



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 3 (2018-19)

2nd October 2018

Dear Parents

Thank you to you all for your wonderful support at the Indian Summer Fair and particularly to Jo and Tiff for organising it. PTFA raised over £1300 which we hope will help to fund a new set of computers for the children. The book fair orders have now been finalised and we were given £411 in commission, which will be spent on new books for the children. These are amazing amounts of money, particularly for a school of our size and I would like to thank you all for your invaluable support.

School Focus:

SCHOOL CENSUS

The school census will take place on Thursday 4th October and this will be used to set the school budget for the next academic year. The more children who order a school lunch on Thursday, the higher our budget will be, so please help us by ordering a school lunch on Thursday. If you think that your child may be eligible for free school meals, I would ask you to apply please, as even if you do not wish your child to take up these meals, we will benefit from extra funding that schools receive for each child who is entitled. To find out whether you are entitled, you can complete a confidential online form at: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals



SCHOOL PRIORITIES

The governors and I set priorities and targets each academic year. These are based on internal and external monitoring throughout the year and on school data. Our priorities are:

- Continue to raise achievement by ensuring teachers consistently provide the highest levels of challenge to enable pupils to make even stronger progress, especially the most able.
- To improve the attendance of pupils and reduce the number of unauthorised absences.
- To design a curriculum that meets the requirements and excites the learners.
- Further develop subject leaders by ensuring they take greater responsibility for developing the quality of teaching, learning and assessment in their subjects.
- To develop the school and grounds so they enrich the children's wellbeing, learning and social development

Three of these priorities came from our previous Ofsted inspection and we have been working hard to embed the strategies we have implemented. The others are priorities we have identified for improvement.

ATTENDANCE

Thank you for supporting our drive to improve attendance. Currently, we have 98.73% attendance which is very positive. 1.02% is authorised absence and 0.25% is unauthorised absence.

STAFFING NEWS

We still have a vacancy for a lunch break supervisor and would love somebody to join our team for between one and five days each week. If you know of somebody who may be interested, please ask them to call into the school office for more details.

We are also advertising for a Receptionist/Admin Assistant. If you know of anybody who may be interested, please ask them to enquire at the school office.



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
SIMS

Thank you to the families who have signed up using the invitation from SIMS Online Services. It is important that parents register and sign up. If you have not had a code, please contact Joanne in the school office so she can help you with this.

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

HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Friday 12th October at 2.00 pm we will celebrate our Harvest Festival and would love you to join us, if you are able to. Each class will present and we will all sing together. The children are invited to donate a loaf of bread, which will be sold off for donations at the end and the money raised will go to the Food Bank.

FILMING AT LEIGHTERTON

We will be filming around school to make a marketing video and some of the children may be included in this. If you are happy for your child to be included, please would you complete and return the reply slip at the bottom of this newsletter.

Yours sincerely
M Hatfield
Headteacher

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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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MARKETING FILM

I give permission for (child's name) to be filmed as part of the marketing film. I understand that this film will be used to help to market Leighterton Primary School.

Signed _____ (Parent)

Diary Dates 2018-2019

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Term 1	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