



# Newsletter - 6th September 2019

## Message from Mr Collins.....

It seems quite amazing that I am welcoming you all back to another year at Leesons. Partly as it is already the end of what is technically the second week of term and partly because it doesn't seem that long ago that I was wishing you all a very happy summer holiday.

It has been delightful greeting your fabulous children back to school; they have returned in a very positive, cheerful and focussed manner and it is a pleasure to walk around all of our classes and see the learning taking place in happy, calm and productive environments.

We welcome 5 new teachers to the school; Mrs W Murray who will be teaching Sycamore class (Yr 5), Miss A Bashir in Maple class (Yr 3), Miss E Williams in Cherry Class (Yr 2), Miss E Carey in Pine class (Yr 2) and Miss J Islam in Oak class (Yr 1). I know these very strong additions to our teaching team will have a very positive impact on your children's education and I am sure you will join me in making them feel at home in Leesons.

I can formally announce the opening of the new Nursery at Leesons. 'Little Orchard' will be opening to pupils on Monday 16th of September. It will run from 8:50 until 11:50 am Monday to Friday. There will be a formal opening ceremony, which will include the pupils staff and special guests, very shortly. More information will be given to parents when all details have been confirmed.

A number of you will have had conversations with me last half term where I stated that I was determined to include parents more in the life of Leesons school. Part of this will include clear and accurate information given in a timely and informative manner. On Monday all parents will receive a parent mail with the diary dates for the year which will include all celebrations/ events/ class assemblies etc. I promise you that we will try our utmost to keep to these dates (Weather and Politicians permitting!) and that we will not change these dates unless absolutely necessary. Information on any changes that do actually need to be made will be given to parents at the earliest possible opportunity with a full explanation as to why these changes are being made.

P. Collins

## News from office

### **After School Club/ Tree Tops**

**Please make sure you book your children into the above clubs to secure their place each week.**

**breakfastclub@leeson.bromley.sch.uk**

**Treetops@leesons.bromley.sch.uk**

### **School Meals Years 3-6**

**Please note that school meals have increased as from 29th August 2019 to :**

**Daily £2.30**

**Weekly 11.50**

**Please make payments in advance of taking meals, otherwise we will not be able to provide a school meal for your child. As directed from the Spring Partnership Trust.**

**Please make payment on Parentmail under the title of School Dinners 2019/20**

### **Reporting Absences**

**When reporting absences for your child please either contact the school office by 9 am on 01689 602786**

**You can also report this on Parentmail or by email.**

**Please do not report absences on Class Dojo**

### **Contact Details**

**Please make sure the school office has 2 points of contacts for your children. Remember to update us when you have changed your circumstances. Please contact us either by the school office on 01689 602786 or email**

### **Important message for Year 3 pupils (Chestnut & Maple)**

**As your child is now in year 3 school meals now need to be paid for in advance. If you are eligible for Free School Meals then please make sure you have completed the relevant forms.**

## Drinks

Can parents please ensure that any drinks bottles that are brought in by pupils appropriate for a school setting (Closing lids, not glass etc.) and that they contain water. We make sure that all of our staff and pupils have access to water throughout the day but it is only water that they should be drinking in and around class.

## Uniform

The children are looking very smart in their new uniforms. I know there are a few teething issues but I am very grateful that the vast majority of parents have made sure that the pupils of Leeson's are presenting themselves in a smart, proud and correct manner.

# Safeguarding

Leeson's Primary School is committed to the safety and the well being of our children and staff

Creating a Safe and Inclusive Environment

If you have any concerns please contact the designated people with responsibility for safeguarding and child protection in this school.



Miss Bernardi  
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mir Phill Collins  
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Simpson  
Deputy Safeguarding Officer



Mrs O'Leary  
Deputy Safeguarding Officer



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## Welcome to the Leasons Community!



**As you can see, we have some new additions to the Leasons School community;**

**The chickens are Bubble, Squeak and Bambi**

**The Guinea Pigs are Ernie and Elmo**

**The Rabbits are Ethel and Snowball**

**The 15 fish have not been given names!**

**The children have been having a great time meeting with and caring for the animals. Many thanks to all the staff who have made this possible, especially Mrs Burdett who has been the driving force behind this initiative.**

## **Behaviour Pyramid**

**All children misbehave at some point; this is a natural part of being a child and is a vital part of learning . Children have to learn that inappropriate behaviour has consequences otherwise they will grow into adults that do not know how to conduct themselves in society.**

**In assembly on Monday morning I introduced a new behaviour system to Leasons school. I fully expect that the majority of your children did not share this with you so thought I'd take this opportunity to inform you of the new processes involved in managing behaviour in the school.**

**On the next page of this newsletter you will find the 'Behaviour Pyramid' which details how behaviour is to be managed in Leasons. In order for this to make sense you need to start at the bottom of the pyramid where behaviour is very minor and is dealt with simply by staff letting the pupil know that they are doing something wrong with a quiet word or even just a look.**

**If poor behaviour continues or gets worse, the pupil moves up through the pyramid with differing levels of sanctions; all clearly identified with the aim of the pupil clearly understanding what level they are at and always giving the child time and space to think about their behaviour and to have the opportunity to make the choice to change the way they are acting.**

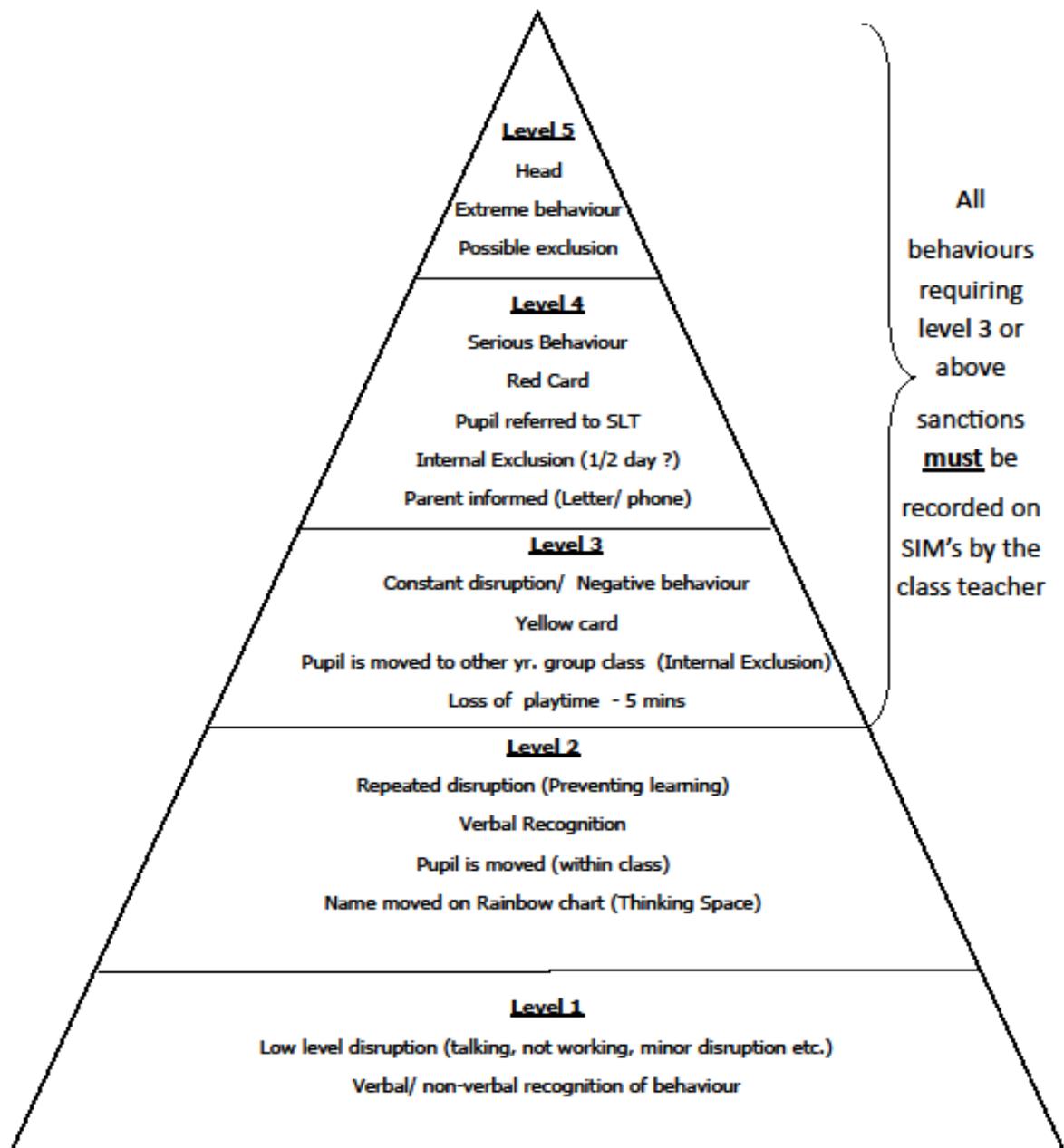
**You will also see that continued poor behaviour is logged onto our recording system (SIM's) so we can track behaviour patterns, look for possible explanations for behaviour etc with the aim of helping the child to be able to modify their behaviour patterns.**

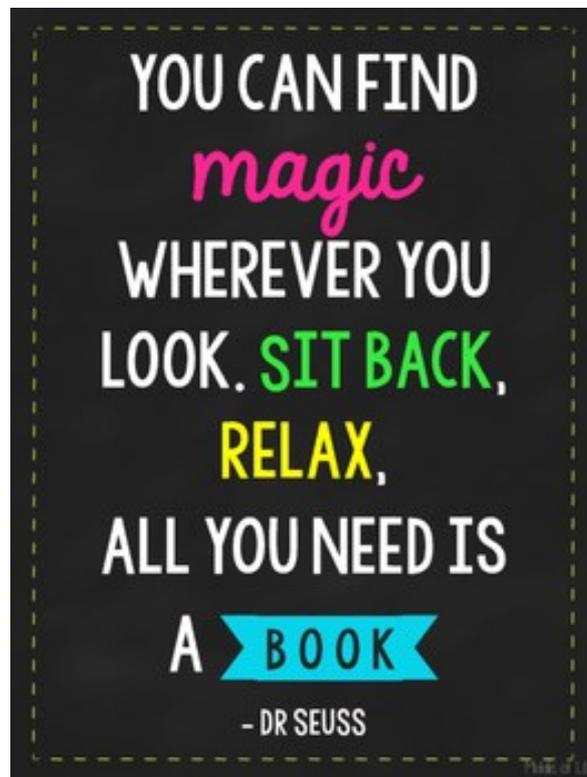
**Any behaviour below level 4 will be dealt with internally by my staff; if behaviour is at such a level that members of my SLT need to be involved (Level 4) then parents will receive a letter explaining why their child received a red card and what the sanction is.**

**I hope this makes sense. Please discuss this with your children and if there is any confusion; please contact your class teacher who will be happy to answer your questions or refer you to someone for a more detailed discussion.**

# Behaviour

## Leesons Primary School Behaviour Pyramid





**I have highlighted my commitment to developing reading at Leeson on many occasions and this key area of life and learning will continue to be a central part of this school for the future.**

**Our wonderful 'Friends of Leeson' will continue to hold book swaps after school every Friday — please remember to bring a book for your child to swap or just pop along to the swap area to have a chat to your children about the books. We are working hard to develop our small library area in KS2 to enhance the enjoyment children get from reading and we are ensuring children access high quality texts as part of our curriculum.**

**One of the most important and most effective ways of developing a child's reading ability is through sharing reading with adults. Can all parents please make the time to read to children daily, listen to them read, discuss the books, magazines, comics that are being read, ask questions about the characters, illustrations etc.**

**As a father, I cannot fully explain the joy and satisfaction you get from spending quality time with your children away from screens interacting about stories, articles etc.**

**Please support us in making reading a joy for everyone connected with Leeson and that the children see reading as an aspect of learning that will make their lives a great deal more enjoyable and successful.**

**Thank you.**