



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 1 (2020-21)

17th September 2020

Dear Parents

It is great to be back in the swing of school with all of the children in after the lockdown. They have settled well and all are enjoying learning about their new topics and loving seeing their friends.

School Focus:

DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTING

Thank you to all of you for your support in dropping off and collecting the children. Overall, the system is becoming much slicker as we are all getting used to it. Thank you for sticking to the allocated times so that the bubbles are kept apart. We have made refinements, such as adding more bays, and if there are any further refinements you think would help, we will be very happy to hear them. We are now lining the bubbles up at the end of the day to try to speed collection up.

ONE WAY SYSTEM

There is an informal one way system around the village at the start and end of the school day so that cars can pass on the narrow lanes without having to mount the pavements where the children may be walking. Following this one way system should also help the traffic to flow in and out of our carpark as there will be a queue from only one direction. We ask for cars to come into the village, from the A46, via Whitewater Lane and turn right at the crossroad into Boxwell Lane and left into the school's car park. Cars can then leave our car park and turn left to drive back out to the A46. If you do forget, please would you turn round away from the queue of cars and join the end of the queue.

POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST RESULT

I have been asked to ask all families to let me know straight away if a member of your household tests positive for COVID-19 so I can find out whether any of our bubbles need to self-isolate or book tests. You are able to contact me via the office email on: admin@leighterton.gloucs.sch.uk. Emails will be picked up throughout the day and evening and at weekends.

ATTENDANCE

Current Attendance	Authorised Absence	Unauthorised Absence
99.11%	0.99%	0%

STAFFING

There have been a couple of changes during the summer. Mrs Ward will be completing her teacher training this year and Miss Sylvester has reduced her hours slightly. This means that we are able to welcome Miss Warner as a Teaching Assistant and Lunch Break Supervisor and she will be based in Apsemore, in the first instance.

We also welcome Sasha and Holly as Lunch Break Supervisors so that every bubble has at least one lunch break supervisor attached to care for it. Sasha is also working with Dawn at After School Club.

ASSEMBLIES

Although we are not currently able to meet together as a school for assembly, we have been holding online assemblies where the children are able to see the other children and adults on the interactive whiteboards in their classrooms. We miss the families joining us for Celebration Assembly on Fridays but are pleased the children are able to see each other and it is great to give out the pink hearts and 'Star of the Week' certificates..

BOOK FAIR

Our Book Fair always comes with lots of wonderful choices for the children and it is a way that we raise money to buy more books for our school. It will be different this year as we are unable to hold it as a pop up shop where you can all come in and have a good look through the books, however, the book cases will be taken to the classrooms and the children will be shown the books. You should also have received a leaflet via email with a selection of books.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

As soon as information is available about events the children will be taking part in, we will add it to the calendar on our website: www.leighterton.com . All the information needed should be with the event on the calendar page.

House Keeping

HEADLICE

We have been advised that headlice are about again. Please would you check your child's hair for headlice and treat, if necessary.

Activities

CLUBS

Unfortunately, we are currently unable to offer clubs as the children have to remain in their bubbles and the bubbles have to be kept apart. As soon as we are able to, we will begin clubs again.

Yours sincerely
M Hatfield
Headteacher

Diary Dates 2020-2021		
Term 1	14/9/20 – 25/9/20	Book Fair
	12/10/20	Year 6 Bikeability
	23/10/20	End of Term 1
Term 2	2/11/20	INSET (Teaching team only)
	3/11/20	Start of Term 2
	17/11/20	Flu Immunisation (All year groups)
	18/12/20	End of Term 2