

Monday 13th July 2020- Welcome to Year 4!

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We can't wait to see you in September Team Palm! We hope you have a great summer and stay safe. Please remember, we would love to receive a letter telling us all about yourself via Purple Mash email so we can begin to get to know you. Good luck with your Summer Reading Challenge – we can't wait to hear about the adventures you've been on! Get your pencil cases ready and see you as Year 4s!

From, Miss Burrell and Mrs Blackstaffe 🙂

Looking forward to seeing you in September again Team Pine! I know you will be excited to see all of your friends again too! I hope you have a fantastic summer and enjoy the sunshine! Don't forget to write me a letter telling me all about your summer and what you have been up to using Purple Mash email! See you in September! From Miss Edwards :)

Your Year 4 teachers would like to set you a task over the Summer holidays:

We would like your classrooms to be bright, colourful and all about you from the start. So, we would like you to create a self-portrait piece of art that describes you. First, you will need to draw the outline of your self-portrait at a side profile. To do this, you could stand side on to a blank wall, shining a lamp or torch to create a shadow on the wall. Get someone to help you by placing an A4 piece of paper on the wall and drawing around the shadow. Another way you could do this is take a photo from the side and copy it on to your paper. Another option is to draw it free-hand, just make sure it fills an A4 page. Next, fill the outline of your head with pictures that describe you. You could look through images/words in a magazine or newspaper that you could cut out and stick on, or draw them yourself. You could fill it with words that describe your personality, pictures of your interests and hobbies, favourite foods and places to go! Keep your art work safe so that you can bring it in with you when we start in September. These can then create a wonderful display to start our year together. There are some examples below:



Keeping connected

This week we would like you complete the following activities to help your new teacher find out more about you. You can still contact Mrs Bygrave by email or Twitter until July 17th

corinnebygrave@lhaines.herts.sch.uk

Miss Edwards, Miss Burrell and Mrs Blackstaffe would love to see your completed transition activities. You can contact them on their email below.

victoriaedwards@lhaines.herts.sch.uk lauraburrell@lhaines.herts.sch.uk beckyblackstaffe@lhaines.herts.sch.uk Over the summer break please keep in touch via Twiducate!

We would like you to play a fun game and see if you can trick your new teacher! Can you write down three facts about yourself, two facts have to be true and one has to be false! Eg I have two pets/ I play guitar/ I can do a somersault. Can you send them to your new teacher and they have to guess which statement is incorrect, do you think you can trick them?

Is there something you have always wanted to be able to do? (I have always wanted to be able to do a proper press up). Over the holidays we want you to set yourself one challenge, it could be anything! Do a forward roll/ learn to knit/ bake a cake/ say a sentence in another language/ make dinner for the family. Make sure you ask for permission first!



During this time, we may not have been able to enjoy the normal things we used to do but it has given us so many opportunities to discover new places and do new things. Can you make a top ten list of recommendations? It could be places to go or activities you have found the most enjoyable over the lockdown period.

Below is a lockdown memory jar - you can use the one below or you could use an actual jar and put the notes inside. It can include your favourite memory with your family, your funniest moment, your favourite moment and the one thing you have learned about yourself during this time.





Zoom Party

Would it really be the end of term without a team party? We will be holding a final Zoom meeting with our current teams to say goodbye before you move onto your new classes. Your parents will receive an email from Mr Gray with the link to your meeting but please see the timings below:

Yew - Tuesday 14th July at 4:30 Oak - Thursday 16th July at 5:00

Make sure that you wear your best party clothes! You may even wish to decorate the background of the room that you'll be setting your device up in with decorations, such as banners and bunting!

If you can think of any fun, virtual party games that we can play during the Zoom party, please let your current teacher know!

Reflection (Art)



Can you draw or paint two pictures of yourself, one of you at the beginning of the school year and one of you now? How could you show the journey that you've been on? You may have changed physically (e.g. you're now taller than you were at the beginning of the year) but you may have grown in other ways too (e.g. you're much braver than you used to be or you've worked on building friendships)

Here is an example that may help you:





A Guide to Being a Year 3



For many children, moving to a new year group can be a daunting or nerve-wracking experience for them. We would love it if you could help the current Year 2s with their transition to Year 3.

We need you to share with them your top tips for being a Year 3. What are some of the key things that the children will need to know before they join Team Oak/Yew? What do you wish you knew before you joined Year 3?

Please create a leaflet on Purple Mash (please check your assigned tasks) to act as a guide to being a Year 3.

Remember to include:

- A short and snappy heading
- Images linked to being a Year 3 at Laurance Haines
- Subheadings
- Important information e.g. what you need in your pencil case, what you should do if you're finding learning tricky, information about the playground
- Positive language e.g. 'Always...' rather than
 'Never...', 'Try to...' rather than 'Don't...',
 'Remember that...' rather than 'You shouldn't...'
- Some of the things that you enjoyed learning about or taking part in this year

Once you've completed your 'Guide to Being a Year 3' leaflet, please submit it to your teacher on Purple Mash so that these can be shared with the current Year 2s when they come back to school in September.

<u>A Thank You Message</u>

As we near the end of the year, many of you will be thinking about the people at LHS who have made your time in Year 3 a special one. They may have supported you with your learning or maybe they helped you in another way.

Hearing or seeing the words 'thank you' can make someone feel really good! Why don't you take the time to show how grateful you are for that special person being there for you? This person could be a teacher, a TA, Mr Clay or Mr Phillipson, one of the admin staff etc.

Please let them know how grateful you are for their support this year. You could email them, send them a message on Twitter or post them a letter addressed to the school. I'm sure that this simple act of kindness will make their day!









