



Laurence Jackson School's Parental Bulletin

4th March 2022

Messages from the Headteacher

COVID-19 Update: following updated guidance from the government please note that:
Weekly Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing is no longer required.

PCR Testing—since LFD testing is not recommended for symptomatic people, if your child shows symptoms, you should continue to seek a PCR test and remain away from school until you receive the result. [COVID 19 symptoms in children](#)

Self-isolation: - while you are no longer required by law to self-isolate if you have Covid-19, we ask that you advise at the earliest opportunity if your child tests positive. We also request that your child be kept at home to avoid spread in school and protect others from infection. Public health advice for [People with COVID-19 and their contacts](#) has changed and contacts are no longer required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests. To maintain continuity of provision, we have asked staff living with someone who has tested positive to continue to test daily for 7 days until we receive further education sector advice. Thank you for your support.

SEND Update: Thank you to all parents/carers of students with SEND K needs who have booked their appointments for 7.3.22. Bookings close 2pm 7.3.22. There are reviews scheduled for those with EHCPs for 21.3.22 and details will be sent to relevant parents/carers.

Term Dates for 2022-2023: please see the attached document on the class charts message for an overview of this information.

World Book Day 2022: please encourage your child to take part in the activities sent on Class Charts 3.3.22

VALT Public Speaking Competition: our trust are launching this for Y7-10. Please view this [link](#) to view a narrated PowerPoint with further information; and discuss this opportunity with your child(ren). In addition, please note these additional links to examples of speeches (these are both referred to in our narrated PowerPoint) [link 1](#) and [link 2](#)

KS3 Reading Parent-Child Focus Group : the next sequence of guidance will be sent 7.3.22 for the week ahead to those taking part via Class Charts. Sincere thanks to those continuing to support this trial.

Safeguarding Spotlight

Free Parent/Carer Workshops

The Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAHMS) have dates available for **free online workshops for parents/carers** to book on to which you may be interested in. These workshops include a new 'Sleep' session. An overview of the workshops can be found on the flyer to the right, and further details (including booking) can be found via the link [here](#)

CAMHS Training Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust

Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service
Virtual Workshops for Parents and Carers

Dates for the following online workshops in 2022 are now available to book on to.
The workshops are delivered live and free of charge via Microsoft teams for **parents and carers in Teesside.**

- Understanding Anxiety**
We will explore what may contribute to children and young people's anxiety and look at how we can build their resilience. We will also consider what help and support young people experiencing anxiety may need.
- Emotional Wellbeing**
We will introduce you to the risk and resilience framework exploring how this can be used to improve outcomes for children, young people and their families and discuss what can be done to promote healthy emotional wellbeing in children and young people.
- Understanding ADHD**
This workshop will provide an awareness of ADHD and the core symptoms that children and young people may experience. We will explore the impact ADHD can have on children, young people and their families and give an overview of the
- NEW Sleep**
This workshop will provide an understanding of sleep cycles and importance of good sleep hygiene and routine. We will look at why sleep problems may occur for young people, possible causes and look at strategies to help your child develop good sleep habits.

Visit our webpage www.TEWW.nhs.uk/CAMHSTraining for dates and details of all training we provide

To access the CAMHS parents and carers workshops, please contact: TEWW.CAMHS-Training@nhs.net
And provide the following information:

- Which workshop(s) and date you would like to access
- Your name
- The school(s) your child(ren) attend
- Which locality you live
- Email address
- Age(s) of your child(ren)

Supporting your child with conflict in the Ukraine

The current events surrounding Ukraine conflict may spark discussions or trigger upset around what is happening with your child. Please be mindful that unfiltered content search terms, such as bombing and invasion on social media such as Tik Tok, video footage being shared and a range of other posts around World War 3 may cause an emotional response in our children and young people. Childnet have released a resource to help parents/carers engage in these discussions to address these worries and concerns. Please see this [link](#) There is also a ["conversation starter" cheat sheet](#) which has been designed to help parents/carers with a simple and effective starting point to get a discussion started on this topic.



Year Group Specific Messages

7-10	National Careers Week: since next week is National Careers Week, students in Y7-10 will have access to elements of the Tees Valley CAREERS EXPO 2022. This virtual and interactive event will offer Tees Valley young people the opportunities to engage with colleges, training providers and local employers about opportunities that are available to them when they leave education. Students in Y7-9 will take part in a virtual workshop entitled 'Challenging vocational stereotypes in the world of work' whilst Y10 will take part in a workshop 'Go far – Where will the future jobs be in the Tees Valley' These will take place 9.3.22 and will happen in lesson time.
7	Please direct queries related to Year 7 to Miss Watson watsonk@laurencejackson.org Y7 Student inspiring excellence: Nancy T 'I visited Nancy's Maths Class today and was delighted to see how hard Nancy was working and how aware she was of what she needed to do.' <i>Mrs Crawford Assistant Headteacher</i>
8	Y8 Student inspiring excellence: Lewis H 'Lewis completed a PowerPoint in his spare time, to summarise our learning about the Middle East. Absolutely fantastic work ethic Lewis, you should be really proud of yourself! Keep them coming, please' <i>Miss Picken Geography</i>
9	Y9 Student inspiring excellence: Lily W 'Lily you have made a fantastic start after the holidays gaining full marks on your spelling test in Science and trying your best during an end of topic test in Maths - Well done Lily! ' <i>Mrs Bentley, LSA</i>
10	Y10 Student inspiring excellence: Lauryn K 'Great effort made substituting and rearranging the equation $E=Q \times V$, to calculate the energy transferred, charge flow and potential difference of an appliance. Lauryn was also able to complete an extension task which involved converting units and using the above equation' <i>Miss Taylor Chemistry</i>
11	Thank you to all parents/carers who attended Parents' Evening last night. We will review any feedback in due course. Y11 Students inspiring excellence: Jessie H 'Excellent focus in Business in Jessie's new business class - well done' <i>Mrs Spencer, Business, Katie A, Amelia B, Phoebe C, Katie O, Jade R, Jacobs D, Emma T, Elen W</i> 'Very well done for completing the challenging Listening home learning practice to a high level!' <i>Mrs McGrogan Spanish</i>

Celebrating Student Success

Well done to a group of Scholar Award students visited Prior Pursglove College 2.3.22 for a brilliant Engineering taster session on Electronics! It was a very informative and interactive session and all the students involved have learnt new skills and knowledge. They were a credit to the school. Thanks to staff at Prior Pursglove College for the opportunity and Ian R who delivered the session.



World Book Day Inspired Cake well done to Ryan B Y7 who has risen to the challenge of creating a cake that represents one of his favourite books 'The Diary of a Wimpy Kid' Jeff Kinney