



September 2020

Letter from Miss Humphries to Hummingbirds: Preparing for Week 2 Onwards

Hello Everyone!

I hope you are all well and have enjoyed a lovely Summer. The children were a pleasure to meet on Friday when they came up to Hummingbird Class and all looked very at home (and grown-up!) in their new classroom.

Key Stage 1 is made up of both Year 1 and Year 2. This table provides staffing information for each of our Key Stage 1 classes:

Class	Teacher(s)	Teaching Assistant(s)
1NS – Owls	Miss Salisbury	Mrs Yorukoglu & Mrs Castle
1/2LP - Dragonflies	Miss Pryke	Miss Butcher & Miss Inselin (Fred)
1TRCB - Robins	Mrs Rubio & Mrs Battye	Mrs Wichall, Mrs Bugg, Mrs Batten & Mrs Bowles
2HFBL - Kingfishers	Mrs Feeny & Mrs Leaver	Mrs Smith
2KH - Hummingbirds	Miss Humphries	Mrs Croft

Please refer to the previously emailed letter from Mrs Mayes for more information about the return to school. Here are a few reminders and additional class information to help us all have a smooth start:

Timings & Dropping Off/Picking Up Arrangements

The children need to line up on the KS1 playground at 8.50am and then they will be escorted into school by class staff. When you see a KS1 member of staff on the playground at the front of the class lines, please allow your child to independently join their class line and refrain from gathering around the playground. Instead we would appreciate your support with saying goodbye to your child at the gates to the KS1 playground.

The school day will finish at 3.15pm as usual Monday-Thursday, and 1.35pm on a Friday. The children will be seen out by a member of staff through the classroom door which is at the front of the school building. You will need to enter via the gate leading into the KS2 playground and walk around the corner to the class door. Once you have collected your child from a member of staff you will then need to turn around and exit back through the gate from the KS2 playground. We would appreciate your support in trying to remain as socially distanced as possible when collecting your child from school. When collecting your child, please make yourself known to staff to help us see them out safely and efficiently. Please ensure that staff are informed of any changes to who usually picks your child up from school.

Clothing

Full school uniform will be required for September. Please label all clothes with your child's name as we will not be able to keep large amounts of lost property.

Our school specific uniform (with the school logo) is available to purchase online through our supplier: <https://www.yourschooluniform.com/schools/index/lethbridge-primary-school-44489>, but logo free white polo shirts and navy sweatshirts are also acceptable.

Uniform should consist of:

- Polo shirt - White, long or short sleeves
- Sweatshirts/cardigans - Navy
- Trousers/skirts/shorts/pinafore - Black
- Shoes - Black, sensible flat heels
- Summer dresses - Blue/white checked

PE kit should consist of (and be worn to school all day on a **Tuesday**):

- Jogging bottoms, leggings/shorts (dependant on weather/time of year) in plain colour, i.e. Navy, black or grey
- PE T-shirt - White
- Tracksuit top or sweatshirt - Plain navy, black or grey
- Plimsolls or trainers (Plimsolls or trainers should be worn all day on a **Tuesday** - children do not need to bring school shoes as well.

Water Bottles

Named water bottles must be provided for each child as we cannot use school cups from now on. We will send home water bottles every day. Please wash the bottle immediately when it enters your home.

Packed Lunches

If your child is bringing a packed lunch to school, it must be in a plastic lunchbox or wipeable lunchbox so that it can be wiped down. Also, please try to ensure your child can open their own lunch box and items inside as we will need to try and reduce the close contact between children and staff where we can. Please wash the lunch box immediately when it enters your home.

School Lunches

School lunches through our catering company, Aspens, will be available as usual with a hot and cold menu choice. You will order these in the usual way.

Pupils entitled to a benefits based Free School meal or in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 entitled to a Universal Infant Free School meal will be provided with lunch for free, but they will still need to order this lunch for this meal to be prepared.

Bags

To reduce the activity in cloakroom areas we are asking that children only bring in their named lunch box, water bottle, coat and a small book bag for their reading book and homework folder. Please do not bring in anything else from home.

Medication

Please ensure that your child brings any allergy medication and asthma inhalers from the very first day they are back in school. These must be named and with the original labels and instructions.

Topic

Our first topic of the year will centre around the popular 'Percy The Park Keeper' stories written by Nick Butterworth. We will use these stories as stimulus for our geographical cross-curricular learning about our local area, including discovering more about various woodland animals.

We will then progress onto exploring 'Top Toys' in Term 2 as an exciting lead up to Christmas whilst giving the children the opportunity to also learn about toys in the past. Please visit our redesigned

school website to find out further information about this term's topic by viewing our topic web on our Key Stage One Class Pages. These can be found by following this link <https://lethbridgeschool.org.uk/> Then navigate to 'Children+' and select 'Class Pages' from the drop-down menu.

Phonics & Reading Books

Phonics is taught daily in discrete sessions within each class. In addition to continuing to use the 'Story Time Phonics' programme to enhance our phonic teaching, the children will also be supported with learning to read common exception words and specific spelling rules appropriate to their year group. Guidance for these can be viewed by visiting our 'Class Pages' on our school website and selecting the link entitled 'Spelling Guidance.' You will also be able to find a useful 'Grammar Passport' on these pages, and you can find further information about our English curriculum by navigating to 'Parents+' and selecting 'Curriculum' from the drop-down menu on our website.

Each child will be given a reading record and reading book, which will go home every day and will need to be brought to school every day. It is expected that children will be supported with reading at home as regularly as possible and this does form part of your child's 'homework.' Please sign their reading record when you hear them read, so they can work towards their reading awards. The children receive recognition for 25, 75, 125 etc reads through a sticker and a chat with Mrs Mayes, Mrs Harmer and Ms Short. The children are rewarded with a prize at 50, 100, 150 etc reads.

We have made several changes to the organisation of our reading books and the system in which we will be allocating/changing reading books. We will provide you with further information regarding these changes tomorrow when your child will take home their reading record and reading book.

Homework Expectations

In addition to reading regularly at home, we expect all Year 2 children to complete weekly spelling homework. These spellings will reinforce the phonics and spelling patterns that they have focused upon at school. They will be sent home on a Friday in their homework folder for the children to practise on a 'Look, Cover Write, Check' sheet. The children will be given a spelling quiz on the following Wednesday, which is when we would like the homework folders returned. Please note that we will be giving weekly spelling homework from **Friday 18th September** onwards.

Please note that Year 2 children will also be given weekly Maths homework in their homework folder from **Friday 18th September** onwards. This should be returned to school in their homework folder by the following Wednesday.

Children will soon be able to access Purple Mash and Espresso online from home (more details to follow).

Contacting School and Teachers

We look forward to speaking to you for a home/school catch-up in Week 3 (more details to follow). In the meantime and for future reference, if you need to contact school or your child's teacher, then please telephone 01793 535033 or email the school office on admin@lethbridgeprimary.co.uk.

I look forward to meeting you all soon and welcoming your child into 2.

Best wishes,

Miss Humphries ☐

