



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 2 (2018-19)

7th February 2019

Dear Parents

As part of Internet Safety Day, our School Beat Officer, PC Leah Davis, worked with the whole school about which information should not be shared online. She also worked with Ridge Class on online safety and gave us all a really clear message – that if you are worried about anything at all, you should speak to a grown up you trust. She really emphasised that it is important for children to discuss IT use with their parents so they can support and guide them.

This work will be followed up on 4th March when the NSPCC come in to work with each class. Their focus will be on the importance of not bottling up worries and talking to a trusted adult.

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
97.41%	2.48%	0.09%

STAFFING NEWS

Mrs Teresa Montague has begun as a Teaching Assistant with Bowldown Class. She is also a Lunch Break Supervisor working with all classes. I am sure you will join me in welcoming her to Leighterton Primary School.

Mrs Laver will be returning from her maternity leave at the beginning of term 5 in April. To start with, she will support groups of children who will be taking SATs this summer and when Miss Parson's contract ends in May, she will teach Haymead Class, alongside Mrs Walker.

PARENT MEETINGS

Parent meetings will be held on Wednesday 27th February and Thursday 28th 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 SURVEY

Thank you to all of the families who returned the parent surveys. The results have been analysed and the Leighterton team are using these to help plan how we can make further improvements and enhance the whole involvement for children in school.

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.

Activities

MATHS INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS AND CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

We are looking forward to seeing you on Friday 15th February (the last day of term 3) when 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.

WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 7th March it is World Book Day and this year we would like to invite the children to come in fancy dress/ masks with a fantasy theme. Ideas for this could include dragons, knights, fairies, wizards, elves, mermaids, unicorns and many more.

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 24th, 31st and February 7th. 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>

SCHOOL NURSING SERVICE

We have been asked to encourage parents to take part in a survey about the school nursing service. Please follow the link for further information: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/schoolnurse19>

Yours sincerely
M Hatfield
Headteacher

Diary Dates 2018-2019		
Term 3	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 9.00 am
	15/2/19	Celebration Assembly is at 10.00 am for today only
	15/2/19	End of Term 3
Term 4	25/2/19	Start of Term 4
	26/2/19	Deer Park Cross Country
	27 and 28/2/19	Parent meetings
	5/3/19	PTFA Pancake Café 8.15 am
	15/3/19	Ridge assembly and Cake Sale
	18/3/19	Curriculum and Standards committee meeting
	20/3/19	Personnel and Resources committee meeting
	27/3/19	FGB
	29/3/19	Haymead assembly and Cake Sale
	4/4/19	PTFA Easter Eggstravaganza
5/4/19	End of Term 4	
Term 5	23/4/19	Start of Term 5
	1/5/19	Y2 SATs assessments begin
	13/5/19	Y6 SATs assessments begin
	24/5/19	End of Term 5

Term 6	3/6/19	Start of Term 6
	14/6/19	Apsemore assembly and Cake Sale
	19 - 21/6/19	Y5 and 6 residential
	28/6/19	Bowldown assembly and Cake Sale
	5/7/19	PTFA Camp Night
	8/7/19	Curriculum and Standards committee meeting
	10/7/19	Personnel and Resources committee meeting
	12/7/19	End of year reports sent home
	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)