



## SMART CODE

**S**peak politely and listen carefully

**M**ake school enjoyable for everyone



**A**ct safely



**R**espect and care for each other



**T**ell someone your worries



### Term 3, Newsletter 2 (2018-19)

24<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parents

Earlier this week, the children enjoyed a mindfulness afternoon throughout school. In our assembly, at the end of the day, they shared what they had been doing. Positive mental wellbeing for all is important and is regularly in the news. There was a range of activities on offer for each class, including yoga, pilates, relaxation, glitter jars, self-esteem boxes and colouring.

#### **School Focus:**

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

<b>Current Attendance</b>	<b>Authorised Absence</b>	<b>Unauthorised Absence</b>
<b>97.49%</b>	<b>2.42%</b>	<b>0.09%</b>

#### **PARENT MEETINGS**

Parent meetings will be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February from 3.00 pm – 6.00 pm. These are for parents of children in Bowldown, Haymead and Ridge classes, as Apsemore parent meetings take place throughout the term. Appointment sheets are available in the foyer, just outside the office, so you can select a convenient appointment.

#### **PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION**

I am delighted to let you know that Mr Jason Hughes and Mrs Brittany Hurdle were nominated as Parent Governors. As there are two vacancies and two nominations, there is no need to hold a ballot and we welcome them to our Governing Board.

#### **SNOWY WEATHER**

We aim to keep the school open in all weathers but when conditions are severe, we consider the safety of the children and staff travelling to school and the safety of the site. Details of school closures are announced on local radio stations and published on Gloucestershire County Council's website: <http://ww3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closedschools/>. Parents will be informed by text as early as possible, once a decision has been made.

#### **DIARY DATES**

Class assembly dates and cake sales have been added to the diary list at the end of the newsletter. I have tried to include important dates to the end of the school year. Any new dates that have been added are in red.

#### **SLAPPED CHEEK**

Several children in school have had Slapped Cheek Syndrome. The symptoms are having a runny nose, a raised temperature and a headache. Once the children develop a rash, they are no longer contagious. If you are, or think you may be less than 20 weeks pregnant, or you have a weakened immune system, you are advised to let your doctor know.

## **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.

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

Sarah Thorogood, Zoe Nicholls and Jenna Walker are running 'Pop Up Stay and Play' sessions. Dates for this are January 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. Everyone with preschool children is very welcome.

### **500 WORDS**

The Radio 2 500 Words competition is running again. Some of the children will have the opportunity to write stories in school. I would like to encourage all children to write a story to submit. We have some very talented and creative children at Leighterton and it would be good for as many as possible to submit their stories. Further information is available at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/13FxbKI0D1DP80zvWRqw2CK/submit-your-500-words-story>

Yours sincerely  
M Hatfield  
Headteacher

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

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Term 3	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 at <b>9.00 am</b>
	15/2/19	Celebration Assembly is at 10.00 am for today only
	15/2/19	<b>End of Term 3</b>
Term 4	25/2/19	<b>Start of Term 4</b>
	27 and 28/2/19	<b>Parent meetings</b>
	5/3/19	<b>PTFA Pancake Café 8.15 am</b>
	15/3/19	<b>Ridge assembly and Cake Sale</b>
	18/3/19	Curriculum and Standards committee meeting
	20/3/19	Personnel and Resources committee meeting
	27/3/19	FGB
	29/3/19	<b>Haymead assembly and Cake Sale</b>
	4/4/19	<b>PTFA Easter Eggstravaganza</b>
	5/4/19	<b>End of Term 4</b>
Term 5	23/4/19	<b>Start of Term 5</b>
	1/5/19	<b>Y2 SATs assessments begin</b>
	13/5/19	<b>Y6 SATs assessments begin</b>
	24/5/19	<b>End of Term 5</b>
Term 6	3/6/19	<b>Start of Term 6</b>
	14/6/19	<b>Apsemore assembly and Cake Sale</b>
	19 - 21/6/19	<b>Y5 and 6 residential</b>
	28/6/19	<b>Bowldown assembly and Cake Sale</b>
	5/7/19	<b>PTFA Camp Night</b>
	8/7/19	Curriculum and Standards committee meeting
	10/7/19	Personnel and Resources committee meeting
12/7/19	<b>End of year reports sent home</b>	

	17/7/19	Parents evening
	17/7/19	FGB
	18/7/19	Leavers' Disco
	19/7/19	Leavers' Assembly
	19/7/19	End of Term 6 (for children)

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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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