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Learning Together - Achieving Excellence



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Dear Parents and Carers

Our first full week back to school has been a success. The children (and the staff!) have settled back into routines very well and we are starting to see some lovely learning going on around the school.

Thank you to all parents who took the time to attend our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings last week. Hopefully you can now all put faces to names, you have an idea about PE days and you know what types of things your children will be learning throughout this term. Of course, if you have any questions or any information that you would like your teacher to know about, please message on Dojo, and the class teacher will get back to you as soon as possible. Please do be mindful that teachers will only reply to Dojos when they are not teaching which may mean that you do not receive a reply until after the school day has ended.

#### **ARBOR**

Arbor is now working. Please can you make payments for your child's dinner arrears for last year and for the start of term. We will give you a week's grace period before we need to start asking children to bring in packed lunches until the arrears are paid. Many thanks.

#### **COLLECTION OF CHILDREN FROM THE PLAYGROUND**

For parents of year 2 – 6 who collect their children from the top playground, please can you stand back and away from the pathway leading up to the playground. We do need access to allow the classes to get to their circles so that the teachers can easily dismiss the children to you. Thank you for your co-operation.

#### **AUTUMN TERM CLUBS 2025**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Lego Club Years 3/4/5/6 15 Children Miss Phillips	Choir Club Years 3/4/5 15 Children Miss Horne	Football Club Years 1, 2 and 3 26 Children Mr Thomas		
Netball Club Year 5/6 15 Children Miss Uzzell				

If you would like your child to have a place on any of the clubs listed above, please email [clubs@larkrise.essex.sch.uk](mailto:clubs@larkrise.essex.sch.uk) stating the child's name and class and which club they would like a place on. You will be informed via Arbor if they have been allocated a place. The cut-off date for applying for clubs is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September, no more places will be allocated after this date.

**Please note that Football Club on a Wednesday is for Years 1, 2 and 3 only the first half term. After the half term holidays, football club will be available for Years 4, 5 and 6.**

### **DOGS near school premises**

If you walk your dog to school could you please be armed with 'poo bags'. We had a situation this week where a dog defecated right outside the school gates - a rather substantial amount - this was then trodden in by a child upsetting their start to the day. Please clear up after your dog.

### **FACEBOOK**

Please have a look at our Facebook page where we try to upload photos from each of the classes across the school weekly to share what we have all been up to. Please like and comment too!

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

#### **Uniform Details**

##### **AUTUMN/WINTER**

- Grey or black trousers (boys or girls) (Reception children can wear black jogging bottoms)
- Grey or black socks
- Grey or black school skirt or pinafore
- Grey or black tights or  $\frac{3}{4}$  length charcoal grey, black or white socks
- Blue shirt or blouse or blue polo shirt
- Blue jumper or cardigan with optional school logo on (which is available from One Stop School Gear)
- Plain black shoes or trainers, no logos.

##### **SUMMER**

- Grey or black shorts
- Grey or black socks
- Blue and white gingham dress with white socks
- Plain black shoes or trainers, no logos

*NB. Trousers and shorts worn in school for uniform must be appropriate uniform style material and 'cut', i.e. tailored style, **not** sportswear or fashion styles.*

Character clothing, colours other than black, blue or white and heavily branded clothing, including football shirts, are not part of our uniform.

All uniform items can be purchased from One Stop School Gear, however items of school uniform can also be purchased at local supermarkets, or high street shops, meaning they can be much more affordable for families. The logo'd uniform, especially the jumper, is a popular choice but is not compulsory.

'The Hive' has a pre-loved uniform shop. Contact our Child and Family support worker or come to a drop-in to find out what's there.

### **QUANTUM MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST**

Since 1<sup>st</sup> September Larkrise are no longer part of the Eveleigh Link Trust but are now part of the Quantum Multi-Academy Trust with the merge alongside Great Baddow High School. The CEO of QMAT is Paul Farmer and Joe Figg is now our Deputy CEO. Our correspondence will start to move from TELAT to QUANTUM over the next few weeks.

## PARKING

Can parents please be mindful of where they are parking to drop off and collect children at the start and end of the school day. We have residents and resident only parking in several places around the school and we have already received several complaints. Our neighbours have not been able to access their parking spots or their cars, and parents have been particularly rude to them. Please show some kindness and responsibility and park your car in a sensible place if you do indeed need to bring your car. Thank you for your understanding.

## DIARY DATES

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Y4 WOW Day – The Greeks
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Y2 WOW Day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	INSET Day – School closed to children
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 WOW Day – leadership skills
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	EYFS WOW Day - Autumn
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of term
Monday 27 – Friday 31 October	HALF TERM
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Return to school

## I ROCK

I Rock begins again on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September. This time we have a new band coach and he will be coaching on a Monday afternoon. If you are interested in your child joining, please do let us know or contact I Rock at [info@irockschool.com](mailto:info@irockschool.com) or phone 0330 1742655. Their website is [www.irockschool.com](http://www.irockschool.com) if you would like to find out more.

## VOLUNTEERS – Helping hands

Do you have some free time on your hands and would you like to come and help out at Larkrise? We are looking for parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles etc. who have some free time who might be able to help us out in the coming months. This could involve;

- reading with the children
- attending educational visits
- cutting and sticking work into books
- helping to make displays around the school
- running small clubs after school or at lunchtimes
- or any other skill you may have that you would like to share with the children.

If you are interested, please get in touch with Trish Hill in the office, or your child's class teacher, and we will give you some more information. Thank you!



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 -10 am	Pre-loved uniform shop open (Cash only)		Pre-loved uniform shop open (Cash only)	Pre-loved uniform shop open (Cash only)	

10 – 12am	Mel available for 1:1 conversations		Mel available for 1:1 conversations	Mel available for 1:1 conversations	
1 – 4pm	Mel available for 1:1 conversations		Mel available for 1:1 conversations	Mel available for 1:1 conversations	

**1:1 conversations** – I am always happy to talk to parents 1:1. Where possible, can you text me for 1:1 conversations so I can ensure my availability, however, if something unexpected has happened and you need to talk about it on the day, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mel Pointon, Child and Family Support Worker, will be available in 'The Hive,' our parent hub which is in the bungalow situated on the school driveway, every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday to meet with parents and carers. This is also where our pre-loved uniform is available for a small fee. Please feel free to go across on any of these days and Mel will help you out. Mel can also issue food bank vouchers should you need them. Mel can also be contacted on 079562111932.

### PHILOSOPHY FOR CHILDREN

Our 'P4C question of the week' that we'd like you and your children to discuss is this:

'Would you rather go to school or be on holiday?'

The important thing to ask is 'why?' Do let us know what you and your children discuss.

### FAMILY FRIDAYS

Parents and carers are welcome to come into school at 8.40am **every Friday**, alongside their child, to read in their classroom. We will do this **EVERY Friday** so please do come along and join in. If children see us working together, they will do so much better in their learning! Please do come in, if only for 10 minutes! Younger siblings are welcome to come too as long as you keep them close to you whilst reading. We ask you all to have left the classroom by 9am so the children can then proceed with their class learning.

### ATTENDANCE NEWS

Attendance was a reason that Larkrise did not reach the 'outstanding' grade from Ofsted last year. There are too many families who fall under the 90% attendance bracket and are so deemed to be 'persistently absent'. Children should be attending school every day. Your child can only miss school if they are too ill to attend or school have given advance permission. Can you please ensure you contact the school office to explain any absence from your child **on the day they are going to be absent before 9am**. The national attendance target is **95%** and we would really like to achieve that this year.

Reception –	90.8%
Year 1 –	87.9%
Year 2 –	81.8%
Year 3 –	94.3%
Year 4 –	94.1%
Year 5 –	91.1%
Year 6 –	99.6%

### CERTIFICATES

Class	Stars of the Week	Mathematician of the Week
Reception (EYFS)	The whole class	

Year 1	Kobe, Florence	Krishvanth
Year 2	Leo, Jasemina	Tahir
Year 3	Zara, Niamh	Oliver L
Year 4	Molly, Riyaan	Lewis
Year 5	Brooke, Sydney	Sydney
Year 6	Harley, Poppy	Alice

**Most active class on TTRS: Year 3, 66%**

### BIRTHDAYS

A very happy birthday to the following children for this week:

Riyaan, Freddie, Eliana

Many happy returns!

Have a lovely, restful weekend.

Ms Allen



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