



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 2 (2018-19)

20th September 2018

Dear Parents

We have had a wonderful start to the new school year. The children are all amazing and are keen to try their best in all that they do. It has been lovely to see so many parents and family come to our Celebration assemblies on Fridays. The children love the support you give them. Details of the Celebration assemblies are further down the newsletter and you are very welcome to join us.

We are delighted and very excited to announce that we have been awarded the School Games Mark. Congratulations and thank you to all of the children who have helped us to gain this and to Mrs Walker who led the application.

School Focus:

ATTENDANCE

Attendance so far this year is very positive at 99.2%. 0.3% is authorised absence and 0.5% is unauthorised absence. One of our priorities again this year, is to improve attendance and reduce unauthorised absence so thank you for your support to do this.

STAFFING NEWS

Miss Stark will be leaving the Leighterton School Office as she has secured promotion and will be moving to a new job closer to home. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her well in her new role.

Max will be leaving our kitchen on Friday and I am sure that we all wish him every success in his new job.

We still have a vacancy for a lunch break supervisor. If you know of somebody who may be interested, please ask them to call into the school office for more details.

Caterlink, our lunchtime caterers, have asked me to share the following message:

We are looking for two talented and ambitious individuals to work as a team, term time and part time. Our current positions are Catering Supervisor 25 hours a week and General Assistant 10 hours a week. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact Area Supervisor, Lorayne on 07471953469.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

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 and the kindness hearts are added to our 'Kindness Tree'.

Several children have asked to perform their instrument as we come into and out of the hall and 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

Well done to the children who are gaining their Star Reader treat on a Friday afternoon. Children are awarded five minutes of 'treat time' for each home read they complete each week, up to a maximum of 5 rewards.

Housekeeping

HOODIES

Helen Mallett is able to order hoodies with the Leighterton School name for PE, if anybody would like to make an order. They come in a range of sizes including XS, S, M, L, XL and cost £12.50 each. If you would like to order, please would you let the school office have the payment and size by Friday 28th September.



SIMS

Thank you to the families who have signed up using the invitation from SIMS Online Services. It is important that the unique invitation codes are used by 30th September so please can I remind you to sign up, if you have not already done so. If you have not had a code, please contact Joanne in the school office so she can sort one out.

Our school census will take place at the beginning of October and this information will be used to set the school budget for next year. If you think your family may be eligible to receive free school meals, I would encourage you to apply, even if you provide a packed lunch or have the universal infant free school meals, because we would receive a little more funding. To find out whether you are entitled, you can complete a confidential online form at:

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

CAR PARK

Thank you for using the car park when you drop off and collect your children. This helps to keep the children safe as cars are not parked on the narrow lanes. As the car park is so busy, please could I ask you to drive clock wise around it, to avoid jams.

Activities

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to you all for supporting our Book Fair. There was a super selection of books available and because of your support, we were able to select nearly £400 of new books for the classrooms and library. The book fair will be collected on Monday morning so if you have not yet had a chance to look and would like to, please ask and we will open it for you.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will celebrate Harvest on Friday 12th October at 2.00pm and would like to invite you to join us. Children are invited to bring in a homemade loaf of bread which will be sold after the assembly. The proceeds will be given to The Food Bank.

INDIAN SUMMER FAIR

Our 'Indian Summer Fair' will be held on Friday 21st September. We are very lucky to have a great PTFA supporting the school and raising money to buy the items that it is tricky to fund from the school budget. More information about the Indian Summer Fair came out earlier this week and we look forward to seeing you there.

Please remember our non-uniform day tomorrow – the day of the fete. Please can children bring a bottle for the bottle tombola in return for not wearing their uniform. And thanks for all of the raffle tickets returned so far, please can we have the stubs and money back in ahead of the draw tomorrow.

Any cakes or home produce can be brought in tomorrow morning or dropped off to the Out of School Club room.

Yours sincerely
M Hatfield
Headteacher

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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Diary Dates 2018-2019		
Term 1	21/9/18	PTFA Indian Summer Fair
	1/10/18	Bikeability Cycle Training Scheme for year 6
	11/10/18	Colourbox Photography portraits
	12/10/18	Harvest Festival – 2.00 pm
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
	6/11/18	Flu Immunisation for Reception to year 5
	10/12/18	Nativity Dress Rehearsal
	11/12/18	Nativity Performance
	21/12/18	Singing round the Christmas Tree