



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 2 (2020-21)

21st October 2020

Dear Parents

We are nearly at half term and everyone has worked their socks off during this first term back for the whole school after the national lockdown. The children have been amazing but their tiredness is really showing now and they are certainly ready for the half term break. The teaching team have all been stars too. Everyone has gone above and beyond to support the children. The tables and chairs are being cleaned regularly throughout the day so we can kill any germs quickly and the team are working through their break and lunch time to ensure the children are all supervised in their bubbles and stay safe.

Thank you for your patience during the drop off and collection times. The system we have is working well and we are able to keep the bubbles apart, to help them keep safe. Thank you for ensuring that your child has already got their coat on and their bag and water bottle ready so that when you drop them, you are swift. This really does help.

School Focus:

ATTENDANCE

Thank you for your support to further improve attendance. One of the targets set for us when Ofsted last visited was to further improve our attendance and to reduce unauthorised absence.

Current Attendance	Authorised absence	Unauthorised absence
97.92%	2.08%	0%

HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES AND SNACKS

We were very excited to be awarded Healthy School status last year and are proud that we offer so many opportunities to help the children to be healthy. The children in Apsemore and Bowdown classes are provided with a piece of fruit as a snack during the morning and they are also offered a school lunch. Everyone is also very welcome to bring in a snack and their own lunch, if they would like to. Please may I ask that these are healthy? We have had to send home crisps, chocolate and sweets that have been brought in as snacks. Ideas for healthy snacks include fruit, bread sticks, cheese and rice cakes.

Lunch boxes from home should also be balanced and nutritious to be healthy. If you would like any guidance, please contact the school office.

UNIFORM

Please may I remind you about children wearing school uniform. We are proud that our children look smart in their uniforms and these help to create a sense of belonging. Hoodies are part of our PE kit and may only be worn on PE days. Please could children wear school shoes on uniform days too. Trainers and daps may be worn only on PE days. Thank you in advance for your support.

SCHOOL PE KIT

We are very short of PE kit belonging to Leighterton Primary School and it is possible that some of you may have pieces at home that you have not yet returned. Several of our 'Leighterton Cross Country Team' hoodies, red 'Leighterton School' t-shirts and red, 'Leighterton School v neck t-shirts are missing and we

currently do not have enough for the children to borrow for when events resume. If you have a cross country hoodie, please would you return it as soon as you can?

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.

House Keeping BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all of you who supported our book fair, even though it was very different this year. We sold £540.48 of books and are just waiting for the amount of commission to be confirmed.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

All children in school yesterday had their photograph taken and proofs will be sent home straight after half term so you will be able to order them in time for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

All children have designed a Christmas card and Claire has emailed this to you. These will be printed by Cauliflower Cards and they will be collecting the orders on Friday 6th November. If you would like to order your child's designs, please ensure you have ordered before the deadline.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

This term we are offering telephone appointments for parent consultations. If you have not yet made an appointment, please contact the school office.

POPPY APPEAL

If your child would like to make a small donation to The Royal British Legion, we have a Poppy Box in the school office.

Activities

INSET DAY

Please remember that we will be holding one of our INSET days on Monday 2nd November. This will be for staff only and we will be renewing our Safeguarding training. We will look forward to the children returning to school on Tuesday 3rd November.

PTFA

It was lovely to see so many of you at our online PTFA meeting last week, including new members. Thank you very much to Zoe for all the hard work she has put in as Chair over the last few years. Thank you too to Julie, our new Chair. We have a great committee, and as a parent of a child at Leighterton, you are automatically a member. We have fun planning events for the children and families and also raise lots of money to support the children in school. It will be a challenge to raise money in the virtual world, but everyone had lovely ideas.

The next event will be tomorrow, when children may wear a fancy dress outfit instead of their school uniform in return for a donation. This may be made via Parent Pay and we will also have a bucket for donations.

PANTOMIME

We had booked to take the whole school to the pantomime at Christmas but unfortunately this has had to be cancelled.

Yours sincerely
M Hatfield
Headteacher

Diary Dates 2020-2021

Term 1	23/10/20	End of Term 1	
Term 2	2/11/20	INSET (Teaching team only)	
	3/11/20	Start of Term 2	
	3/11/20	Ridge Class Parent Consultations	
	4/11/20	Bowldown, Haymead and Ridge Class Parent Consultations	
	5/11/20	Bowldown and Haymead Parent Consultations	
	6/11/20	Cauliflower Cards Deadline	
	17/11/20	Flu Immunisation (All year groups)	
	18/12/20	End of Term 2	