



SMART CODE

Speak politely and listen carefully

Make school enjoyable for everyone



Act safely



Respect and care for each other



Tell someone your worries



Term 1, Newsletter 1 (2018-19)

4th September 2018

Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new academic year at Leighterton. I hope you have all had a lovely summer break. The children were very excited to share their news and are looking forward to their new classes and learning. A huge welcome to all of the children and their families who have started in Apsemore Class today. We are looking forward to working with you all.

School Focus:

ATTENDANCE

Promoting good attendance continues to be a priority at school and we look forward to working together to ensure that your child's attendance is as high as it can be this year.

STAFFING NEWS

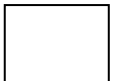
I am delighted to let you know that Miss Parsons has started as one of our teachers in Haymead Class. She will share the class with Mrs Walker and will teach on Thursdays and Fridays.

We are very keen to recruit another lunch break supervisor and would consider somebody who could work for as many or as few lunchtimes as is convenient. If you or you know of somebody who may like the opportunity, please would you encourage them to contact the school office for more details.

CELEBRATION ASSMBLY

We have our Celebration Assembly each Friday at 2.40 pm. This term we would like to invite you to join us, if you would like to. This is the assembly when our 'Stars of the Week' are awarded their certificates.

This term we will also invite any child who learns to play an instrument to perform either at the beginning or the end of this assembly. If your child would like to perform, please complete and return the form attached to this letter and we will let you know the date your child will be performing so your child can prepare and you have the opportunity to come to watch them.



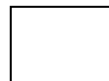
STAR READERS

We are always looking for new ways to encourage the children to read and to develop a love of reading. This term we are introducing a new reading incentive – Star Reader. As part of their homework we would like all children to read at home at least five times each week and would ask you to sign their reading diaries each time your child reads. Children will then be able to earn a five minute reward for each of the five reads they have completed at home – to earn a treat on a Friday afternoon. If they have completed at least five reads at home, they will have half an hour of 'Star Reader' time in class, when they can choose an activity. If a child has completed four reads, they will have twenty minutes, three reads and they will have fifteen minutes and so on. This will replace 'Reading Fivers'.

Housekeeping

PARKING ON ZIG ZAG LINES

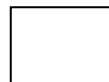
Please could I ask you to avoid parking on the zig-zag lines at the front of school so that we keep the children safe. Now that the car park is fully in use again, after the building work, please park here or legally on the road. Cars find it tricky to pass when there are vehicles parked on the zig-zags and the school bus has had to stop further down the road, blocking the road. Thank you for your support with this.



Activities

MEET THE TEACHER

I would like to remind you that you are invited to 'Meet the teacher' on Wednesday 5th September and see your child's classroom after school. Mrs Pocock will talk about Bowldown Class at 3.10 pm, Mrs Walker and Miss Parsons will discuss Haymead at 3.25 pm and parents of Ridge Class can meet Miss Bence at 3.40 pm.



BOOK FAIR

Reading is an area we continue to work hard on and the children love books. We will be holding a book fair on Monday 17th September – Wednesday 19th September straight after school. Children will have the chance to look at the books in school and any books that we sell, will earn us commission to spend at the book fair to get more books for the children in school.

INDIAN SUMMER FAIR

Our 'Indian Summer Fair' will be held on Friday 21st September. More information will follow from the PTFA.

CLUBS

We have new clubs on offer this term. Some are run by the teaching team who kindly volunteer their own time whilst others are run by outside organisations. Please see the list below for the clubs on offer this term. Enrolment for Dazzle Dance and Roaring Rugby are online and leaflets are attached to this newsletter. If your child would like to sign up for any of these, please complete the attached form and return it to school by Friday 7th September. Clubs will begin during the week beginning Monday 10th September and will run until Friday 12th October. If you do not hear from us then your child has been allocated a space at the club.

Yours sincerely
M Hatfield
Headteacher

Diary Dates 2018-2019

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Term 1	3/9/18	INSET Day – teaching team only
	4/9/18	Term 1 begins for children
	5/9/18	Meet the Teacher – 3.10: Mrs Pocock – Bowldown 3.25: Mrs Walker and Miss Parsons – Haymead 3.40: Miss Bence - Ridge
	10/9/18	Clubs begin
	12/9/18	Apsemore parents invited to join us for lunch
	17/9/18	Book Fair begins
	21/9/18	PTFA Indian Summer Fair
	11/10/18	Colourbox Photography portraits
Term 2	29/10/18	INSET Day – teaching team only
	30/10/18	Term 2 begins for the children
	30/10/18	Knex challenge for Ridge Class
	31/10/18	Parents evening
	1/11/18	Parents evening
	10/12/18	Nativity Dress Rehearsal
	11/12/18	Nativity Performance
	21/12/18	Singing round the Christmas Tree

MUSIC PERFORMANCE DURING CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

..... (child's name) would like to perform during the entrance or exit to Celebration Assembly. He/ she will be playing (instrument).

Signed _____ (Parent)

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CLUBS

I would like (child's name) _____ Class name _____

to attend the following clubs _____

If the club is after school, he/she will be collected promptly at 4.00pm by _____

I have paid £10 (12th September - 10th October) fee for Football Club – please pay using Parent Pay before the sessions begin.

I have paid a £4 contribution towards Jewellery Making club - please pay using Parent Pay before the sessions begin.

Signed _____ (Parent)

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	Lunchtime	Where and Who For?	Lead	After School	Where and Who For?	Lead
Monday	Jewellery Making (£4 to cover materials -- 4 sessions only) 12.30 – 1.00	School Office for Haymead and Ridge - 6 places available	Ms Hatfield	Dazzle Dance Club (payable – 20 places available)	Hall for Bowldown, Haymead and Ridge	Sarah Davis-Berry
Tuesday	Choir 12.30 – 1.00	Art Suite for Haymead and Ridge Classes	Mrs Ward			
Wednesday	Beginners Recorder Club 12.20 – 12.40	Art Suite for Bowldown, Haymead and Ridge Classes	Mrs Ward	Football (payable) 3.00 – 4.00 (20 places maximum)	Field for Haymead and Ridge	Mr Yolland-Jones
	Intermediate Recorder Club (current members only) 12.40 – 1.00	Art Suite	Mrs Ward			
Thursday	Advanced Recorder Club (current members only) 12.30-1.00	Art Suite for children in Bowldown and Haymead Class – other children by invitation	Mrs Ward	Roaring Rugby (payable) 3.00 – 4.00 (20 places maximum)	Field for children in Apsemore, Bowldown and Year 3	Chris Andrew
	Bump into Books 12.30-1.00	Apsomere Class for children	Ms Hart	Art Club 3.00 – 4.00 (12 places available)	Hall for Haymead and Ridge children	Mrs Pocock
Friday						