



## SMART CODE

**S**peak politely and listen carefully

**M**ake school enjoyable for everyone



**A**ct safely



**R**espect and care for each other



**T**ell someone your worries



### Term 1, Newsletter 4 (2023-24)

25<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents

It was lovely to see so many of you at our coffee morning with Debbie Riall last week. Such positive feedback from you was great to receive and we all appreciated her specialist knowledge. Thank you.

#### ATTENDANCE

Thank you to all of you for helping us with good attendance. Our current attendance is 97%. Our registers are monitored by the DfE and the school census picks up anyone whose absence is below 90%. These children are classed as persistent absentees. This means that any child who has had three and a half days or more away from school is classed as a persistent absentee. We are grateful for your support in ensuring that your child comes to school every day.

#### PARENTS EVENINGS

In the first week of term 2, there will be an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher to discuss how they are getting on. This is important as we all work together to support your child to achieve their potential. Please contact Claire, in our School Office, to make an appointment, if you have not already had the chance to do so.

#### SCHOOL FOCUS

##### CAR PARK

We are very fortunate to have a school car park for us all to use. This gets very full, particularly at drop off and collection times. In order to help the cars move more easily and to keep the children as safe as we can, please would you drive around it in a clockwise direction.

##### CAR ROUTE AROUND LEIGHTERTON

The lanes in Leighterton are very narrow and most people use a one-way system to and from the A46 to avoid congestion. The way into Leighterton is via Whitewater Lane and back out of Leighterton is via Boxwell Lane (by turning left out of our car park). Thank you, in advance, for following this system.

#### ACTIVITIES

##### CLUBS

From the beginning of term 2, Jez from Cotswold Coaching, who previously ran an archery club, will be running a golf club for children in Year 2 – Year 6. This will be on Wednesday afternoons from 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm and will run for six sessions. The cost for each child will be £36 and payable directly to Cotswold Coaching. If you would like your child to take part, please let Claire know as a maximum of 15 children will be taken. This club will only take place if at least 12 children book spaces.

We are delighted to be able to offer clubs again this term. If you would like to offer to run a club, please contact me, via the school office. We are very grateful to everyone who volunteers to run clubs. The current club offer is at the end of this newsletter.

I will be offering some 'pop up' clubs to each class during some lunchtimes and children will be able to come along on the day without any booking.

If you would like your child to take part in any of our clubs, please complete and return the attached slip and make any payments. You may assume that your child has been allocated a space unless you receive an email from us saying that they have not.

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 2.00 pm. Each class will present a harvest 'something' and you are very welcome to come along. If we finish a few minutes early, you will be able to take your child home. We will be collecting donations of food for the food bank and these may be sent into school any time from now and will be displayed.

### **OPEN MORNING**

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, we will be holding an Open Morning for prospective parents and their children from 9.30 am – 11.30 am. If you know of anybody who you think may like to come along, please ask them to contact Claire, in our School Office, for more information.

We do have a few spaces in some of our year groups so if you know of anyone looking for a school space, please encourage them to contact us as soon as possible.

### **PANTOMIME**

We have booked tickets for the pantomime on 12<sup>th</sup> December. This year we are going to see Mother Goose at the Everyman Theatre, in Cheltenham, and as always, the whole school will go together.

### **HOUSE KEEPING**

#### **WELLINGTON BOOTS**

Please would you send a named pair of wellies into school for your child. This means that they will be able to wear their wellies on the school field when the grass is damp.

### **FOODBANK VOUCHERS**

Many families are finding the cost of living crisis challenging and I would like to remind you that Leighterton Primary School are voucher holders for the foodbank and vouchers are available for any family who need them. If your family would like a voucher, please contact me directly. All requests are confidential.

With best wishes

Meryl Hatfield  
Headteacher

	<b>Before School/ Lunchtime</b>	<b>Where and Who For?</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>After School</b>	<b>Where and Who For?</b>	<b>Lead</b>
Monday	Pop up clubs	Children in all classes	Ms Hatfield			
Tuesday	Cross country	School field for children in KS2	Mrs Walker	Football 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm (£25 for 5 weeks payable via Parent Pay) 14.11.23 – 12.12.23	School field for children in KS1	Miss Sly
				Forest School 3.00pm – 4.00 pm (£25 for 5 weeks payable via Parent Pay) 14.11.23 – 12.12.23	Forest School for children in Haymead, Ozleworth and Ridge (15 spaces)	Miss Green

Wednesday	Pop up clubs	By invitation	Mrs Ward	Golf Club 3.00pm – 4.00 pm (£36 for 6 weeks payable to Cotswold Coaching) 8.11.23 – 13.12.23	School field for children in Years 2 – 6	Jez
Thursday	Recorder Club 12.00 – 12.30 (£12 via Parent Pay)	Music room for existing members	Mrs Frewer			
Friday	Recorder Club 12.00 – 12.30 (£12 via Parent Pay)  Dance Club 12.30 pm – 1.00 pm	Music room for existing members  Barnhill Class for children in Barnhill, Boxwell and Haymead Classes	Mrs Frewer  Miss Tetlow			

27th October	Harvest Festival Assembly 2pm
27th October	End of Term 1
6th November	INSET
7th November	Term 2 begins
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents evening Ozleworth Class only
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents evening Apsemore, Barnhill, Boxwell and Ridge classes only
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents evening Apsemore, Barnhill, Boxwell, Haymead and Ridge classes only
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Yr 5 Earth and Space day at Westonbirt School.
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Open morning 9.30am – 11.30am
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Yr5 and 6 Sports Hall Athletics @ SWR 9.30am – 10.30am
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Cross Country @ Dursley RFC 10am
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Yr5 and 6 Handball @ SWR 3.45pm – 4.45pm
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Yr 5 Westonbirt School production of Frozen 1pm – 3pm
4 <sup>th</sup> December	INSET
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Haymead and Ozleworth class trip to Caerleon Roman Baths
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Cross Country @Dursley RFC 10am
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr5 and 6 Sports leadership @ SWR 3.45pm – 4.45pm
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Mother Goose Pantomime at The Everyman Theatre Cheltenham
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 3 and 4 Dodgeball @SWR 3.45pm – 4.45pm
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity production 1.30pm
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity production 1.30pm
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Christmas lunch
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Class Christmas parties and party lunch
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	End of term – Singing around the Christmas tree 1pm
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Term 3 Begins
13 <sup>th</sup> May – 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Yr6 SATS week

