant making maths hats, which celebrate their learning.



Time for a cuppa!

Our family support workers, Mrs Cawkwell and Mrs Staples have been holding 'time for a cuppa' week this week with drop-in sessions for our parents to have a cuppa, cake and a catch up! These drop-in sessions were hugely successful with many of our parents popping in to share their views on the academy. We were blown away by the kindness from our parents! Thank you so much to all who attended. We hope to run some similar 'drop-in' style coffee mornings very soon. Watch this space... Here are some quotes from our parents about our academies:

""I have never known any other school offer family support, it's a great idea and a huge comfo<mark>rt</mark>."

"This school fee<mark>ls</mark> like our own little com<mark>m</mark>unit<mark>y..."</mark>

"Since the academy has taken over it feels completely different, it feels like the school has been taken to another level."

"...from the moment my child walks in the building until the moment he leaves I know he is loved and cared for just as I care for him at home!"

