

This week's merit certificates are awarded to;

Darwin Class - Millie & William
Curie Class - Charleigh
Attenborough Class - Leo & Bobby
Einstein Class - Arthur & Teegan
Sports Infants - Ebony
Sports Juniors - Devon

Well done everyone!



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Dates for your Diary

Monday 27th September -
Tuesday 28th September -
Wednesday 29th September -
Thursday 30th September -
Friday 1st October - Einstein Class Swimming Trip



Birthdays

No Birthdays for this coming week.

Buckminster PTFA - Please note the change of date.



BUCKMINSTER PTFA

Afternoon Tea

Wednesday 13th October, 2pm

Come along and enjoy tea, coffee and cake!

This is an opportunity to meet other parents of the school, make new friends and help plan the academic year ahead!

Letter from the Health Protection Team (Leicestershire County Council) for Parents/Carers

Dear Parents/ Carers

If your child develops **COVID-19 symptoms**, they must self-isolate immediately and **get a PCR test**, even if their symptoms are mild. This is because many people experience mild symptoms from COVID-19, but may still pass on the virus to others. The most important symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child is symptomatic, they should self-isolate at home while they **get a PCR test** and wait for the results. They must self-isolate if they test positive, from the day their symptoms started and the next 10 full days, or from the day the test was taken if they do not have symptoms and the next 10 full days. This is the law, regardless of whether they have been vaccinated. Self-isolating is important because the infection could be passed on to others, even if asymptomatic. You must stay at home for the full amount of time you are told to, because this is when the virus is most likely to be passed on to others.

There are several other symptoms linked with COVID-19 such as a runny nose, headache, sore throat, shivers and fatigue. These other symptoms may have another cause and are not on their own a reason to have a COVID-19 PCR test. If you are concerned about your symptoms, seek medical advice.

People in England who do not have the more common symptoms of COVID-19 can take part in regular testing using LFD tests. Many people already do this as part of school or workplace LFD testing programmes. All of these programmes are known as 'asymptomatic testing programmes' and can help reduce the spread of infection to others.

If you feel unwell but do not have COVID-19 symptoms, or your COVID-19 test is negative, you may still have an illness which could be passed on to other people. Many common illnesses, like the flu or the common cold, are spread from one person to another. This can happen:

- when someone infected with an illness breathes, speaks, coughs or sneezes, releasing respiratory particles which can cause infection in another person
- through surfaces and belongings which can also be contaminated when people who are infected with an illness cough or sneeze near them or if they touch them, the next person to touch that surface may then become infected

Staying at home until you feel better reduces the risk that you will pass on an illness to your friends, colleagues, and others in your community. This will help reduce the burden on our health services.

Yours faithfully
Health Protection
Leicestershire County Council

To book a PCR test:

You can order a PCR test kit to be sent to your home or book an appointment at a walk-in or drive-through test site. Book a visit to a test site to have the test today. Test sites are open 7 days a week. Order a home test kit if you cannot get to a test site.

Getting a PCR test if you have no symptoms

You can also use this service if:

- you've been in contact with someone who's tested positive
- you've been asked to get a test by a local council or someone from NHS Test and Trace
- a GP or other health professional has asked you to get a test
- you're taking part in a government pilot project
- you've been asked to get a test to confirm a positive result
- you've received an unclear result and were told to get a second test
- you need to get a test for someone you live with who has symptoms
- you're in the National Tactical Response Group

Visit <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

If you have problems or cannot use the online service, call 119. Lines are open 7am to 11pm.

To obtain LFD Test kits:

Use this service to order free packs of rapid lateral flow tests to be sent to your home:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Other ways to get rapid lateral flow tests

You might be able to:

- collect tests from a pharmacy - <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/> • From 4 October 2021, you'll need a collect code when you pick up your tests from pharmacies.
- A collect code matches your details to the test kits you collect from a pharmacy.
- collect tests from a community centre, such as a library
- get a test at a site

If you're collecting tests, you can collect 2 packs at a time (14 tests in total).

Find other ways to get rapid lateral flow tests on NHS.UK: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/>

Year 6 Eco Project

Please look out for a letter from the Year 6 children about a new enterprise project called Buckminster's Eco Wash Shop



School Council

Voting took place today and we are pleased to announce that the following children are now on the school council and will begin the important job of representing the rest of the school this year.

KS2	Teegan Ava Amelia Poppy Bonnie Molly Bobby Callum Oliver	KS1	Rupert Bella Aldo William Harriet
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Out of School Achievements - Aldo



Aldo entered an art competition last week, where he had to create a dinosaur picture using both art materials and things from nature. He had a picture of a velociraptor with bushes and details made from real plants and sticks. His family heard yesterday that Aldo won the competition and his prize is a family day out at Dino Kingdom Nottinghamshire in the October Half Term. He was very proud to have won and he worked very hard on his picture. Well done Aldo!

Aldo has also gained his 5m swimming certificates in all four strokes - we are proud of you Aldo.

Michelle - Phoebe's Mummy

Michelle (Phoebe's Mummy) is taking on the challenge of climbing Snowdon on Saturday 2nd October 2021 for the Children's and Lincolnshire Air Ambulance. The challenge involves climbing up the Pyg trail and coming down the Lamberts path. After failing her first attempt in January 10 years ago due to bad snow and sheet ice she is determined to not be beaten a second time. If you would like to support Michelle's charity please click the link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/michelle-jones162>
Good luck Michelle from all at Buckminster.



My Snowdon Challenge for Your Local Air Ambulance

Help Michelle Jones raise money to support The Air Ambulance Service

www.justgiving.com

Dates for your Diary New dates will be added in **red**.

1st October - Einstein School Swimming

7th October - Census Day - Change of Menu - see menu at the end of the Bites.

8th October - Harvest Assembly in school (children only) but we will be collecting for Grantham Foodbank

15th October - Einstein School Swimming

18th-22nd October - Half Term

25th October - Seasonal Flu Vaccinations for Year R-6

29th October - School Swimming

1st November - Individual School Photos

9th November - Parents' Evening

11th November - Parents' Evening

12th November - School Swimming

19th November - Children In Need

26th November - School Swimming

10th December - School Swimming

13th-14th December - Christmas Performances

16th December - Christmas parties

17th December - Whole School Christmas Lunch

17th December - Christmas Carol Service

17th December - School closes for Christmas

3rd January - Holiday in lieu of New Year's Day - School closed

4th January - Children back to School

14th January - School Swimming

28th January - School Swimming

11th February - School Swimming

14th-18th February - Half Term holiday.

22nd February - Parents' Evening and SN Reviews

24th February - Parents' Evening and SN Reviews

4th March - School Swimming

18th March - School Swimming

25th March - Mother's Day Assembly

1st April - School Swimming

7th April - Tempest Photography Whole Class Photographs

8th April - Easter Service

8th April - School closes for Easter

25th April - Children back to School

29th April - School Swimming

2nd May - Bank Holiday - School closed

9th May - KS2 SATS week.

13th May - School Swimming

19th-20th May - Year 6 School Camp and Twinlakes

27th May - School Swimming

30th May-3rd June - Half Term holiday

6th June - Y1 Phonics Screening week

6th-7th June - Curie Class Residential - Rand Farm

13th June - Y4 Times Tables Test week and KS1 SATS week

17th June - School Swimming

17th June - Father's Day Assembly

21st June - KS2 Sports Day

22nd-24th June - Einstein Class Residential - Bushcraft

24th June - KS1 Sports Day

1st July - School Swimming

1st July - Reports sent home

5th July - Year 6 Leaver's Day

7th July - School closes for Summer



QR code for the School Website.

LTS Catering Services Part of LTS

Census Day Menu

October 7th 2021

Sausages or
Margherita Pizza (v)

Chips or ½ Jacket Potato
Peas, Beans or Mixed Salad

Ice Cream or
Fresh Fruit Platter



Please support our

Harvest Appeal

Your donations help to provide three days of emergency food and support to local people in crisis.

We are in need of:

Milk (24-FT or powdered)
Sugar (500g)
Fruit juice (baron)
Soup
Pasta sauces
Sponge pudding (tinned)
Tomatoes (tinned)
Cereals
Rice pudding (tinned)
Tea bags/instant coffee
Instant mash potato
Rice/pasta
Tinned meat/Fish
Tinned fruit
Jam
Biscuits or snack bars



www.granthamfoodbank.org.uk

Reg. Charity Number: 1146598

