



March 1

Attendance



Article 28: Every child has the right to an education.

SCHOOL BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 8.45am FOR YR AND 8.50am FOR KS1 & KS2. The learning starts at 9am so we need the children in class and settled for then.

The whole school attendance target is 96%.

YR: 92.3%

Y1: 96.4%

Y2: 96.9%

Y3: 92.9%

Y4: 94.6%

Y5: 95.5%

Y6: 100% - fabulous! They also won a class prize on the Monopoly board in Monday's assembly!

The overall whole school attendance is 93.1%

Well done to Y1, Y2 and Y6 who have achieved our 96% target.



*Please read our Attendance Guide - the full updated Attendance Policy can be found on our website. Our aim is for every child to be in school every day - with a target of **at least 96% attendance**. Please note that holidays in term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances - we need to receive notification (by filling in the form on the website/from the School Office) two weeks prior to their absence.*

Attendance Policy Overview 2023-24

At Lyme Community Primary School, we aim to consistently work towards our goal of 100% attendance for all children. Every opportunity will be used to convey the importance of regular, punctual attendance to pupils, parents, and carers.

Our school is committed to providing the best possible quality of education to all learners. For a child to reach their full educational achievement a high level of school attendance is essential.

'Attendance is EVERYBODY'S responsibility'
It is the responsibility of all members of our school community to maintain and monitor good school attendance.

REPORT IT FIRST DAY
If your child is going to be absent from school, please report this ASAP via the school office.

Key Attendance Contact at Lyme Community Primary School

School Office: 01744 678350

Jon Lammond - Pastoral Manager

Hayley Hewitt - Education Welfare and Engagement Officer

We attend school **REGULARLY**

We attend school **PUNCTUALLY**

We attend school **READY** to learn

Absence from school **may** be authorised if it is for the following reasons:

- Illness
- Unavoidable medical appointments
- Days of religious observance
- Exceptional family circumstances

Excused Absences: Attendance Target is 95%

Attendance Ladder

Green	Yellow	Red	Outstanding
98%	96%	94%	92%
90%	88%	86%	84%
82%	80%	78%	76%
74%	72%	70%	68%
66%	64%	62%	60%
58%	56%	54%	52%
50%	48%	46%	44%
42%	40%	38%	36%
34%	32%	30%	28%
26%	24%	22%	20%
18%	16%	14%	12%
10%	8%	6%	4%
2%	0%	-2%	-4%

Number of school days missed per year

What does my child's attendance mean?

Absence from school **will not** be authorised for:

- Shopping
- Having to stay at home due to an unwell sibling or parent.
- Day trips
- Birthdays
- Holidays
- Rest days after a poor night sleep

Gates close at 9am
Class registers close at 9am – after this it is a late mark
School registers close at 9.30 am – after this it is an unauthorised absence

Our exciting Classopoly attendance game will be starting on Monday - all classes from YR to Y6 will get to move around the board if the attendance is 95% - one roll of the dice/ 96% - two rolls of the dice. There are different class prizes to be won!





Spring Term Achievers



*Every week the staff look out for those children who are just that little bit extra special in the current week to award them one of our **Achievers Certificates**. It might be for lots of effort, fantastic presentation, super learning behaviour, lovely manners, being extra helpful or just that bit more determined than the others to finish their work accurately. They might just be an outstanding all-rounder. Congratulations to this week's achievers :)*

This week's winners:

YR: The whole class for their super class assembly!

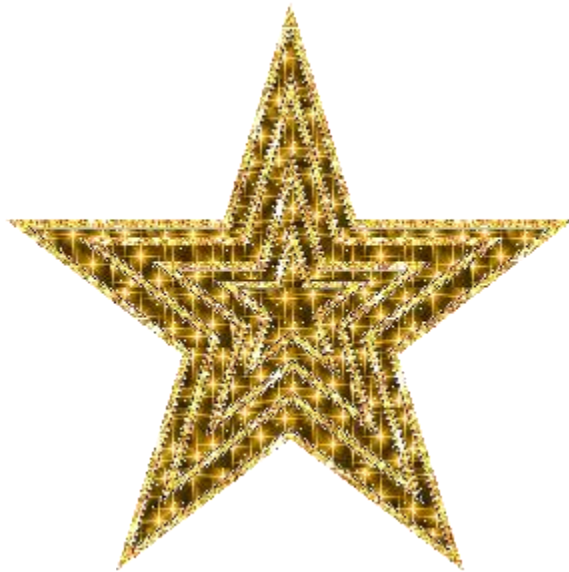
Y1: Adaline and Ava-Mae

Y2: Alex and Adrian

Y3: Reggie and Reagan

Y4: Ava and Jake

Y6: Ruby and Jake



Headteacher's Awards

Inspire
Challenge
Achieve
Nurture

*I will be awarding children across the school with a special certificate in our Celebration Assembly on a Monday who have demonstrated our school's **I CAN values - Inspire, Challenge, Achieve, Nurture**. This week the following children received the awards:*

Inspire - Bea (Y6) for always being a good role model in After School Club.

Challenge - Mia and Ada (Y2) for having a positive attitude to their maths learning.

Achieve - Alfie (Y3) for achieving well in his assessments.

Nurture - Isaac (YN) for always being kind to his friends.

- Reggie (Y1) for being supportive to others.

Updates from our Pupil Leadership groups



Our Rights- Respecting Ambassadors lead an assembly this week on Article 23: Children with disabilities.



Picture News



As a gold Rights-Respecting School, our children discuss different issues each week using Picture News.
This week's Picture News was all about the following question: How do you think World Book Day should be celebrated?

TAKEHOME



How do you think World Book Day should be celebrated?

In the news this week

Across the UK and Ireland, the charity World Book Day will be holding its annual celebration on Thursday 7th March. The day is a chance to celebrate and encourage reading in schools and homes. Children are more likely to enjoy reading when they have greater control over what they read and when there is an emphasis on fun, the charity believes. Many schools choose to recognise the day by encouraging children to dress up as their favourite book characters, bringing in their favourite books and holding other reading activities in school.

Things to talk about at home –

- Does your school recognise World Book Day? What do you do? Do you enjoy the activities?
- What other ways do you think we can encourage people to read? Do you enjoy reading? Do you think it's important for people to read more?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Reading can help us to learn more about our world. It can help us understand and respect other people's faiths, beliefs and culture and that life is not the same for everyone.

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Protected Characteristics

World Book Day aims to change lives through a love of reading and books. Young people often celebrate in school but anyone of any age can celebrate. We should never be treated unfairly because of our age.



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UN Rights of a Child



We all have the right to rest, relax, play and take part in cultural and creative activities. World Book Day can provide us with an opportunity to do this.



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PE Reminders



The children can come to school on their PE days in their PE kit: white t-shirt, red shorts, trainers. They can also wear their school jumper or cardigan when needed.

PE days

YN: Friday

YR: Tuesday

Y1: Monday and Wednesday

Y2: Monday and Wednesday

Y3: Wednesday and Thursday

Y4: Wednesday and Friday

*Y5: Tuesday - **they will also be going swimming on Monday this term***

Y6: Tuesday and Thursday

We have had a number of child wearing their own clothes on PE days - please ensure they are wearing the correct clothing - thank you.

Winning Team



The winning team this week are the Griffin team.

Music opportunities

**MUSIC SERVICE ENSEMBLES
AT ST HELENS TOWN HALL**

2023 - 24 FREE!

TUESDAY...
ROCK & POP BAND
4.30PM - 5.50PM

TUESDAY...
VOCAL GROUP
4.30PM - 5.50PM

WEDNESDAY
WIDER OPPORTUNITIES BAND
4PM - 5PM

WEDNESDAY
INTERMEDIATE WIND BAND
4PM - 5PM

WEDNESDAY
INTERMEDIATE STRINGS
4PM - 5PM

WEDNESDAY
MUSIC THEORY CLUB
4PM - 5PM

WEDNESDAY
YOUTH WIND ORCHESTRA
5.15PM - 6.30PM

WEDNESDAY
SINFONIA
5.15PM - 6.30PM

WEDNESDAY
MUSIC THEORY CLUB
5.15PM - 6.30PM

ST HELENS MUSIC SERVICE HUB
NURTURING MUSICAL CREATIVITY
PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR AT HOME

01744 677946
music.service@sthelens.gov.uk
SCAN THE QR CODE
BELOW TO JOIN AND
REGISTER TODAY

Jewellery

Please can you make sure that your child does not come to school wearing earrings, bracelets or necklaces. Thank you!

Earrings

Earrings are not permitted. If your child has recently had their ears pierced and cannot take them out, they are to wear plastic replacements (we have some in school).

Uniforms



Please can you make sure that all children are wearing the correct school uniform each day - no sports wear except on PE days.

UNIFORM

School uniform is compulsory for full-time children in school. Nursery children do not need to wear uniform. All items of clothing should be clearly named. Uniform is as follows:



- ❖ Red sweatshirt, jumper, or cardigan
 - ❖ White polo shirt (T-shirt with collar)
 - ❖ Grey skirt/trousers (**Please note:** Trousers should be the tailored type and **NOT** jeans or leggings. **Please also note:** The school colour is **GREY - NOT BLACK**).
 - ❖ Summer dresses are red gingham and shorts can be worn.
- School sweatshirts and fleeces may be purchased at any time from the office. Prices on request. School reading book bags are also available to purchase at any time, P.E. kits are available to order at certain times throughout the year.

The P.E. kit is:

- Plain white t-shirt.
- Usual school sweatshirt
- Plain black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms.
- Plain black pumps or trainers



Children may come to school in their PE kits on the days they have games or after school sports clubs.

Dates for the diary



Monday 19th February - Monday 25th March - Y4 and Y5 Hummingbird Project (in school)

Wednesday 6th March - Police visit to EY

Wednesday 13th March - Y3 class assembly at 9.15 am

Tuesday 19th March - Y5 visit to St. John's Church for 'The Easter Journey'

Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st March - Parents' Evening

Tuesday 26th March - Intra-sports competition (PE kits for ALL classes)

We will also be having several Easter events - please see below.

YR Mother's day assembly



Thank you to Miss. Mee and the YR team for the lovely class assembly this afternoon. The children shared what makes their mums/grandmas/nans special and then sang a song - and used Makaton.

Easter events



Our Student Council and PTA have organised a number of events:

Monday 18th March - Thursday 28th March

Easter raffle tickets on sale - class prizes

Friday 22nd March

Own Clothes Day - donations of Easter eggs please!

Wednesday 27th March

9.15 am: YN and YR Easter Bonnet Parade

KS1/2 Easter craft afternoon - separate letters will be sent out

Doors open at 5.30 pm - eyes down at 6 pm: Easter Bingo

World Book Day



What a fabulous World Book Day we have had! The children enjoyed an assembly led by Mrs. Reid and the Reading Ambassadors and prizes were awarded to creative designs in the character potato competition and for the best recycled costumes.











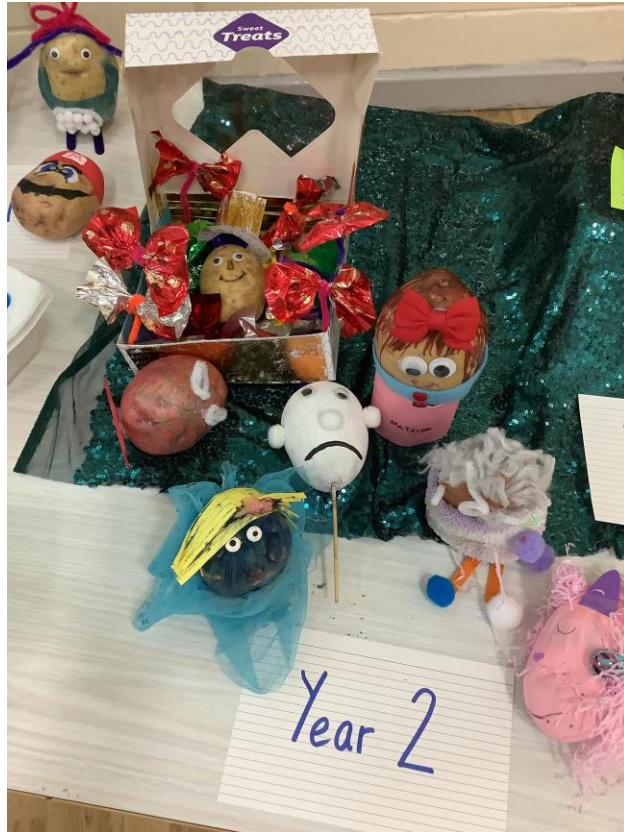






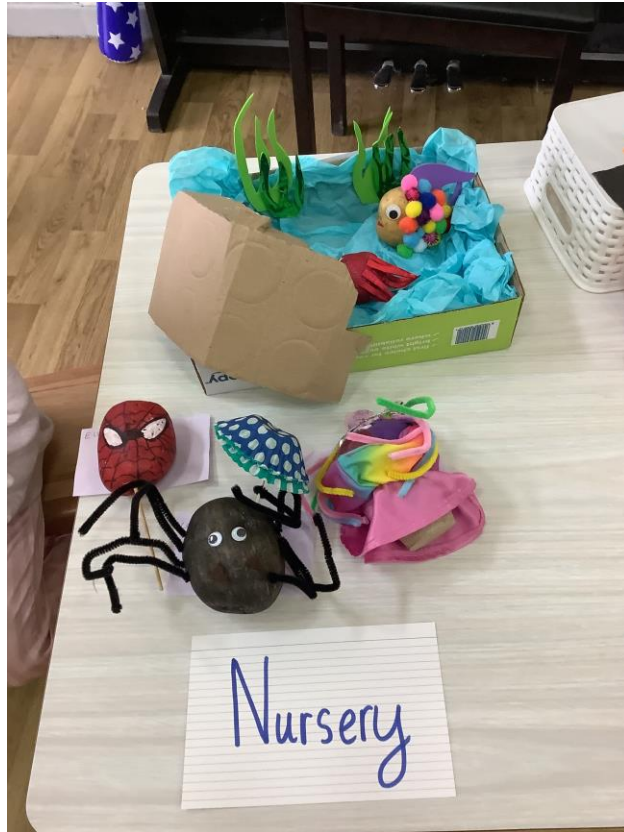










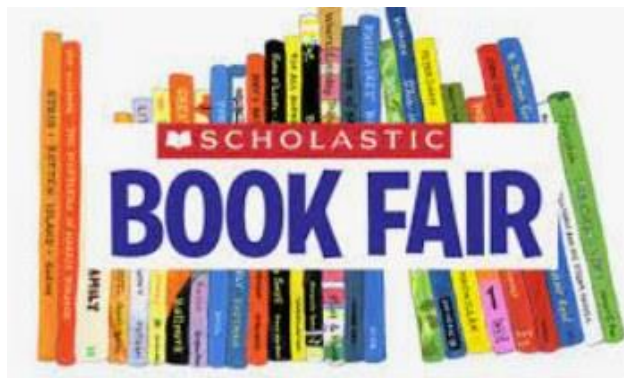








*Scholastic Books Fair will be running after school from **Thursday 21st March until Wednesday 27th March**. Come along and buy a book - all funds raised are used to choose additional reading materials for school.*



Class assemblies



Come along and see your child's class assembly and find out what they have been learning:

Y1 - The Seasons - Wednesday 22nd May at 2.30 pm

Y2 - Musical showcase - Tuesday 9th July - time TBC

Y3 - The Romans - Wednesday 13th March at 9.15 am

Y4 - The Ancient Egyptians - Wednesday 22nd May at 9.15 am

Y5 - Ancient Greece - date TBC in July

Y6 - Summer production - date TBC

SEND workshop

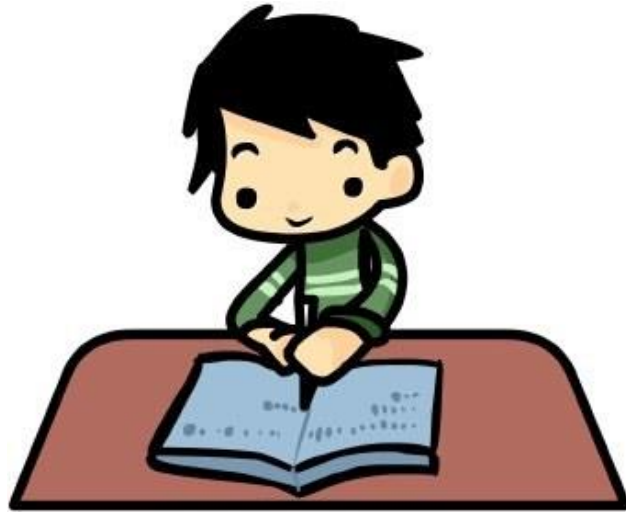


*Miss. Burns has organised a parent workshop on **Supporting Children with SEN: Sensory Needs and SEND and The Local Offer / Graduated Approach** for **Wednesday 20th March at 2.30 pm** in The Hub.*

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE.

Please let us know if you would like to come: <https://forms.office.com/e/9EakRuQjnU>

Home learning



Thank you to all families who are supporting their children with their home learning activities and reading - it really does make a big difference to their achievement in school.

Miss. Evans is running a home learning club at break time on a Friday for children in KS2 to complete theirs if they haven't done so at home.

TT Rockstars



Well done to those children who are regularly using TT Rockstars!! Miss. Evans will be awarding one prize per class for the most improved score (the most coins earned) between now and the end of term.

Wraparound childcare

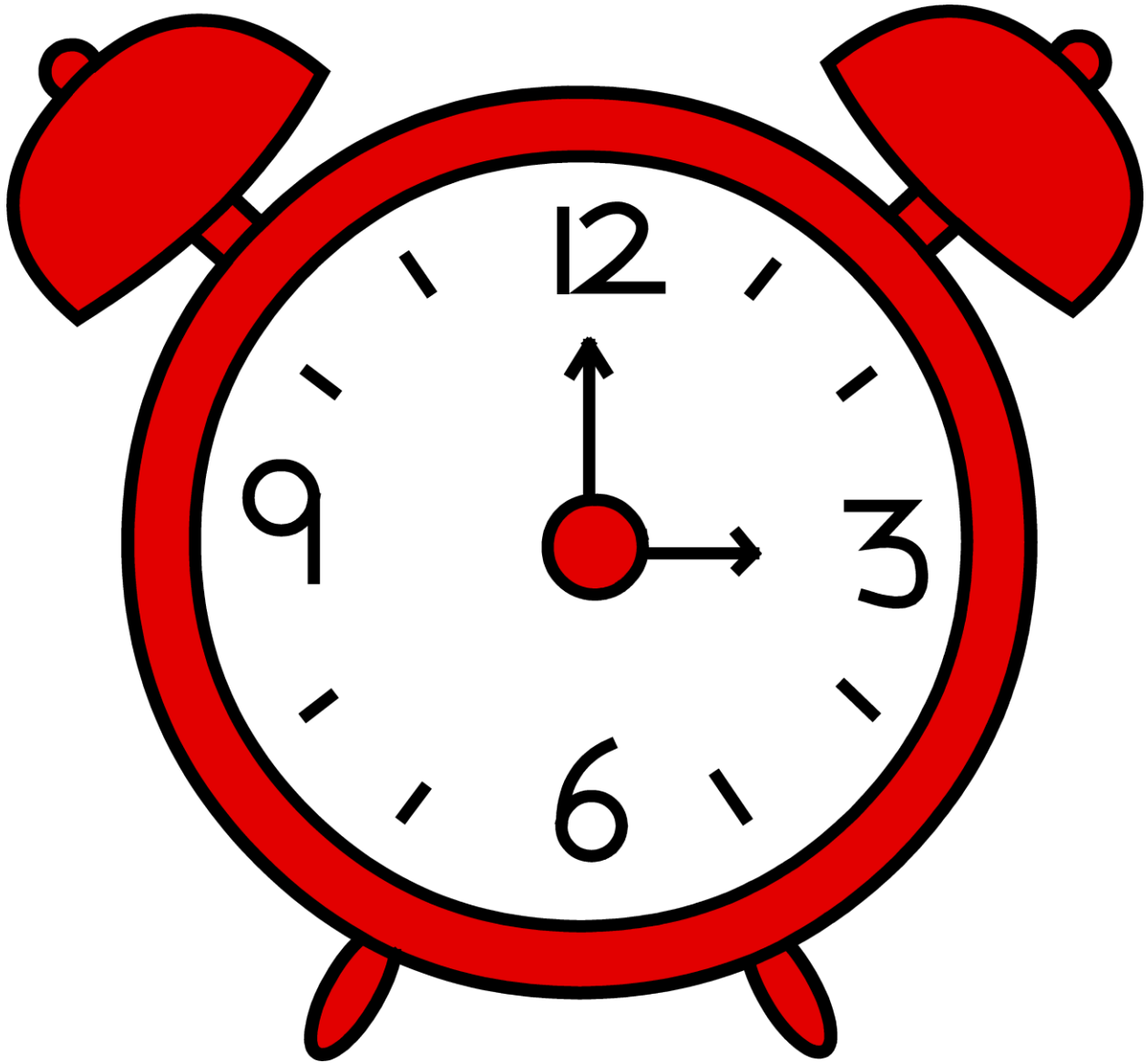


St. Helens Local Authority would like to find out your views about wraparound care:

We are looking to discover parents needs, experience and views of wraparound childcare. If you're a parent living in the borough who can tell us more, please complete our quick survey!

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/4ULD6H/>

After school activities



*Mondays (3.20-4.20 pm) - **Fitness** (YN and YR)*

*Tuesdays (3.20-4.20 pm) - **Basketball** (Y5 and 6)*

*Wednesdays (3.20-4.20 pm) - **Tag rugby** (Y3 and 4)*

*Wednesdays (3.20-4 pm) - **Book Club** (YR) - Mrs. Reid has sent letters out*

*Thursdays (3.20-4.20 pm) - **Multi sports** (Y1 and 2)*

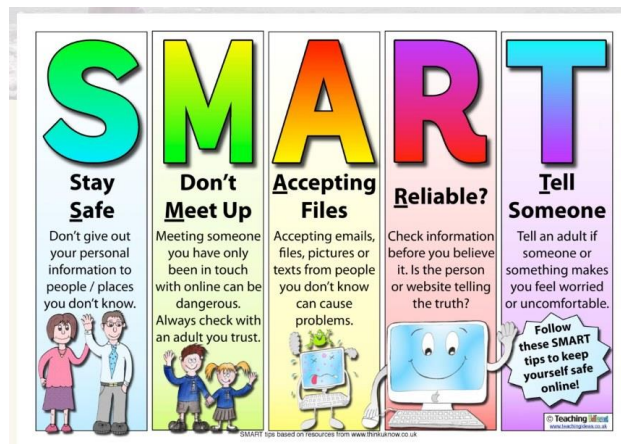
*Friday - (3.20-4.30 pm) - **Brass Band** - Mr. Chadwick (KS2)*

The above sports clubs will start this Monday - the 26th February.

Please pay for all clubs on School Money - £12.50 per half term.

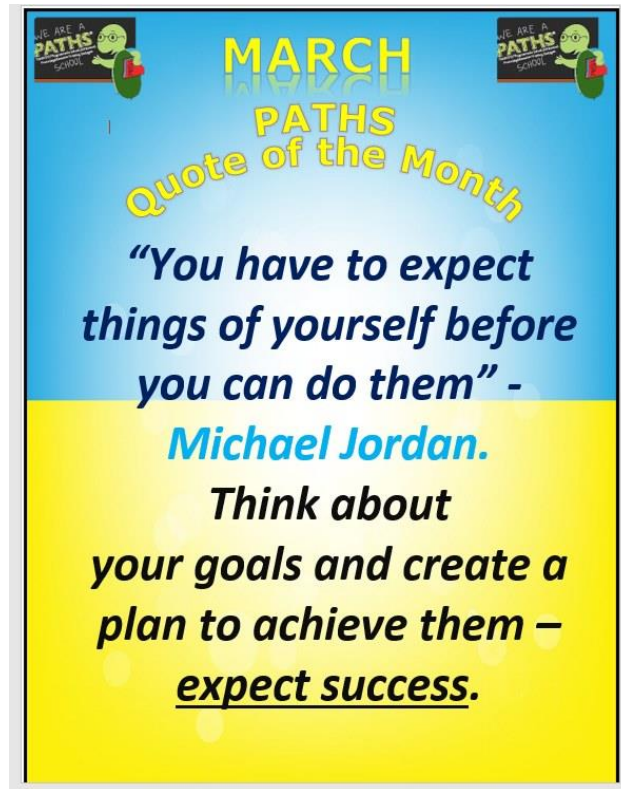
Online Safety

Please see <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/young-people/resources-for-3-11s> for support at home with online safety.



PATHS - quote of the month

Using PATHS (Promoting Alternate Thinking Strategies) across school is helping to teach our children about their feelings and how to manage them. This month the focus is about giving each other compliments.



Twitter/ X



Lyme now has a Twitter/ X account! We will be posting photos about our school day on there so please follow us @SchoolLyme .

Polite reminders

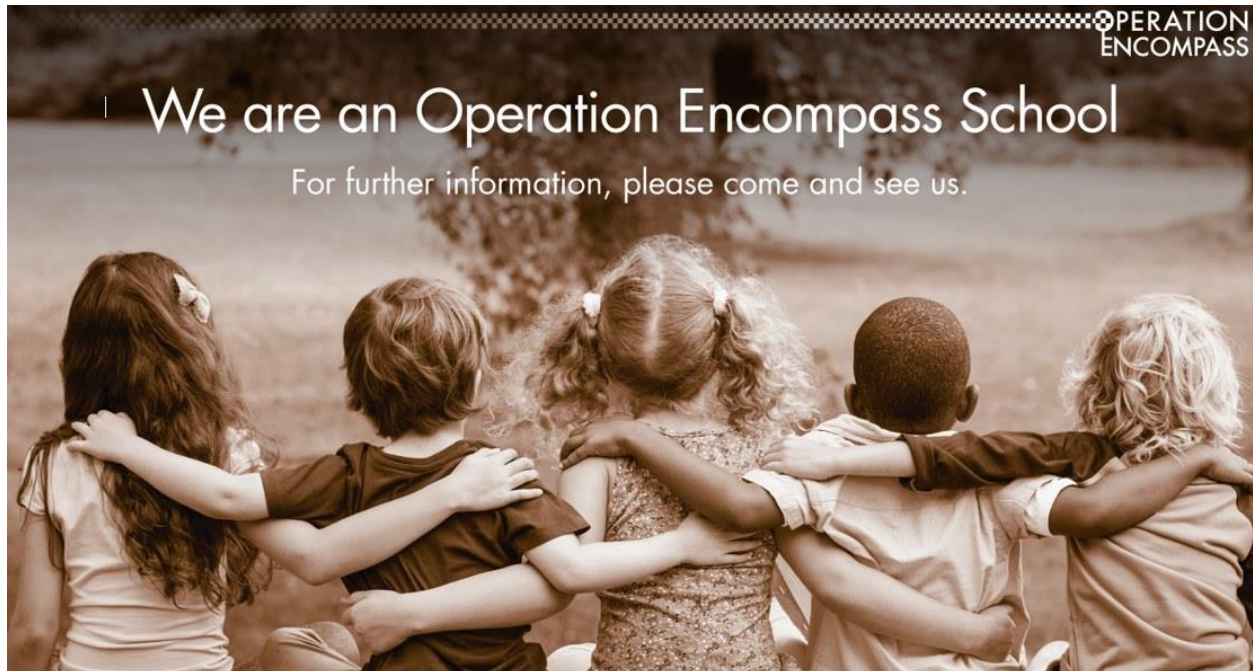


Just a reminder that children under the age of 16 cannot pick up children from school or ASC. If it is a different adult than usual picking your child up from school, please can you let school know.

Can parents/carers collecting children from the KS1 playground please move off the playground once they have collected their so that the KS2 staff can bring their classes to the gate - children are only to be collected once the teacher has dismissed them, not be taken out of the line before the KS2 gate.

Thank you.

Operation Encompass



Our school is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse.

As a school we have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Lammond have received training around this, please speak to them for more information, advice or support.



Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces.

Children who live in homes where there is domestic abuse, or who experience domestic abuse in their own teenage relationships, can be negatively impacted by this experience.

Children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right.

We have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care.

Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident.

This information means that we can understand a child's behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want.

We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this.

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Community events





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EASTER EGGS WANTED

Our Easter Bunny is currently in need of some Easter eggs to help less fortunate families in St.Helens.

Donations can be dropped of at the following donation points:

- Teardrops Hub, 110 Crab Street, St.Helens, WA10 2DJ
Monday - Friday (9:30am - 4pm) and Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings (6:30pm till 8:30pm)
- Tesco, St.Helens Linkway Store (Katie's Project Trolley)
- Mellor and Black Enchanted Tea Gardens, 22 Duke Street, WA10 2JP

THANK YOU!

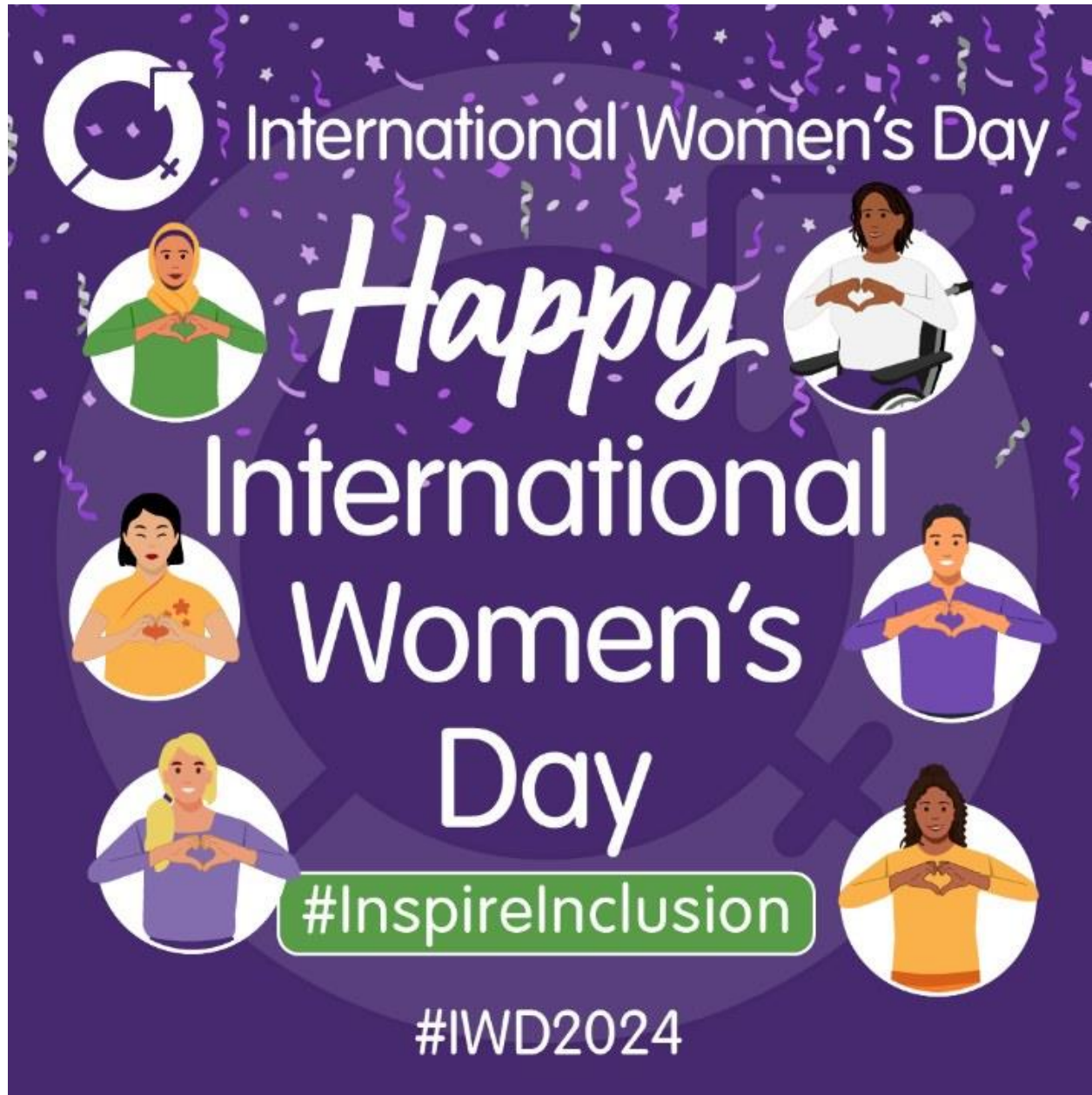
Parents' Evening



*We have set up the booking form online to choose a date and time to come and have a chat with your child's class teacher at Parents' Evening. **Appointments are available on Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st March from 3.30 pm-6 pm.** We look forward to seeing you to have the opportunity to share your child's progress this term.*

Our Catering Team will be serving items from our school dinner menu between 3.30 and 5.15 pm - please join us in the hall to try something!

And finally...



Today was International Women's Day - thank you to all the amazing staff who work at Lyme and support the children so well.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Roberts

