

Lime Tree Primary School

Special Edition Travel Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and children,

The safety of our children, families and local residents is a key concern for us at Lime Tree. We have continued to work closely with Surrey County Council to try to put pressure on the council to respond to our shared and collective concerns. As with many decisions at this level it takes time to respond, and if agreed, to implement changes. However, we all have the daily duty to get to and from school safely.

Therefore, as well as highlighting the ongoing focus points for action, we would also like to take the opportunity to highlight the actions the school is taking to support the children.

It is key for any of these measures to work, for every single individual within the school community to take responsibility for their own actions beyond the school gates. I know that the majority of parents are fully supportive of our concerns and adhere to the highway code; however, it is the minority that are causing concerns and are ultimately putting others at risk.

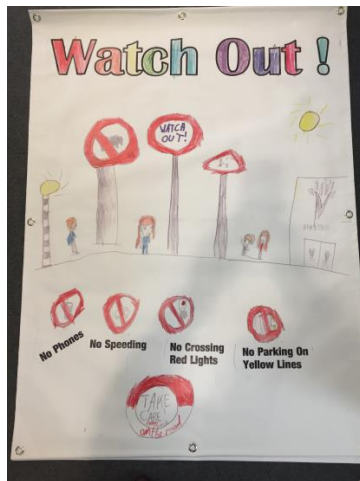
I do hope that you will all continue to support the school to ensure the safety of everyone concerned.

Jo Newton Head Teacher.



Hazards that put others in Danger.

- Using the staff carpark entrance as a turning point.
Drivers are not able to see children in their blind spot and have been seen reversing out as children cross the pavement. Cars reversing also endanger other drivers behind them trying to access the parking.
- Parking on double yellow lines: is breaking the Highway Code, it also prevents other vehicles from passing along the lane.
- Parking up on the curb; restricts access for pedestrians and creates additional dangers when trying to cross the road.
This is especially dangerous at the top of the lane where the width of the road is restricted and at the exit onto New Battlebridge Lane.



Thank you to the parents involved in the Travel Plan Working Group for organising the recent competition. The following entries have been produced into posters and signs to be displayed around the school.

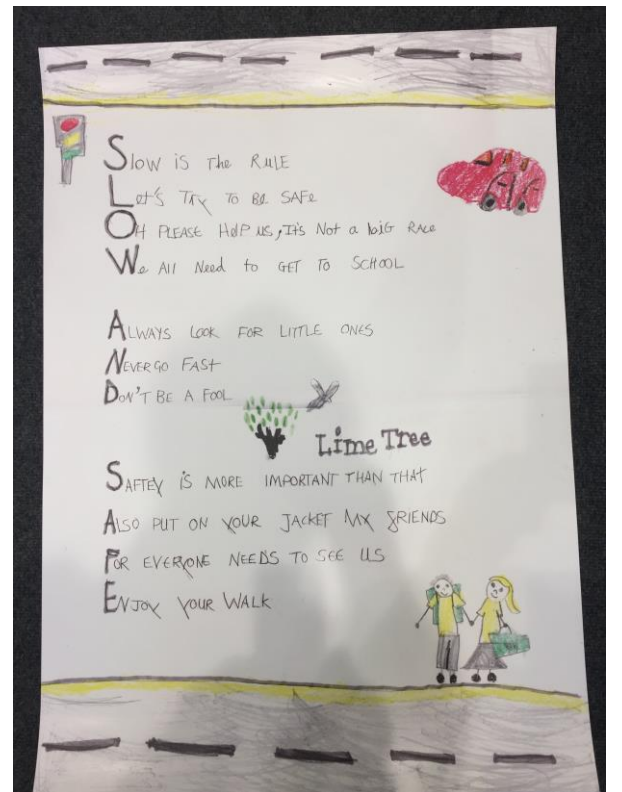


- 3 point turns in the lane – cars reversing onto the pavement in the restricted space. It also slows the flow of traffic. In some cases, cars reverse onto the pavement where pedestrians are passing.

Morning Drop Off

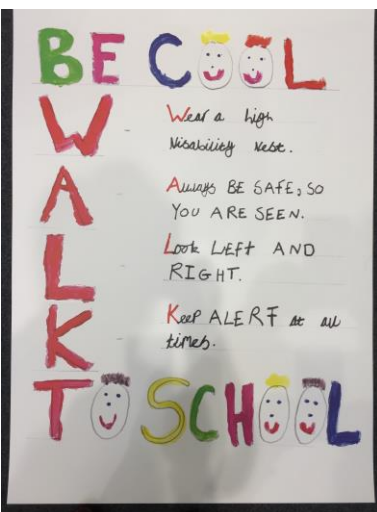
I would like to remind you that children can be dropped off in the playground between 8.30am and 8.45am. All open gates are supervised by staff and therefore if you choose to, you can leave your children in the playground under our supervision prior to registration time at 8.45am.

Year 3 children go straight to their classrooms.



Lime Tree Primary School Travel Plan Working Group

- The working party consist of representatives from school, parents, Surrey County Council and Jonathon Howard (Transport Consultant).
- The last two meetings 1 December 2016 and 24 January 2017 involved observations with SCC on both the surrounding roads and routes to school and the congestion and risks on Battlebridge Lane at the end of the day.
- Key priorities put forward again included bollards and barriers at each end of Battlebridge Lane, clearer signage for pedestrians and drivers at the carpark entrances, suggested highways improvements at the turning and crossing point from Battlebridge Lane and Frenches Road. In addition, a new pathway was proposed to allow pedestrians and cyclists to avoid the pinch points at the top and bottom of Battlebridge Lane.



- The school is also working with Schools Sustainability Travel Team on a number of initiatives such as Park Smart, Staff training to support children's understanding of safe behaviours.
- We continue to support the Bike It initiative and the Golden Boot Challenge.

Thank you for your continued support. Please continue to email any ongoing or specific concerns to travel@limetreeschool.org



We're taking part in the Golden Boot Challenge

