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# Newsletter Sept 2020

## Hi Everyone

As our first month back draws to a close I really want to commend the children on how well they are doing. It is a pleasure to see their smiling faces every day. For parents, I have organised a new school mobile for emergencies if you need to call me on **086 1383637**. Please continue to let us know about absences through Aladdin connect. Here are a few short reminders and upcoming events. I hope to do a school newsletter at the end of each month in future. Best wishes, Susan

## Reminders

Now that we are back in our routine and as school start time is 9.20, the gates will close at 9.25. After this children will be added to the late list. Please be on time so that we can start our day and maximise learning for everyone. Last year I understand there was an issue about Friday collection of children early on Fridays, this can cause disruption so let's avoid it where possible.

## Car parking

As adults it is important that we are all wearing our masks when necessary and to continue to follow social distancing rules. In particular we ask that groups do not congregate in the car park. On Wednesdays there may be additional cars so please continue to follow the one way system and wait safely for cars to exit.

## PTA Meeting

The PTA will be having the first of its bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday 29th of September at 19:00 via Zoom. All parents are welcome to attend. If anybody has any topic they would like added to the agenda, you can contact us at [lecheileptasec@gmail.com](mailto:lecheileptasec@gmail.com) or let your class rep know.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5616683784>

**COMING SOON:                    WELLBEING WEEK 12<sup>TH</sup> -16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**



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# Sensory Trails

We have purchased and installed special materials and equipment for sensory trails around the school building, enriching our learning environment with fun and movement. Here are some!





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## Le Chéile has Reading Eggs!

This programme is designed to teach children the core literacy skills needed to be successful at school with a progressive sequence of interactive and motivational lessons. Some of the benefits include

### One-on-one Learning

A one-on-one learning environment, which means that children can learn at a rate that suits their level of ability and progress. Children are also able to repeat lessons in order to overcome any difficulties.

### Focus on core literacy skills

Lessons focus on developing the core literacy skills children need for success at school. These include:

- **Phonemic awareness** – the ability to hear, identify and manipulate the individual sounds in words.
- **Phonics** – the ability to link sounds to letters, also known as the alphabetic principle.
- **Vocabulary** – building the bank of words a child can automatically recognise.
- **Fluency** – reading automatically, accurately, with appropriate tone and accounting for punctuation.
- **Comprehension** – reading for meaning and making inferences from text

### Making Learning Fun

Children learn best when they're having fun. The online lessons and activities make learning enjoyable and highly engaging for young children. Children stay keen to learn with the vibrant animations and visuals, colourful characters, catchy music and sing alongs that feature in the lessons.

### Tracking Progress

Reading Eggs provides parents with a detailed progress dashboard details how many lessons their child has completed, their percentage of correct answers, learning milestones they have achieved, rewards and the estimated reading age.

