

Dear parents and carers,

It's been really lovely welcoming back to school so many of our children this week. We have roughly 60% of pupils back in school, whilst the other 40% of children continue with their remote learning running parallel to what is happening in the three Bubbles. We have found the children who are back in school to be remarkably resilient to the changes they have encountered over lockdown, but they are clearly so happy to see one another and their teachers again.

Every Tuesday Roo spent the day with his friend Rabbit, and every Tuesday Kanga spent the day with her friend Pooh, teaching him to jump, and every Tuesday Piglet spent the day with his friend Christopher Robin. So they were all happy. ~A.A.Milne #friendship #socialbubble



We are working primarily to re-establish school routines and to allow children to gently re-calibrate to a school mind set and adjust to a school, teacher-lead timetable.

We have planned activities which aim for a balance between discursive and creative open-ended tasks based on exploring feelings and ideas, as well as some more structured activities to ease the children back into positive learning attitudes.

We have been delighted with the response this week to our re-introduction of daily home reading. It will pay off as the children's confidence and enjoyment build as they read more. Thank you so much for all your support.





We are very pleased to announce that we have been awarded The Green Flag Award as part of our Eco- Schools project. Huge thanks and congratulations to Mrs Cox, who spear-headed all the work on this .

We have been awaiting the latest Government guidance on full school re-opening, which will be from September. All children are expected to return to their usual classes, which will be treated as 'bio- secure' Bubbles with their existing staffing. This is effectively what we are currently operating, so will not feel too strange. More updates and Government Guidance are expected during August. We will confirm the position concerning before and after school clubs then.

Sadly, from September, I have to announce that I will no longer be with you. My temporary position as Associate Headteacher covering for Miss Clifton has come to an end. Miss Clifton, now Mrs Cox, has decided that as a new mum she would like to return to teaching part-time, and so has accepted a shared class teacher position at Sydenham. The AHT position at Lighthorne Heath is not being continued, but Mrs Westwood will remain in her supervisory role as EHT, and Jill Manley, Sendco will spend more days being based at Lighthorne Heath, so that there will be daily continuity of cover by Senior Leaders on site every day .

I have very much enjoyed getting to know and working with you and your children over this last academic year. It's been somewhat a roller coaster of a year, with so much happening. There have been some wonderful events, academic and social, brilliantly supported by you all. I have been so impressed with the resilience shown by the children throughout the year, and especially during school closure. Thank you for all your support throughout the year. I wish you all the very best for the future, and hope the school will continue to grow and thrive going forward.

From September, therefore, staffing in nursery/Reception will be slightly different. Mrs Hartley will continue her three teaching days, Monday- Wednesday and Mrs Manley will cover Thursday and Fridays.

Autumn Term will resume for the children on Thursday 3rd September, Wednesday 2nd being an INSET day.

With best wishes
Jacquie Birch
Associate Headteacher





Free School Meals are available without any application being necessary for all children in Key Stage 1—R, Y1, Y2. (This is a Government funded nationwide initiative).

After your child leaves KS1, so from Year 3 upwards, Free School Meals are available on application only to all who fall within the Government's financial eligibility limits. This responsibility for applying for FSM is on you, it is not a school based application.

Please check the link below, to ascertain your eligibility for assistance and how to proceed with an online application. It is a fairly simple and straight-forward procedure.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>

Receiving FSM's has other financial benefits and implications – children who receive FSM's are also allocated additional school funding – 'pupil premium' monies which come to the school – which the school can use to support their learning both generally and specifically.

I would therefore urge you to consider carefully whether you are able to apply on-line for your children as they enter Year 3. This means that any children in our current Year 2 should now be applying. Also, if you have had a change of financial circumstances, you may now be financially eligible if your child is in year groups 3 to 6.

FSM Vouchers through the COVID19 period have been available through the Edenred scheme, and will be continued over the Summer holidays for a six week period. We have been informed that the expiry dates for meals vouchers has changed. Any new vouchers received on or after 1st July will now have an expiry period of one month. Any vouchers received in June will still have a two-month expiry period. Please note that once a voucher has expired it is invalid so we urge you to redeem them as soon as possible. We have also been advised the two additional shops have been added to the scheme and these are Iceland and Company Shop Group.

Please contact Sarah Beck at beck.s@welearn365.com with any queries.

The link to Educaterers, our school meal providers, is below for you to check out their meal choices. They offer a full range of fresh, healthy, well-balanced meals cooked on site daily.

<https://educaterers.co.uk/our-menus>



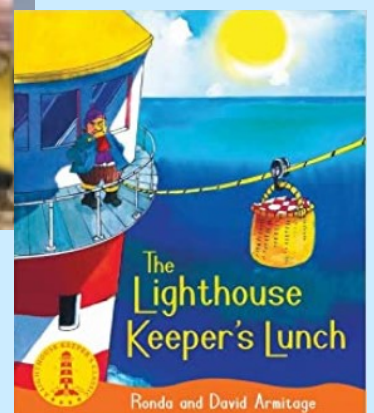
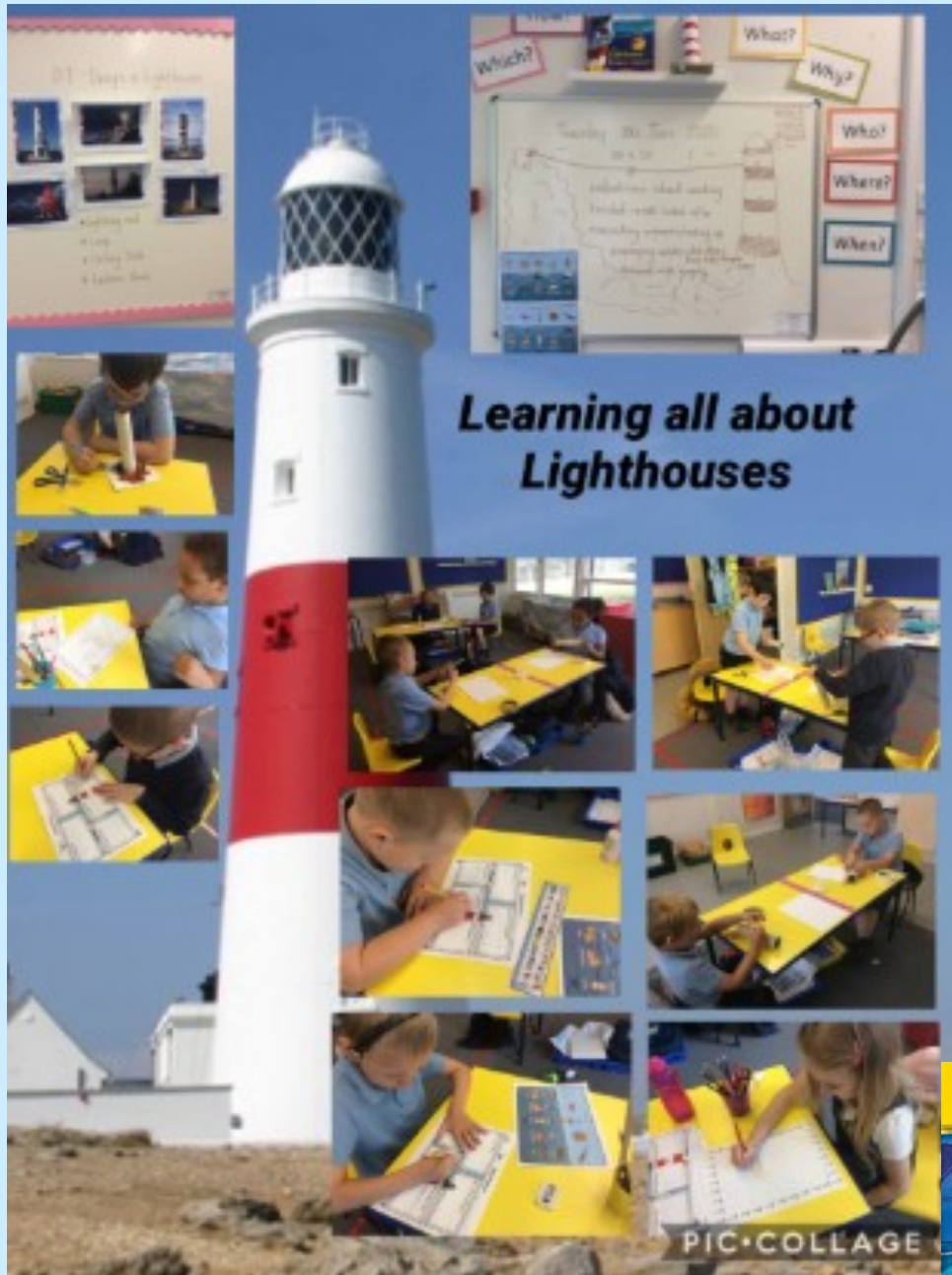
Marcus Rashford, who figured prominently in the successful campaign for FSM's to be extended this year over the summer holidays. An inspiring role model.

Bubble 1



We have been enjoying the outdoors / growing tomatoes.

Bubble 2



We have based our learning on the fantastic story 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'.

Bubble 3



LO: To use a protractor.
Monday 29th June 2020

Today we recapped what we already knew about angles and how to use a protractor. We discussed and practised how to measure a reflex angle. Then we drew angles on our desks and carefully measured them with our protractors

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Bubble 3



Tuesday 30th June 2020

LO: To use mathematical language, estimate and measure angles



Using paper plates we created an instrument to make angles. We estimated angles before checking with a protractor. We talked about the different parts of a circle and used language like radius, diameter and circumference.



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Bubble 3



Monday 29th June 2020

Today we created angle art using chalk and masking tape. It was great fun.

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Thursday 2nd July 2020



Today we made models out of cardboard boxes. Part way through the task one of the groups had to leave their box and join another group. This left some children feeling disappointed as they had worked hard on their work. We listened to the story 'On Sudden Hill' which explored relationships. It helped us to understand the emotions we have been feeling and we could see how what we did was similar to the children in the story.



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Please find attached a link to advice for parents on online safety at home.



The guidance is in the form of videos to support parents of primary aged children with;

- In game chat
- Live streaming
- Sharing images

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/presentations-for-parents/>

