




NEWSLETTER

18.06.2021

Attendance last week (period 02.09.21-11.06.21)	93.6%
Attendance this week (period 02.09.21-18.06.21)	94.2% 

Reception	93.3%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	97.6%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	97.5%
Year 5	91.7%
Year 6	95.0%

Our school target is 96%

Every minute counts!

If pupils arrive late to school every day, their learning begins to suffer. Below is a graph showing how being late to school every day over a school year adds up to lost learning time.

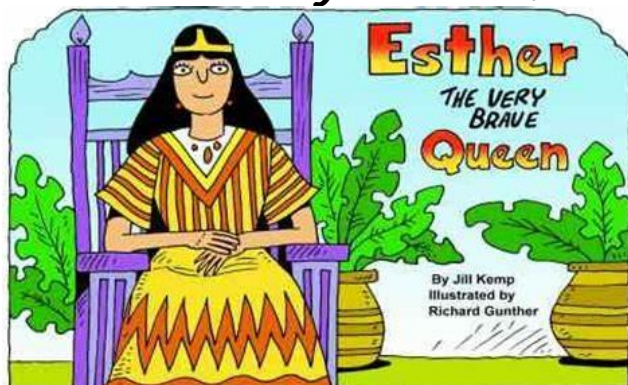


This week's



I wonder what you think is hardest about doing the right thing is?

Assembly focus this week: *Esther the very brave Queen*



ESTHER the very brave Queen

Print Free: www.lambsongs.co.nz

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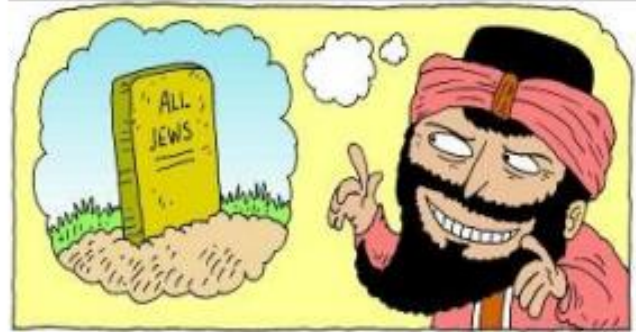
Long ago, in the land of Persia, lived a young queen called Esther. She was beautiful and wise, but she was also a Jew.



Some people in the kingdom of Persia wanted to kill Jews. One of these people was a man called Haman.



Some people in the kingdom of Persia wanted to kill all the Jews. One of these people was a man called Haman.



Haman thought up a clever plan. He would trick the king into making a law commanding that all Jews must die.



But Queen Esther was smart. When she found out about Haman's plan she invited Haman to a special meal. He didn't know that Esther was a Jew.



At the special meal, Queen Esther told her husband the king about Haman's plan. The king was very angry.



"If you kill the Jews," said the king, "then you will have killed my wife!" Haman was scared.



The king ordered that Haman be killed. Now the Jews were safe and Queen Esther was safe too.

Department of Education: Update on the government's response to coronavirus (COVID-19)



Department for Education

The Prime Minister's announcement this week has certain implications for some of our summer term activities.

The government has always been clear that **21 June 2021** was an **indicative date** for progression to Step 4 of the roadmap, which would be guided by data and not dates.

The government has now announced a 4-week pause at Step 3. Step 3 restrictions remain in place.

It is expected that England will move to Step 4 on **19 July 2021**, although the data will be reviewed after 2 weeks in case the risks have reduced. The government will continue to monitor the data and the move to Step 4 will be confirmed one week in advance.

We are advised that with the current system of controls should continue to be implemented in education and childcare settings. This means settings should encourage staff, and students, where applicable, to continue to test twice weekly and student bubbles, where they exist, should stay in place. Early years settings should continue to minimise mixing by keeping children in consistent groups.

Sports days

Sports days can go ahead. In line with the rest of the system of controls, pupils and students must remain in their bubbles, and early years children should remain in their consistent groups as is usual for our setting. Sports equipment should be regularly cleaned throughout the event.

Spectators must adhere to current social distancing requirements. Where events take place outdoors, spectators can gather in **separate groups of up to 30 – the legal gathering limit**.

Leavers events

Currently, we should avoid hosting large group gatherings indoors for more than one bubble (or in early years more than one consistent group), such as assemblies or mass worship. The [schools COVID-19 operational guidance](#) states that children should be kept in separate, independent groups (for example, their bubbles). The [early years guidance](#) states we should minimise contact between groups within settings (for example, keeping children in consistent groups).

Outdoor events are generally lower risk but need to take into account catering for more than one bubble or consistent group, as long as the groups continue to be kept separate.

Any parents attending outdoor events must adhere to current social distancing requirements. Where outdoors spectators can gather in **groups of up to 30 – the legal gathering limit**.

Transitional and open days

These need to run in line with our system of controls and align with the advice contained within the guidance for your setting and the [roadmap out of lockdown](#).

This means that traditional transitional and open days are unlikely to be feasible this academic year, unless the integrity of bubbles or consistent groups can be maintained and adhere to the system of controls in place.

Covid Update

- Meet outside rather than inside where possible
- Try to keep 2 metres apart from people that you don't live with (unless you have formed a support bubble with them), this includes friends and family you don't live with
- Get vaccinated when you are offered it, and encourage others to do so as well



Department for Education COVID-19 helpline

The Department for Education COVID-19 helpline and the PHE Advice Service (option 1) is available to answer any questions you have about COVID-19 relating to education settings and children's social care.

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours:

Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm

Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 6pm

Bank holiday opening hours:

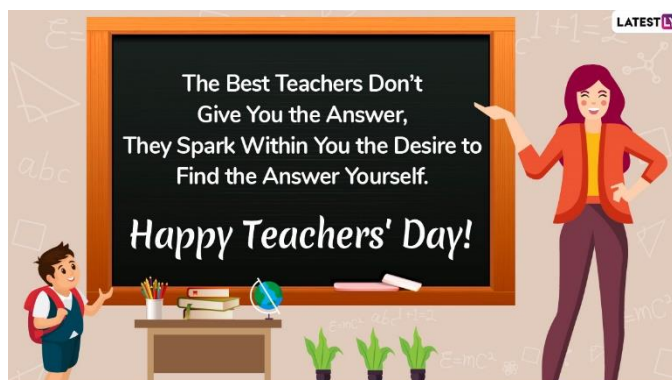
Monday 31 May from 10am to 4pm

National thank a teacher day - Wednesday 23 June 2021

National Thank a Teacher Day is coming up on 23 June 2021. This is a day when we encourage the whole country to come together in celebration of the amazing work that schools, colleges, teachers, lecturers, and support staff do every day.

What is Thank A Teacher Day?

Every year on National Thank A Teacher Day we celebrate schools, teachers and support staff across the country. We also use this day to announce and celebrate the Silver Winners of the **Pearson National Teaching Awards**,



Michael Morpurgo, celebrated author and former Children's Laureate, and President of the Teaching Awards Trust, said: *"So often and for so many of us, it is a teacher who changed our lives, was at our side through hard and difficult times, who lifted us up when we were down, helped us find our voice, gave us confidence when we needed it most, set us on a path that we have followed ever since. At my school I had a French teacher, who might not have made a linguist of me, but was always kind to me. He loved his subject and passed that on. I still love French, the language, the people, the literature, but even he could not persuade me to learn my French grammar."*

Pupils are encouraged to enter the celebrity judged [#howwillyousaythankyou](#) competitions. Please note that entries close on **Wednesday 23 June 2021**.

Participants can win:

- A day's work experience at TES
- A creative writing competition judged by Sir Michael Morpurgo
- A baking competition judged by Nadiya Hussain.
- A drawing competition judged by Gruffalo illustrator Axel Scheffler.

Pupils, parents, and colleagues can send a **FREE limited-edition Axel Scheffler e-card** – with a special thank you being read out by secret celebrities on the day. The school with the most cards will be announced on the day – entries close at midnight on 22nd June. We do hope you will support us in the build-up to this special day.

Upcoming events

Dates to remember

- **16th July - Sports event**
- **19th July -New reception intake – picnic.**
- **21st July – School closes for summer holiday.**

What happened in school this week?

Caterpillars have loved their new role play area which is a fire station!



Caterpillars have loved exploring bubbles this week. We made different sizes and compared all the bubbles.



Ladybird class made repeating patterns with shapes this week. They had to describe turns made during the repeating pattern.



Ladybirds pupils using the computers to research insects during computing this week.





DT lesson Caterpillars joined Ladybirds class for Design & Technology.

They built bridges out of marshmallows and spaghetti sticks.

They spent some time designing their bridges and then built them, following a success criterion.

Ladybirds class have learnt about the features of a diary in preparation for writing their own diary entry next week. In the pictures below, they are looking at the different features of diary entry and highlighting the key features.



Sports event 18.06.21

Due to the downpour of rain today, the sports event could not take place outside. So Plan B was inside the hall. Pupils still had fun.



Kind reminder

Missing White Lines Top of Houchin Drive

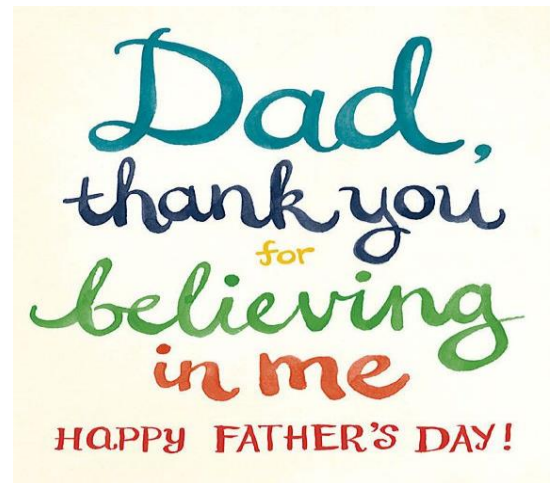
For parents that park at the village hall, please be aware that when you are leaving the village hall car park, that you must give way to cars coming down from Walker Avenue and onto Houchin Drive.

The white lines that should be at the top of Houchin Drive have almost completely worn away and people may not be aware that it is a 'Give Way' junction.

The Highways Agency are aware but are being very slow to paint them back! There have been a couple of near misses lately so please take care.



Happy Father's ddY



THANK YOU
for being the DAD you
didn't have to be.



Happy Father's Day

**One day is not enough
to honor how special
of a father you truly
are because you're
amazing every day
of the year. Thank you
for all that you do.**

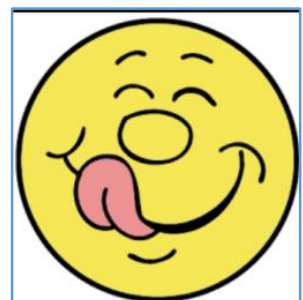


Eat Them To Defeat Them

	This week's vegetable Sweetcorn	Next week's vegetable Peppers



Amber enjoying eating sweetcorn at the tasting station.



School menu

		MENU TWO				
		Weeks commencing: 17.05.21 / 07.06.21 / 21.06.21 / 05.07.21 / 19.07.21				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
						
Country	USA	China	France	Mexico	United Kingdom	
Mains Option	 Beef Burger	 Sweet and Sour (pork)	 Sausage Cassollet  Baguette with choice of fillings (ham, tuna or cheese)	 Nacho Chicken	 Fish fillet	
Vegetarian Option	 Veggie Burger	 Sweet and Sour (quorn)	 Ratatouille (Roast vegetables)	 Nacho Quorn	 Jacket Potato or Sweet Potato (with choice of fillings)	
On the side	Coleslaw Sweet potato chips Mixed salad	Rice Sweetcorn Mixed salad	Pasta Green beans Mixed salad Cheese and cracker	Carrots Cous cous Mixed salad	Potato chips Baked beans or peas Mixed salad	
Desert	 Brownie and ice-cream	 Shortbread biscuit	 Crepes with fruit and ice-cream	 Fruit Jelly	 Lemon drizzle cake	
Also available	Bread Fresh fruit Yoghurt	Bread Fresh fruit Yoghurt	Bread Fresh fruit Yoghurt	Bread Fresh fruit Yoghurt	Bread Fresh fruit Yoghurt	
Drinks	Fresh Milk Water	Fresh Milk Water	Fresh Milk Water	Fresh Milk Water	Fresh Milk Water	

Bible verse of the week

