

It's half term!

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of another half term. We have now completed 7 weeks of home learning. We would like to say a big well done to all our families. You are doing a great job and we know it isn't easy. We are really enjoying receiving all your work and photos and have been impressed by how much you are achieving with your children at home. We hope everyone takes a break from home learning over the next week. We are closing the school for the first time since February half term. This means we will not be picking up phone calls or admin emails. If any family needs urgent advice or support, please e mail us on our family support email below. Monday is a Bank Holiday.

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Time for a break!

We hope that everyone is able to take a break from the daily home learning and take some time off. Please try and make the holiday routine seem different from the school day routine. We have posted some holiday activities on the 'Holiday Activities' page and we are also running two competitions which are on the website and on the newsletter. There will be family prizes and all entries returned will be entered into a prize draw to win one of 5 family hampers. The draw will be made on Tuesday 2nd June.

Plans for the final half term

After half term we will be preparing new home learning packs to be collected. These will be ready on Friday 5th June. Following our survey on home learning we have planned for more family activities which are suitable for children to do across the age group and we have some exciting things planned for everyone to join in with. We are also planning more outdoors and sport activities (now that we have a bit more freedom). Wishing everyone a safe and happy half term.



Manchester Arena bombing third anniversary

Today marks the third anniversary of the Manchester Arena bombing which happened on May 22nd 2017. You may have noticed pictures of bees appearing alongside rainbows in people's windows? Children across Manchester have been drawing bees in remembrance of the 22 people who died and to share the message that "we stand together."

BBC Radio Manchester will broadcast a recording of Manchester Cathedral bells tolling 22 times at 22:31 - the exact time of the 2017 attack - as part of a dedicated programme starting at 22:00.

Plans for after the half term

Following on from the government's initial announcement last week regarding school opening, we have decided to wait until the further announcement on May 28th before making any firm decisions about how we would implement this at Lily Lane.

Schools have been asked to reopen for Reception, Year 1 and year 6 from June 1st. We have been asked to create a plan which we would help to keep our school community as a whole as safe as is possible in the current circumstances. However, we must stress that this is guidance from the Department for Education. Manchester Local Authority has advised that we are able to set our own course of action and timescales for how and when the school will reopen subject to certain conditions being met.

With so much still unknown, we have decided not to reopen for more children in the week starting June 1st. When we are ready to reopen (the earliest this could be is Monday June 8th) we will be starting with Year 6 children.

The second year group we would re-introduce (at least a week later) would be Year 1.

We thank parents for their recent questionnaire responses which indicated that nearly 60% of parents do not currently feel confident about certain year groups returning on June 1st. We will be consulting with you again to seek your views in the first week of June (and after the May 28th update).

In the meantime, we hope everyone has a happy and safe half term and thank you for your continued support and hard work.

Eid Mubarak

We would like to wish a very happy Eid Mubarak to all of our families who will be celebrating Eid this weekend. We will be thinking of you all and hoping that you will still be able to enjoy the celebrations, even though you cannot be with all your loved ones.

Two family competitions for half term week

Competition 1

How many words can you make out of the phrase-

MY INCREDIBLE PAPER TOWER

Please email or deliver your answers with the completed word list.

Competition 2

Lily Lane's Incredible Paper Tower Challenge

Your second half term challenge, is to build an incredible paper tower. You can use paper/newspaper, scissors, glue and/or tape. Your tower **must** be bright and colourful and the plain paper you use decorated with writing patterns, pictures and spelling practice words **or** all the words you have made

out of **MYINCREDIBLEPAPERTOWER.**

This should all be written in your very best cursive script! You can draw pictures of the nouns you make on the paper as well!

Top tip: It is best to design and pattern your paper before assembling the tower. If you are using newspaper as well, try using felt pens for your writing so that it can be seen clearly. You can make your tower as fancy as you like!

Once you have completed your paper designs, it is time to build. You can use as much or as little paper as you like but your tower **must be at least 1 meter** in height (or as close as you can make it). You can fold, roll or stack your paper to build your tower, it is entirely up to you! You can find some examples below of paper towers to give you some ideas.

Please send in a picture of your handwritten designed paper tower by Tuesday June 2nd at 2.00 pm to admin@lilylane.manchester.sch.uk to be entered into our prize competition. Alternatively, you can bring your entries to both competitions to school on Monday 1st or Tuesday 2nd.

There are 5 family hampers to be won!

Good Luck everyone!

