



## 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 3, Newsletter 1 (2018-19)

9<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parents

Welcome back to school for 2019. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year. The children looked really smart coming into school this week and I know that they were really pleased to see each other after the break.

### **School Focus:**

Working together, we have made really positive progress to improving attendance. Thank you for your support with this.

Current Attendance	Authorised Absence	Unauthorised Absence
97.74%	2.16%	0.10%

### **CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS**

Children have started working on their new topics and the curriculum newsletters will be available for you on our website by the end of the week. They can be found on [www.leighterton.com](http://www.leighterton.com), under the children tab. There is a link to each class page from here.

### **PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION**

Thank you to Sarah Long and Jo Roberts, who have represented parents as Parent Governors for the last four years. They have both done a wonderful job and have worked hard to help Leighterton to progress well. Their terms of office are due to end in the next few weeks and we are holding a Parent Governor election. If you would like more information about becoming a Parent Governor, we have published information on our website at: <https://www.leighterton.com/news/>. I will also write to you with more information.

### **STAFFING**

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Claire Davey and Mrs Sandra Cooke to the Leighterton team. Claire is our new Receptionist and Admin Assistant and Sandra has joined our Lunch Break Supervisor team. We are currently advertising for a teaching assistant/ lunchbreak supervisor to work each day. If you know anyone who is qualified and may be interested, please encourage them to contact the office for more details.

### **PARENT SURVEY**

Thank you to all of the families who completed and returned our parent survey. These are being analysed and we look forward to using the information to continue to make improvements throughout school.

### **SCHOOL CENSUS**

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January, we will be having a school census and parts of our budget for next year will be based on the information collected. Please would you encourage your child to order a school lunch – we have a special menu for the day, which is attached to this newsletter. Many thanks in advance.

## Activities

### **MATHS INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS AND CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY**

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February (the last day of term 3), we will be holding a maths information session for parents at 9.00 am in the hall. Miss Bence will explain some of the strategies we use in school for adding and subtracting and show how these develop throughout the year groups. There will be a chance to see the children using some of these strategies in the classrooms too. For this day only, we will change our Celebration Assembly to 10.00 am.

### **CLUBS**

New clubs will begin on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January and these will run until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February. The clubs list is attached. If you would like your child to take part in a club, please complete and return the attached form. You can assume that your child has a place unless you hear from us. Roaring Rugby is bookable directly on the website: <https://www.roaringrugby.co.uk/booking/>

### **POP UP STAY AND PLAY**

Sarah Thorogood, Zoe Nicholls and Jenna Walker will be running 'Pop Up Stay and Play' sessions in January. Dates for this will be January 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and February 7<sup>th</sup>. The sessions will run from 9.30 am – 10.45 am and may be outside, so please wear appropriate clothing.

### **ONLINE SAFETY**

Many children are talking about the online game, 'Fortnite'. Fortnite is a computer game that has a 12 PEGI rating. This means that it is suitable for children who are 12 and above. Here is a hyperlink to the UK Safer Internet page with information for parents about Fortnite: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/parents-guide-fortnite-battle-royale>

Yours sincerely

M Hatfield  
Headteacher

### **Diary Dates 2018-2019**

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Term 3	7/1/19	Term 3 begins
	14/1/19	Clubs begin
	17/1/19	Pop Up Stay and Play 9.30 – 10.45 am
	21/1/19	Parent Governor nominations close
	24/1/19	Pop Up Stay and Play 9.30 – 10.45 am
	31/1/19	Pop Up Stay and Play 9.30 – 10.45 am
	4/2/19	Ridge Class training and Whole School Assembly - Safer Internet
	7/2/19	Pop Up Stay and Play 9.30 – 10.45 am
	8/2/19	Clubs end
	15/2/19	Maths Information Session for parents
15/2/19	Celebration Assembly is at 10.00 am for today only	
Term 4	18/3/19	Curriculum and Standards committee meeting
	20/3/19	Personnel and Resources committee meeting
	27/3/19	FGB

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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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**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 £8 (16<sup>th</sup> January - 6<sup>th</sup> February) fee for Hockey Club – please pay using Parent Pay before the sessions begin.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent)

	Lunchtime	Where and Who For?	Lead	After School	Where and Who For?	Lead
Monday	Coding 12.30 – 1.00	Ridge for children in Years 3 and 4	Miss Bence and Holly, James and Alfie			
Tuesday	Choir 12.30 – 1.00	Art Suite for Haymead and Ridge Classes	Mrs Ward	Cross Country 3.00 – 4.00	Field for all children	Mrs Walker
				Story Telling 3.00 – 4.00	Apsemore for Apsemore and Bowldown	Mrs Hart
Wednesday	Beginners Recorder Club (current members only) 12.20 – 12.40	Art Suite for Bowldown, Haymead and Ridge Classes	Mrs Ward	Hockey (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	Netball 3.00 – 4.00	Playground for Haymead and Ridge	Anna Read
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 on Roaring Rugby website) 3.00 – 4.00 (20 places maximum per group)	Field for children in Apsemore, Bowldown and Year 3.	Chris Andrew
				Sewing	Haymead for children in Haymead and Ridge	Ms Hatfield and Miss Parsons
Friday						