

#### Celebration Awards Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Hawk	Kyan, Lexi
Eagle	Leo, Millie-Lola
Kestrel	Theo, Darren
Swift	Henry, Louie
Owl	Bella, Seth
Wagtail	Millie, Frankie
Kingfisher	Max
Robin	Thomas
Woodpecker	Louie

## **Covid Alert Level - High**

As of Midnight tonight, Essex will move to level 2 (high) on the new three tiered covid alert. Essex says the reason for this move is because the numbers of COVID-19 infection are rising, so action is needed to bring the numbers down. The earlier action can be taken the quicker the numbers can be brought under control. The aim is to 'flatten the curve' of new cases. Modelling based on analysis of the data suggests that moving into level 2 can flatten the curve and potentially mean ending restrictions earlier.

The key change is that households cannot mix together indoors, unless within a support bubble. This includes within households and other indoor venues such as restaurants and pubs. Otherwise the rules remain as they are, including the rule of 6 in outdoor spaces.

Under the COVID alert level: high, the following people can provide childcare support in private homes and gardens:

 registered childcare providers, including nannies

 people in a support bubble people in a childcare bubble A childcare bubble is where someone in one household provides informal (unpaid and unregistered) childcare to a child aged 13 or under in another household. For any given childcare bubble, this must always be between the same 2 households. Friends or family who do not live with you and are not part of a support or childcare bubble must not visit your home to help with childcare. Childcare bubbles are to be used to provide childcare only, and not for the purposes of different households mixing where they are otherwise not allowed to do so. The move for Essex into the High Local Alert Level means no change to the education system in Essex. It is of the utmost importance that all children can attend school safely, to support their wellbeing and education and it is

intended that all education settings remain fully open.

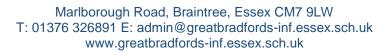
For more information, please click on the link below:

#### https://www.gov.uk/guidance/localcovid-alert-level-high.

We ask that you continue to send your child to school unless they are displaying any of the covid symptoms: **high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature.)

**new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24

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hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual.)

loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Always phone the school office to notify school of any absence. Let the office know if your child has covid symptoms and you are getting them tested. Always let us know the result of a covid test.

Remember that good hygiene rules are still very important in keeping us all safe. Handwashing still plays a key role in protecting yourself and others from coronavirus.

- Wash your hands more often
- Use soap and water for 20 seconds
- Or use hand sanitiser

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthybody/best-way-to-wash-yourhands/?utm\_medium=email&utm\_sourc e=govdelivery

### **Parent Governor**

If you would like the opportunity to join our governing board, please complete the nomination form available on our website and return to the school office by **10.00am on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020.** 

#### Keeping Children Safe Online

With a digital Halloween approaching due to COVID-19 restrictions, parents and carers are being alerted to the possibility that children may take their celebrations online this year. This could result in sharing frightening content and harmful online challenges. The Essex Safeguarding Children Board (ESCB) are running an online safety awareness campaign, sharing messages around how to have an open conversation about the online world with children. They are encouraging parents to teach online safety to younger children as they would road safety. Follow the online safety awareness campaign on Facebook @ESCBSafeguards and Twitter @EssexSafeguards. You can also access resources about online child exploitation on the ESCB website.

## **Parent/Carer Consultations**

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, teachers have been phoning parents and carers to discuss how your child has settled back in to school, the progress they are making and the areas of learning that are a current focus. Teachers will be phoning at various times up to 23<sup>rd</sup> October. As with face to face meetings these calls will last up to 10 minutes.

#### Attendance

Hawk class had the best attendance this week, 98.3%. The classes with 100% punctuality were Robin, Owl, Swift and Eagle. Well done everyone.



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## **Tidy Classroom**

Swift class has been the tidiest this week. Well done.



# **Rocket Points**

**Orange** rocket team were the winners this week with **126** smiley faces. Encourage your child to demonstrate our rocket rules and school values.

## **Punctuality**

Please adhere to the staggered drop off and pick up times. Avoid arriving too early as it means waiting around, which in turn blocks paths to classes for others. Also please do not be late as it impacts on teaching and learning in the classroom.

# **Social Distancing**

Please observe social distancing rules when coming on to school premises. Avoid stopping to chat as this blocks paths and is frustrating for parents trying to enter and exit school. Please also ensure you follow the one way systems in place around school. Walk down the drive for reception and walk up the main path to exit. Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2 enter via the gate along Marlborough Road and exit via the gate by Kestrel class and walk up the path to leave. Thank you.

# **Holiday Requests**

I know that a number of you had holidays cancelled due to covid travel restrictions and are trying to rebook. However, I must remind you that holidays will not be authorised during term time. Request for leave will only be considered for exceptional circumstances.

# School Bags

Please empty school bags regularly to check for notes home and to ensure that children are not bringing too many things in to school. We also ask that you remove any key rings and other adornments from their bags as these prevent bags from fitting in to drawers.

# **Contacting The Office**

If you have any questions or queries please contact staff by email <u>admin@gbins.co.uk</u> or phone **01376 326891.** Thank you.

### **Family Support**

Sharon is available Mon- Thursday between 7.45am-4pm. Parents/carers are welcome to email her on <u>Smccormick@lyonshall.org.uk</u>. She can also be contacted on 01376552393 or 07714621666.

Diary Dates		
26.10.20 to 30.10.20	Half Term	Week
2.11.20	Non- Pupil Day	Day
9.11.20	Applications for Reception Sept 2021 school place opens	Day
9.11.20	Applications for Year 3 Sept 2021 school place opens	Day

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16.11.20 to	Year 2 Phonics Screening Week	Week
20.11.20	Ocicening Week	
26.11.20	Flu immunisation for children in reception, Year 1 and Year 2	Day
26.11.20	Governing Board Meeting	6.00pm
9.12.20	Christmas lunch for reception, Year 1 and Year 2	
18.12.20	Break Up for Christmas	

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