



WEEKLY UPDATE – 9th OCTOBER 2020

Dear Parent/Carers

Welcome to another weekly update. I hope you are finding them informative.

Non-Uniform day – On the last day of this half term, **Friday 16th October**, we will have a non-uniform day. Your child can choose to wear their own clothing but please make sure they are dressed warmly and for the weather. Even though the school heating is switched on, please remember our windows/doors are open during the day so children need to be dressed warmly (lots of layers).

Emails – Please remember to check your emails frequently as we will not be sending out paper letters going forward. We do send you a text reminder if something very urgent has been sent to you, but we will not send a text every time we send something to you by email. This update will always be sent every Friday during term time.

Carparking – A huge thank you to all the parents/carers who are helping to keep our pupils safe by not driving down Claydon Road and either walking or finding parking elsewhere. There are a few driving down to the gates to turn around or even to try and park. This area has been coned off so there is NO SPACE. Please help us to keep everyone safe by not driving into this area.

Discovery Live Event for Parents – The next Microsoft Teams LIVE Event for parents is 7.00pm-8.00pm on Wednesday 14th October 2020 and will consist of both a presentation led by Jo Stone and David Briggs followed by a Q&A for parents, (The Role of IT in Today's Learning Environment). If you are unable to attend, the session will be recorded, and the link will be provided by your school.

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NDVjNDM5ODgtOTY4Ny00ZTVlTlRk0NzgtNGQzMWM1MzQ3NGM3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%22a9f3c5ed-5897-40fa-8267-6e3abc001a34%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%228abc124d-91cd-4f73-bec6-1564c754bbd2%22%2c%22isBroadcastMeeting%22%3a%22true%7d

Further details and instructions how to access this have been added to our website, under the section Letters to Parents, Discovery Live Events.

School Nurse – Please find below the link for the 5-11 parent/carer Healthy Together video. This video explains the services offered by Healthy Together. <http://bit.ly/HTparentvideo>

Reading Books – Although we are asking you not to send your child in with any bags other than lunch, PE and a water bottle, it is important that you return any reading books you have at home. Class teachers have boxes for the children to return their books. All books returned are quarantined before being used again.

Secondary admissions – If your child is due to start secondary school next year and you would like help with your application or have any questions, we are holding a help clinic hosted by a member of the Admissions Team from Leicester City Council. This will take place on Tuesday 13th October between 2pm – 4pm at





Merrydale Junior School. If you would like to attend please call the school office and we will be happy to book you an appointment slot.

Pastoral reminder – Pastoral Services are available for all families. If you have any questions about the school, your child’s class, behaviour or anything else you can contact the school office to speak with Mrs O’Connor, Family Support Worker or Clair Munton, Pastoral Officer by calling 0116 276 7708 or sending an email to office@dsatmerrydale.org.

Hoodies – If you have ordered a school hoodie via ParentPay, they are on the way to us and will be sent home with your child as soon as they arrive. We do apologise for the delay; the first order was larger than expected and is taking just slightly longer to prepare. If you would like to order a hoodie, the option is on ParentPay, please remember to add your child’s size option in the notes section of your order. Thank you.

Devices – London Grid for Learning (LGFL) and are now able to offer families from our Discovery Trust partnership the opportunity to buy devices at a reduced cost, to help support learning at home and in school. Information regarding this was sent out to you in a separate email but if you need further information please contact our School Office Team on 0116 276 7708 or office@dsatmerrydale.org.

ParentPay

Reminders have been sent out to all Parents that have not registered their ParentPay account for their child. If you need further instructions, please contact us today. All Parents MUST register their child’s account as this is how we obtaining various consents and permissions from you as well as being the only method of payment for dinners, clubs, trips, swimming and anything else that may be planned by our school.

Flu Immunisations – **IMPORTANT, IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED THIS ALREADY, PLEASE DO THIS ASAP**

Some Parents have still not completed the Flu Immunisations Online Form. It is important that you complete this even if you do not wish for your child to have the immunisation. The link is below; please contact the school office if you have problems with this. Please respond to your invitation for the vaccine by completing the consent form that has been sent from school, so your family can be better protected this winter.

To be given the vaccination in school you need to complete an ONLINE consent form by visiting:

www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu

You will need a code for your child's school. For Merrydale Junior School the code is LE143244

If you want to opt for the flu injection, please complete the consent form as normal. On the consent page, select 'No' to the nasal flu and you will be given the option of the flu injection.

Top tip: Ensure that the email addresses match and that there are no spaces or punctuation before or after the email address and the school code.

You will need to fully complete the consent form as soon as possible after receiving this letter.

If you are unable to complete this online, please ring us to complete this over the phone on 0300 300 0007 (select option 1 then option 4).

PE DAYS -

Date	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Week Commencing 12 th October 2020	Monday & Wednesday	Tuesday & Wednesday	Thursday & Friday	Tuesday & Thursday





Class email addresses – These should only be used if classes are isolating and pupils need to contact teachers during “lockdown”. General emails should be sent via office@dsatmerrydale.org

Email addresses are class name followed by @dsatmerrydale.org

3AD - 3ad@dsatmerrydale.org, 3EB – 3eb@dsatmerrydale.org, 3LS – 3ls@dsatmerrydale.org

4CW – 4cw@dsatmerrydale.org, 4FM - 4fm@dsatmerrydale.org, 4KR - 4kr@dsatmerrydale.org

5HH - 5hh@dsatmerrydale.org, 5LD - 5ld@dsatmerrydale.org, 5TB - 5tb@dsatmerrydale.org

6AV - 6av@dsatmerrydale.org, 6LR - 6lr@dsatmerrydale.org, 6ML - 6ml@dsatmerrydale.org

Attendance - If your child is fit and healthy, they must attend school as normal. If they are unwell you must follow usual attendance procedures by calling the school office on 0116 276 7708 by 9.15am each day your child is ill, giving the reason for the absence.

If your child is unwell with any Covid type symptoms, please do not send them to school and call the school office for advice. A quick reference guide for Coronavirus related absences is on our website.

If your child has any symptoms of Coronavirus or you have any questions that you would like to ask us regarding this, please send all queries to covid@dsatmerrydale.org This inbox will be checked regularly, including out of hours.

If your child has normal cold symptoms like runny/blocked noses etc. we would urge that your child attends school. If you are unsure you can call the school office on 0116 276 7708 for advice.

SCHOOL MEALS COST £2.30 PER DAY; THIS SHOULD BE PAID ON PARENTPAY BEFORE THE MEAL IS TAKEN

	Monday 12 th October	Tuesday 13 th October	Wednesday 14 th October	Thursday 15 th October	Friday 16 th October
RED (Meat Option)	Farm assured pork sausages & gravy Creamed mashed potatoes, Carrot batons & Peas	Pizza with chicken & red peppers Pasta twists Sweetcorn Creamy coleslaw	Organic lamb lasagne Salad bar selection Creamy coleslaw	Roast turkey served with sage & onion stuffing & gravy Roast potatoes Seasonal vegetable medley	Fish fingers served with tomato ketchup Chips Baked beans Peas
BLUE (Halal Option)	Chicken Sausages Creamed mashed potatoes, Carrot batons & Peas	Pizza with chicken & red peppers Pasta twists Sweetcorn Creamy coleslaw	Organic lamb lasagne Salad bar selection Creamy coleslaw	Roast Chicken served with sage & onion stuffing & gravy Roast potatoes Seasonal vegetable medley	Fish fingers served with tomato ketchup Chips Baked beans Peas
GREEN (Vegetarian Option)	Vegetable Chilli Fajita New potatoes Carrot batons Peas	Margherita pizza Pasta twists Sweetcorn Creamy coleslaw	Vegetarian cottage pie Seasonal vegetable medley	Homemade vegetable bites Pasta shapes in tomato sauce Seasonal vegetable medley	Vegetarian Sausage Chips Baked beans Peas
Dessert	Biscuit/Cake/Fruit -ALL WEEK				





School Office – As there is no entry or exit to parents/carers or pupils via reception, if you need to speak a member the office, please call 0116 276 7708 or email office@dsatmerrydale.org to make an appointment first. We will also be in the playground every morning to answer any questions.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely

C Mugglestone, Head Teacher

Discovery Schools Academy Trust Laptop Donation Scheme for Schools in Leicester and Leicestershire



Back in May, we asked for your support and we had many kind individuals, families and businesses donate devices to our schools. Unfortunately, we still need additional devices. If you are willing to donate your redundant laptops or tablets that are less than 5 years old, then we would love to hear from you.

As a Trust we want to be pro-active for our pupils by helping to provide devices for children that need them the most and who for numerous reasons cannot acquire one.

WE WOULD LIKE YOUR HELP AGAIN!

You will be helping to empower a child, or families with children and you will be supporting them to improve their learning at home.

PLEASE HELP, DONATE TODAY!

To ensure donated devices are safe for our pupils in the Trust, our Technical Support Team will clean, regenerate and upgrade these laptops into purposeful learning equipment.

Please bring your old laptops or tablet devices to the school office if your child attends this school or if you are a business who would like to donate then please contact:

Jo Stone via this email address: jstone@discoveryschoolstrust.org.uk and we will arrange a safe collection date and time.

Thank you for your support.

Additional contact information

Website: <https://www.discoverytrust.org>

