Dear parents and carers,

Thank you once again for being supportive and respectful to our teaching staff during the two days of industrial action this week. This week our Chair of Governors Matthew Davis visited all classes, he commented on the children's attitude towards their learning and the staff's enthusiasm in their lesson delivery.

In assembly this week we have been talking to the children about permission. We talked about parents giving permission for trips and photos being taken in school and permission to join in activities. We then talked about the children being in charge of their bodies and that nobody should touch their body without permission. We advised the children in school to not hug a person without asking for permission and they should not kiss, tickle or touch other children on any part of their body. We also discussed private body parts are private. The children listened to the assembly very well and thought about other ways they could let each other know they care such as high five or blowing a kiss. We also reminded the children that if something happens, they are not comfortable with they must tell an adult.

## **Birthday Sweets**

We do allow children to bring treats to school for their birthday, if they would like to. However, this is not mandatory. If you would prefer for your child not to accept sweets from another child, please discuss this directly with your child and make the class teacher aware. We encourage the children to say 'thank you and Happy Birthday' when receiving a treat and 'no thank you but Happy Birthday' if not accepting a treat

- Treats can be healthy or chocolate/sweets
- Treats must be fun sized
- Children will only be allowed to take one treat home
- Treats must not contain nuts
- We cannot accept boxes of chocolates which have some chocolates which contain nuts, such as Roses.
- Treats can only be brought for your child's Birthday. We cannot accept treats to share with the children for other celebrations, such as Christmas, Diwali or Eid.
- Treats cannot be cakes.
- Please remember that children in the class have allergies and dietary requirements. Therefore, where possible, it is helpful if a vegetarian treat can be provided (such as skittles). This also ensures that children with dairy intolerances

can accept a treat, as often they cannot accept chocolate. Please also be mindful that many Haribo sweets contain gelatine and are not suitable for vegetarians.

We know it can be difficult when deciding on purchasing birthday treats. Some suggestions for treats are: a mixture of skittles and some fun sized chocolates e.g. Freddos.

## Support for Turkey and Syria

Following the devastating events in Turkey and Syria we would like to offer our support by raising money for the Turkey-Syria Earthquake appeal. We will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Parents will be able to bring in cash donations directly to school or can donate directly following the link below. donate to the DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal

### Reminders

- School starts promptly at 8:50. Children should be waiting outside their classes before the bell rings. At the start of the day children participate in a Do Now task, this is vital to support the children's retrieval of knowledge.
- Children are not permitted to ride bikes and scooters on the playground.

# Looking ahead

Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Class Photos
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Rainbow 4 Assembly – 9:20am
	Non –uniform day in aid of Turkey and Syria
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Assembly – Violet Class and Blue Class – 9:20am
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Assembly – Green Class and Indigo Class – 9:20am
	Easter themed lunch – information attached
Friday 31st March	End of term

#### Colour Dash

On Friday 28th April our school will complete the Colour Dash. Children and Staff will run around a small course whilst being showered with coloured powder.

Sponsored Colour Dash Colour powder is not harmful to people or the environment. It is made from corn starch, dyed with food-grade colouring. Friday 28th April 2023 Children will need a change of clothes. Please send old clothes in a

named carrier bag for them to wear. The clothes will get covered in powder colour. If your child wishes they can also wear sunglasses to protect their eyes. Please ask friends and family to sponsor your child for this event. Cash can be sent into school or paid directly online. Return sponsorship forms to school by Monday 17th April.

<u>Home - Leicester Children's Holidays (leicesterchildrensholidays.co.uk)</u>

Take Care

**Mrs Holmes**