



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 2, Newsletter 2 (2020-21)

19th November 2020

Dear Parents

A NOTE FROM OUR NEW CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

As your new Chair of Governors, I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself.

Having taken early retirement to be closer to family, I moved to Leighterton from Hampshire in September 2019.

I have a primary teaching background and welcomed the opportunity to support the village school and be involved locally by becoming a governor and volunteer (pre Covid19).

On behalf of the governors, I'd like to thank the whole LPS family for the patience and support shown during the pandemic. I know the commitment of the staff, going 'above and beyond', is a reflection of their dedication to the pupils and families of LPS.

I look forward to meeting more of you when 'normal' activities resume.

Meanwhile, should you need to contact me, please do so via the school office.

Stay safe,

Sincerely yours,

Jackie Batten

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
97.05%	2.32%	0%

SCHOOL CLOSURE

Several schools locally have had to close to either the whole school or to a bubble because someone in their school community has had a positive COVID test. Some of these closures have happened very quickly and although we endeavour to keep Leighterton Primary School open, we too may have to close at short notice. Please would you ensure that you think about arrangements for your children should this happen. The most important role we have at school is to keep everyone safe and occasionally we have staff absence. Where we can, we move members of the teaching team around so we can provide adequate cover in each class, if a team member is away, and keep the children safe. However, if staff absence was too high, we may be unable to stretch too thinly and may have to close bubbles. Our aim is to keep our school open.

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.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY AND SINGING AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

We are starting to think about Christmas and due to the restrictions in place because of COVID, Christmas will be very different for all of us this year. We have been trying to keep everything as normal as we can for the children but there will be many activities that we will have to change.

The children in Apsemore and Bowldown classes would normally perform the nativity to their family and friends and the children in Haymead and Ridge have the opportunity to perform during 'Singing Around the Christmas Tree'. I know that many of you look forward to these events and as we are unable to invite you into school, we are hoping to send you a short performance to see at home. This will probably be sent by email, and as always, to keep all of our children safe, we ask that this is not shared.

House Keeping

SOAP, SANITISER AND TISSUES THANK YOU

Thank you to everybody who has donated soap, paper towels, sanitiser, tissues or money to buy these. We are using much more than normal and no extra funding has been made available to schools. Donations are always very gratefully received.

FOODBANK

I am keen to remind you that we hold vouchers for the food bank and these are available to any family who need them. Family circumstances can change rapidly and anyone is able to ask me for a voucher. This will be completely confidential and we are very keen to support all families who need them.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you for wearing your 'Funky Feet' to school last Friday to raise money for Children in Need. We have sent off a cheque for £116.13.

Activities

CHRISTMAS CARDS

We have thought long and hard about finding a way for children to share Christmas cards this year and we have a plan. Our post box will be available from 1st December and all cards will need to be posted in this. The post box will close at 9.00 am on Friday 11th December and the cards will be quarantined for the weekend. On Monday, Year 6 will sort the cards and they will be quarantined again until Thursday 17th December when the children will be able to bring them home.

Yours sincerely
M Hatfield
Headteacher

Diary Dates 2020-2021		
Term 2	17/12/20	Christmas Party Lunch
	18/12/20	End of Term 2