



**When people talk, listen completely. Most people never listen.** Hemingway

**12th March 2021**

## Welcome Back!

It's been such a happy week seeing everyone back again. The children have been eased back into the routine of school, have loved seeing their friends, and have all worked really hard. We know it can't have been an easy transition, with anxieties about school work and friendships and changes to bedtime routines; but we are so proud of everyone. The resilience that has been shown time and time again over the last year has been both remarkable and humbling. Thank goodness we are all back together again! You have been extremely missed.



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**Lily suggests all sorts of games.**  
**What games are best for making friends?**

**Winning answer from Alaiyah in Red Class**  
*I would play superheroes, lots of children can join in*

**Winning answer from Henry in Yellow Class**  
*Maths games because it is fun getting it right with a friend*

**Winning answer from Dennis in Green Class**  
*The best game is hide and seek when you say 'Can I play?' that will make friends and when they are there they will smile and be so lovely with you*

## Headteacher Awards

Christopher in Foundation Stage;  
Kiera, Charlie, and Oliver in Year 3



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**CELEBRATING EACH OTHER, AND THE JOURNEY WE ARE ON**

## Letter from Aveley Lodge

*To all the pupils at St Lawrence Church of England Primary School*

We just wanted to say hello and wish you all a very happy first day back at school.

Many of you are probably a little nervous about coming back to school today after being away for so long and amongst many things, maybe you are missing your family, worrying about making friends, homework, the school day or even the safety of returning in the current lockdown.

To help you, we have put together a few words of advice and wisdom to help you settle in to your first day back:

See today as the start of something brand new and rest assured, you can handle whatever the coming weeks throw at you. Tell yourself no matter how hard it is or how hard it gets; you are going to make it. Try to understand that first day's back are the best because they are the beginnings of something great. Remember to be kind, to be brave, to be honest, to be creative, to be humble, to be thankful, to be happy and most importantly, to be you!

The past cannot be changed but things always get better with time. Think positive thoughts as they create positive things. If you make a mistake, do not worry because mistakes are proof you are trying.

Nothing is impossible, the word itself says "I'm possible"! Just work hard, dream big and never give up. Finally, just remember, you are unique, you are smart, you are talented, you are worth it, you are special, you are valued, you matter and above all, you are amazing!

We hope you have an amazing start to the new term.

With our best wishes

*All the staff & residents at Aveley Lodge Care Home*

## Recreation Ground

It is really important that your child stay with you until their class is called in in the morning, or indeed if they have missed their timeslot. Children are strictly kept in their bubbles in school and when they come to the gate in anticipation of entering, we are noticing that they are often standing very close to children from other bubbles.

Don't worry if you're late, we are always keeping our eyes peeled for children to invite in between whole classes and we will get them in when we can.

Thank you so much for your help.

## A Fruity Lesson

Orange Circles designed, made, and ate their very own fruit salads in DT this week. Delicious!



## Parent's Evening

We are aware that we would ordinarily be hosting Parent's Consultation Evening in the coming weeks. Due to the current restrictions, these will need to be outside again. We are hoping therefore to run these in May or June instead, and will weather-watch closer to the time to establish a good date.

In the meantime, we will spend these months getting to know your child and their current needs and working with them, to be able to be as informative as possible when you do meet with their class teacher.

## Year 6 Transition

Children in Year 6 now know which secondary school they have been allocated a space at. This is always a strange time of year, with both excitement and nerves in the mix, and in some cases, disappointment.

We will spend these coming weeks and months working with your child, and working with their secondary school, on their transition. We have already begun to hear from secondary schools with regards to the hand-over of information and documents, and will hold discussions about what transition will look like as they come out of what is an extremely busy time for them.

If you have any concerns, worries, or questions; or need any additional support for you or your child, please let us know. We know that the current circumstances and unknowns will be creating additional anxieties