



'Partnership in Learning'

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Dear Parents,

As always, we hope that this finds you and yours happy and healthy. It has been great to see the wonderful examples of home learning that are being sent in to the year group email addresses. Please pass on to your children how impressed I am with their creativity!

We are very conscious of the questions that you are likely to have regarding the up-coming Government announcement (due on Sunday) and the implications it may or may not have for schools. In light of this, the majority of this week's bulletin is focussed on how we will share the outcome of this once we know more.

VE Day

As you will of course be aware, tomorrow marks the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe at the end of World War 2. We hope that you and your family are able to enjoy the Bank Holiday as much as possible in the circumstances. It's such a shame that we are not altogether at such an important time!

Please take a look in the news and/or online for all the virtual celebrations and activities that are possible to take part in. We will always remember them!

Food Parcels

Our system for providing weekly food parcels for the families of those children eligible for free school meals continues to run well and it has been lovely to chat (at an appropriate distance of course) to those of you who are collecting them. Please remember to collect your parcels between **12:30pm and 13:00** each Monday.

Should your circumstances change and you become eligible for this provision, remember to contact the school on adminoffice@lymington-jun.hants.sch.uk to discuss arrangements.

Alternatively, if you require additional support in this area, the **Lymington and Pennington Food Bank** are open and may be in a position to help. Contact the school as above in the first instance and we can look in to the referral process for you.

National Update

Like you, the staff and I are waiting for the Government update on Sunday 10th May 2020 with great anticipation to discover what the road map will be for the next phase of Lockdown.

Whatever the Government announces, the staff and I will spend the beginning of next week planning our way forward. This is likely to be a very complicated process, involving a high number of inter-connected 'parts'. Rest assured that, as always, the best interests of the LJS children will be at the heart of the decision making process.

Communicating the Way Forward

Please bear in mind that we will be hearing the Government's announcements at exactly the same time you do.

It will, of course, take time to plan our next steps. As such, we will communicate our operational plan to you in the following ways:

- 1) Next week's (Friday 15th May 2020) weekly bulletin.
- 2) Second wave teacher telephone calls to families during the week beginning Monday 18th May 2020.

Please be wary of misinformation and speculation in the press and in particular on social media in the meantime. This will invariably be based on an incomplete understanding of the complexities of the situation in our school's context and only risks causing further unnecessary anxiety.

The sources of information above will be accurate, informed and as detailed as possible. Please access them and continue to encourage others to do the same.

Remote Learning

Our process for this continues to evolve as planned. The next phase (i.e. after May half term) will be influenced by the Government announcements this weekend and will form part of the information communicated as outlined above.

Please continue to visit the 'Remote Learning' section of our website and don't forget to 'scroll down to the bottom of the initial landing page as it continues a selection of resources suitable for the whole school linked to:

- Explaining the current situation to children
- 'Extension' type learning resources for those wishing to access them.

Final Reflection

They say that a picture paints a thousand words. The latest Banksy (entitled: 'Game Changer') found at Southampton General Hospital recently certainly does:



Best wishes,
Dan Twyman, Headteacher