

Again, I am going to say WELL DONE! We have made it through another week and are nearly at half term. Thank you to the critical worker families who have kept the children off from school in the worst of the weather, due to staff shortages, We hope to be more operational from tomorrow onwards for critical workers who need their children to be in school due to their work commitments.

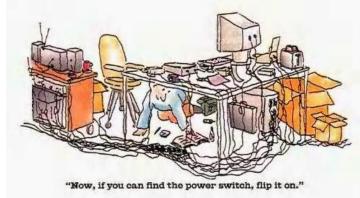
As I have said before, remote learning is challenging. The government has stated that children need to be provided with a particular amount of work daily. They have also put pressure on schools to contact parents of those children not completing the online work. If we do call/email please understand we are contacting you to find out what is happening and if we can help. We know everyone is finding this hard and if we can help we will.

Please remember when the work is set, you can structure your day so it works for you. Remember to give lots of breaks. In school they would have a break between Maths and English. And another break before starting any topic work.

I'm sure you have already found lots of ways to make learning easier through rewards and possibly using a timer. Whatever you are doing, it is working, so well done.

If you are having IT issues please contact us, we are doing our best to support everyone.

If your child is sick and is not well enough to access the Google Classroom/Tapestry can you please let the office know. It really helps us.



Reminder the office is open 8:30-13:00 Mon- Friday. If you have a child in school and it is an emergency please email <a href="mailto:headteacher@lenham.kent.sch.uk">headteacher@lenham.kent.sch.uk</a>.

#### **Google Classroom Work Handed in late**

We know that everyone is doing the best they can and this can mean work is handed in late. This is absolutely fine. If your child does hand work in late, can they please send a private message to the teacher, this creates an alert which means the teacher can then mark the work and give your child feedback.



#### **LIVE lessons**

The Well Being Zoom meetings have been working really well and it has been so lovely to see so many faces. We have had a few questions regarding LIVE lessons. We have looked at LIVE lessons, but have chosen not to go down that route as our child protection policy states a Designated Safeguarding Lead must be present. We do not have enough DSL's to cover the number of lessons required to be LIVE.

Also, from the 'Access to Technology' survey we sent out in the summer, many children are sharing devices so LIVE lessons would cause a huge amount of problems with children needing to be online at similar times. We want the remote learning to be as flexible as possible, so it

can work around parents work commitments.

#### **Exciting News from Mrs Best**



Mrs Best who works in Rainbow class has some very exciting news- she is expecting! Her baby is due in May, but with COVID you may see less of her over the coming weeks. I'm sure you want to join me in saying 'Congratulations!'



Jasmine having fun in the snow!





#### **Mrs McCluskey's News**

Like many of you Christmas last year wasn't what I'd hoped for. My family received some very exciting news which was quickly overshadowed with losing a key member of our family.

Lenham Primary School is an incredibly special place and really is one big family. I wish I could have shared this news earlier with you. So hopefully what I am about to share will make you smile in what is an incredibly challenging time- I'm expecting! But the even bigger surprise for me was that it's twins! The first in our families.





The babies are not due till June, but like Mrs Best you may see less of me over the coming weeks due to COVID and twins being higher risk. The governors are working tirelessly with County to support the school while I'm on my maternity leave. I'm sure you already know that the Senior Leadership Team are absolutely wonderful. They will do an amazing job while I'm away.



Amelia had lots of fun in the snow at the weekend!

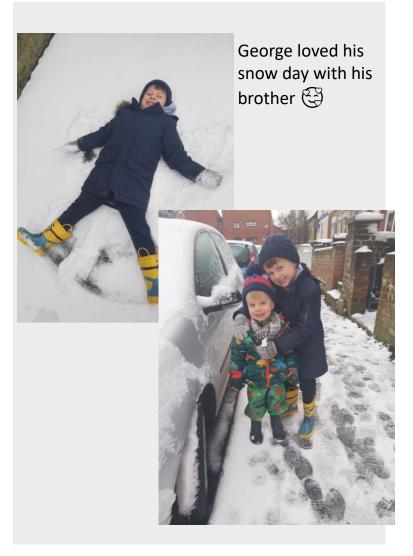






Drew Merryweather from year 6, kindly donated £103.50 to the PTFA from selling his chicken eggs. Thanks so much Drew!





## Lindsay Nedd

This is the story of Lindsay Nedd,
Whose favorite thing to do was sled.
Every day when it would snow,
She'd grab her coat and off she'd go;
She'd snatch her sled and run kill-dill
To be the first one at the hill,
Then pull her hat over her ears
And tie her scarf real tight,
And brace herself upon her sled,
Preparing for her flight.
Then, leaning forward, off she'd go;
She'd whiz past all the trees
And finally slow down to a stop,
Her face red from the breeze.
She'd grab her sled and climb until
She reached the top once more;
And every time that she'd go down
Was more fun than before.
She'd sled long after other kids
Had gone home wet and cold;
It seemed to her that soaring down
The hill never got old.
And so she'd play until the sun
Had sunk from overhead;
Then she'd race home and brush her teeth
And climb into her bed.
Outside her window snow would
Across the street and on her wall;
It kissed the sidewalks and the glass
And piled high upon the grass;
So when she woke, out on the lawn,
There'd be fresh snow to sled upon.







#### FREE PARENT MUSIC MASTERCLASS

FRIDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2021 12.00-12.45

Steve Sammut, founder of The Rock and Pop Foundation and author of the Scamps Music Publications invites parents and carers to a free zoom masterclass to sample materials, show proven techniques and give parents a solid understanding of how to help coach, improvise and keep young children motivated at home whether learning guitar, drums or keyboard.



Please email steve @rockandpopfoundation.com to request zoom invitation code, as places are limited.

#### MENU FOR CRITCAL WORKERS' CHILDREN













India's forestry work

Florence has had the best time in the snow over the weekend!

Celebration Assembly Monday 10am

**Zumba** Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:15am.

**LIVE assembly** Friday 10am
All on Mrs McCluskey's YouTube channel



### **Term Dates for Academic Year 2020-2021**

Term 3

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> January – Fri 12<sup>th</sup> February

Term 4

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> April

#### Term 5

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> April – Fri 28<sup>th</sup> May

(INSET day Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May)

Term 6

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June- Wed 21<sup>st</sup>

(INSET day Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July)

