



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)

5th November 2020

Dear Parents

Welcome back to everyone for the beginning of term 2. The children are very excited to be back at school again and we love having them back too. I would also like to welcome Freddie and his family to Leigherton Primary School.

As we head towards a second lockdown, we are waiting for further guidance from the DfE but with the number of COVID cases rising all around the country, we know we must adhere to the guidance to keep everyone as safe as we can. Please may I remind you to make sure that you drop off and collect your children within the allocated time so that we can try to avoid bubbles mixing? Thank you for your support.

A big thank you to all of the families who are following all current guidance. Many of our families and staff team live with and / or are carers for people who are clinically vulnerable or extremely clinically vulnerable. This means that it is even more important that we protect them and everyone else. We also want to keep all of the bubbles open so that the children can continue coming to school. We all have to trust that each other is following current guidance.

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.

The current attendance numbers will not total 100% as we now code children who are shielding under a separate code.

Current Attendance	Authorised absence	Unauthorised absence
97.13%	2.06%	0%

READING BOOKS

Our wonderful PTFA have recently given us some money to buy new reading books for the children and these have been ordered and should arrive any day. As soon as we can, we will put them into circulation so that the children can bring them home to practise reading and use in school with the teaching team. We are quarantining books that we send home for children to read before we use them for anything else.

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. We are awaiting further guidance from the DfE about whether windows and doors need to remain open to ventilate the classrooms. While they are open, the classrooms are much cooler than they would normally be. Children are very welcome to add layers and may wear their PE hoodies on top of (not instead of) their school jumpers, if they would like to. They also need to bring their coat to school each day.

Thank you in advance for your support.

SCHOOL PE KIT

Thank you to everyone who has returned school PE kit. There are still quite a few pieces missing so please would you continue to look for any you may have at home and return them. These may be 'Leighterton Cross Country Team' hoodies, red 'Leighterton School' t-shirts or red, 'Leighterton School v neck t-shirts.

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.

APPEAL FOR GAMES AND TOYS

Children are spending time together as a bubble which means that the whole class have to be together while they wait for all of the others to finish eating. If you are going to be having a clear out, we would appreciate any toys and / board games that could be used by the children in the classrooms or in breakfast and after school club.

House Keeping

SOAP, SANITISER AND TISSUES

Children are asked to wash their hands using soap and water or to sanitise many times each day and we are using many more hand towels, soap, tissues and sanitiser than we normally would. If you would like to donate any of these to school or to make a donation towards the purchase of these, we would be extremely grateful.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

As soon as the photographs come back to school, we will send them home for you to see. You will be able to order them in time for them to be delivered before 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.

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

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

New guidance was issued to schools late yesterday afternoon and I am pleased to let you know that we are able to continue with parent consultations, as planned.

Yours sincerely
M Hatfield
Headteacher

Diary Dates 2020-2021		
Term 2	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