



## 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 2, Newsletter 1 (2023-24)

14<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents

I hope you had a wonderful half term break. It is lovely to be back and the children are raring to go. Already, Ridge Class have been to Sports Hall Athletics at SWR and have presented their Class assembly.

We had a very busy Open Morning last Friday and it was great to welcome so many new families to our wonderful school. Thank you for spreading the word.

### ATTENDANCE

Thank you to all of you for helping us with good attendance. Our current attendance is 96.7%. We are grateful for your support in ensuring that your child comes to school every day.

### PARENTS EVENINGS

It was great to see so many of you at Parents Evening last week. By working together, we can ensure that your child achieves the best they can.

### SCHOOL FOCUS

#### PARENT SURVEY

Attached to our newsletter is our Parent Survey. We are keen to gather the views of all stakeholders to continue to develop our school, in order to provide the best we can. Please would you return the surveys to the school office by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you for your support.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you very much for your generous donations to the Food Bank for our Harvest Festival. They were delighted to receive them and they will help many families.

### ACTIVITIES

#### CLUBS

Clubs run by outside providers begun last week and school clubs are beginning this week. There are still spaces in some clubs and if your child would like to take part, please contact Mrs Davey in our school office.

### CHILDREN IN NEED

To support Children In Need, on Friday, children may wear something spotty with their uniform on Friday in return for a donation for Children In Need. Donations may be put into a bucket on the way into school on Friday morning. If you do not have anything spotty, you may attach some spots to your school clothing. Thank you for your support.

### 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. If you have not already managed to make a voluntary contribution by the end of this week so we can ensure the trip can go ahead. Thank you very much to PTFA for funding the coaches to and from the theatre.

## HOUSE KEEPING

### VACANCIES AVAILABLE WITHIN THE ATHELSTAN TRUST

There are a number of vacancies available within The Athelstan Trust and the adverts for these posts can be found on the vacancies page of our website. Details of a Trustee vacancy are attached to this newsletter.

## ROAD CLOSURE

Gloucestershire Highways have informed us of another road closure affecting the A46 from the Calcot crossroads to the border with South Glos between 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> December. This will not effect drop off but WILL have an impact on collection as the road will be closed between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm that week.

## 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

17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Cross Country @ Dursley RFC 10am
24 <sup>th</sup> November	PTFA Christmas Jumper Swap
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Yr5 and 6 Handball @ SWR 3.45pm – 4.45pm
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Yr 5 and 6 K-Nex challenge
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Apsemore Class wow day
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	Nativity dress rehearsal 9.15am
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
19 <sup>th</sup> December	SWR Carol Service @ St Mary's Church Tetbury
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