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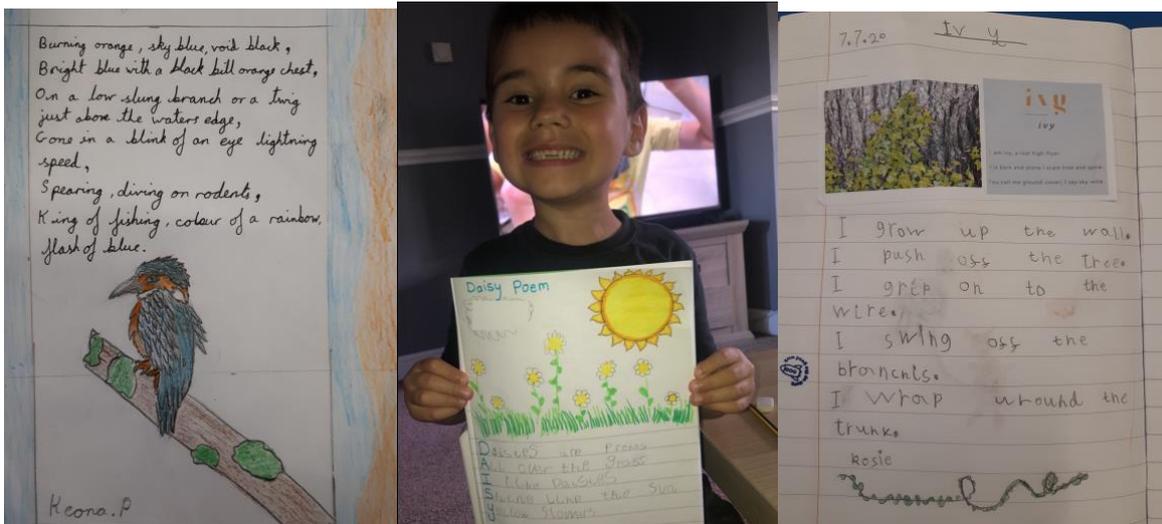
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## THIS WEEK AT SCHOOL AND AT HOME

What a fantastic week of learning this has been. The teachers have shared with me the amazing work children have been completing in school and at home for Book Week, all linked to the wonderful 'Lost Words' book. It certainly looks like that for Lainesmead children these words will not be lost any longer!

If you haven't already sent in work, please do this as soon as you can and look out for a short film of all the work; make sure you watch it to spot your child's learning. In the meantime, here are some examples.



Earlier this week, you will have received a letter summarising the guidance for schools on full reopening in September. Next week we will issue a letter with what this looks like in September at Lainesmead. It is essential that this forthcoming letter is read in detail. We aim to produce more films of the start and end of the school day and other points of note which we will publish towards the end of the summer holidays. Once this letter is issued please can we urge you to contact the school office on [admin@lainesmeadprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@lainesmeadprimary.co.uk) if you have any questions. We will then put together, as we did last time, a Frequently Asked Questions document and issue this at the earliest opportunity.

As stated previously, on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July you will receive an email from the class email address which will include a letter with details of your child's class and teacher next year and a short film from your new teacher. In the email, the teachers will detail the home learning tasks for the last 3 days of term. Please note that no PowerPoint will be placed on the school website for the last week as the information will be in the email. For those who have requested paper copies of work, we will deliver to you, with next week's learning, the task for the last 3 days.

## END OF YEAR AND GIFTS

We know that many families like to send in a gift for their teacher and TA at the end of the school year and some parents have queried whether this is possible this year.

If your child is in school then you are more than welcome to provide a gift but please know that there is no expectation to do this.

If you are at home but would still like to gift something then there are a couple of options. Firstly, next week we will be providing times for year groups to collect belongings which are still in school, such as PE Kits. **We would also like our reading books back** and these can be returned at this time. If you would like to send a gift to your teacher, then this can also be left but needs to be clearly labelled with the teacher's name. It will then be passed on to the teacher.

Alternatively, you may want to buy a gift that can be sent in with your child when they return in September. Staff will then ensure it is passed on.

As I said, there is no expectation that this is done and it is entirely parental choice.

## FSM SUMMER VOUCHERS

The order for the summer vouchers has now been made. These vouchers will be fulfilled and delivered to the email address on 20<sup>th</sup> July, prior to the term ending on 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

If you have more than one child, you will receive individual vouchers for each child and on separate days. For example, if you have 2 children who are both entitled to FSM, then one £90 voucher will be emailed on 20<sup>th</sup> July and the second £90 voucher will be emailed on 21<sup>st</sup> July. We have never been given information on how the vouchers are used but I have been informed that the vouchers do not have to be spent in one go - if the whole amount is not used in one shop, then you can use the remainder against your next weekly shop.

Don't forget that the £90 is for the full six weeks and no more vouchers will be issued.

Finally, new shops have been added to the scheme with Iceland and ASDA now accepting the vouchers.

## THANK YOU

A huge "THANK YOU" to Mr Diprose, who despite the challenges of this time, has successfully raised more money for our Library Bus Project. The £130 raised will be very much welcome as our fundraising opportunities have much dried up and, even as we head into the new school year, it will not be possible to hold the events we have normally run in the Autumn Term. During the summer, we hope to relocate the bus to its forever home in the grounds and start the renovation project during next term.



## MENTAL HEALTH FOCUS

A new idea to discuss at home this week - all about the thanks we can give and what we can be thankful for even during this time.



<https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/kids-artwork-on-times-square-billboard-to-thank-essential-workers/>

<https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/garbage-men-surprised-with-thank-you-party-in-miami-beach/>

People all over the world are still saying thank you to key workers and people who are helping them during coronavirus. These two photos show two separate incidents.

The first photo shows Times Square in New York, one of the most famous places in the world. Three children had their work chosen from thousands of entries and were invited to Times Square to see their art displayed on massive screens. In the photo we see 7 year old Kelli-Rose who was inspired by her grandad working on trains and keeping transport going across the city. Her drawing used to hang on the front door of her house and is now seen by thousands of people.

The second picture shows two garbage workers Saul and Leon, who have never missed a day of work in Miami Beach since lockdown. Last week as their truck turned in to North Bay Road Community, they were greeted with a sight of all the residents who had got up early to line the street with balloons and signs saying "We love you". The Miami Beach mayor joined the street to thank Saul and Leon, saying they did more than just pick up rubbish; "They bring an incredible positive energy to the neighbourhood. Simply put, they spread joy." One day Saul spent 45 minutes helping a neighbour dig through her rubbish to find a lost wedding ring. Another day he waited over an hour with a neighbour because she was having heart problems. The mayor said, "They continue to maintain their upbeat demeanour even during this stressful COVID-19 Pandemic."

Questions to consider at home

- What are key workers? Why are so many people saying thank you?
- What is saying thank you a good thing to do? How does it make you feel to say thank you, and how does it make the person you are saying it to feel?
- Usually Times Square show expensive adverts. Why do you think Times Square decided to show children's art work instead?
- Why do you think the residents in Miami Beach came out to say thanks to their garbage workers?
- How do you think Saul and Leon felt as they turned the corner in to North Bay Road?
- "They bring an incredible positive energy to the neighbourhood" how do you think Saul and Leon do that? How can we do it in our school?
- When Saul helped the person find their ring and waited for an ambulance, what would be the impact on his work for the day? Why did he do that?
- What can we learn from Saul and Leon?
- How is coronavirus spreading positivity around the world?
- Do you think when coronavirus is over, we will continue to look after each other? What can we learn from this time?

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## Virtual events taking place in July

**Promoting Positive Transition  
During and After a Pandemic -  
EPS Training (Monday 6th July to  
Tuesday 7th July)**

Free online training for all educational settings building on the EPS guidance document, *'Promoting Positive Transition During and After a Pandemic'*.

For further information and how to book, [please click here](#).



**SENCo Network Virtual Event -  
Tuesday 7th July**

A virtual event for all SENCos, SEND officers and Advisory teachers. Book into one of the relevant sessions for Early Years, Primary, Secondary and Post 16 and Special and SRP settings. For more information and to book into a session, [please click here](#).



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## The Local Offer Big Day event is coming...

The Local Offer Big Day 2020 event is taking place on Tuesday 6th October 2020 from 12 noon to 17:00. Further details of this event will be published on a future SEND News Splash and then posted on the Local Offer website.

The Local Offer Big Day is for all Swindon residents as the Local Offer contains information and services from Adult Social Care, CCG, Education, SEND, Public Health and much more.

We are keen to co-produce the event with you, so we have created this survey to ask you what themes you would most like to see at the event. Please let us know so we can ensure that the subject areas you are most interested in are included.

The survey is four questions long so will only take 2-3 minutes to complete and submit. The survey will be open until Friday July 31st 2020.

To fill out the survey please [click on the following link here](#)



## Speech and Language Therapy Service summer newsletter

Speech and Language Therapy Services' most recent newsletter can be found on their website here: [A Pinch of SALT, A brief update from Children's Speech & Language Therapy Services in Swindon](#).

The newsletter includes an outline of their first steps to resuming a normal service, staffing changes and much more!

## SEND Service contact details

The SEND Service aim to provide you with excellent customer service and we're committed to getting back to you within 48-72 hours. To speak to a member of staff, please call 07824 868353 or 07971 715864 (telephone lines are open Monday to Thursday 8-5 and 8-4.30 Friday) or email [SENAT@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:SENAT@swindon.gov.uk).