



## 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 2 (2023-24)

29<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents

Recently, we have had a Safeguarding Audit and we were delighted to receive such a positive report. It said that Leighterton Primary School have embraced joining the Athelstan Trust and that it was a real pleasure visiting the school and meeting the team. Safeguarding is led well by the Head, who is very aware of the needs of the school's community. The staff have good awareness of risks and concerns and there is a very good understanding of confidentiality. All pupils said that this was a happy and safe school and they also all had a trusted adult who they felt they could talk to. They have a good knowledge about how to keep themselves safe online.

Since the audit took place, we have introduced a new signing in system and have moved from a paper based recording system to an electronic one.

### ATTENDANCE

Thank you to all of you for helping us with good attendance. Our current attendance is 96.6% which has dipped and we now have 0.3% as unauthorised absences because some children have been on holiday during term time. These absences will be investigated as part of the DfE monitoring our attendance registers.

### SCHOOL FOCUS

#### STAFFING

We are delighted that Miss Bence will be returning to work on 20<sup>th</sup> December, after her maternity leave. She will be teaching in Ozleworth Class on Thursdays and Fridays and will be working with other classes on Wednesdays. Mrs Walker will continue to teach in Ozleworth on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Mrs Elliott, who has been teaching while Miss Bence has been on maternity leave, will be leaving us at the end of Term 2.

We are very pleased that we have been able to extend Miss Filmore's contract from the maternity leave she has been covering and will return to Haymead class at the beginning of the second week of term 3. During the first week of the term, Haymead will be taught by Mrs Leroy, who is a regular supply teacher in school.

### PARENT SURVEY

Thank you to all families who have returned their Parent Surveys. We ask parents, children and the school team to complete these annually and they are all analysed by our governors and used to plan improvements to our school. If you would still like submit a survey, you may do so by completing the form attached.

### 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.

## **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

The Christmas card post box will be here from Friday and children may post cards to their friends to be distributed. Please would you double check that the child's class name is marked on the envelopes.

## **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

We are all looking forward to our Christmas lunch on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. We will send details of how to pre-order later this week.

On the following day, we will be having a party lunch followed by the Christmas parties.

## **CHILDREN IN NEED**

Thank you for your generous donations to Children in Need. We were able to donate £73.

## **PANTOMIME**

We are all looking forward to seeing Mother Goose at the Everyman Theatre in Cheltenham on 12<sup>th</sup> December. If you have not yet made a donation towards the cost of the ticket, please would you do this as we are only able to go ahead with the visit if we are able to cover the cost. Our PTFA will be 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

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 @ Cirencester Leisure Centre 1.15pm – 2.45pm
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Mother Goose Pantomime at The Everyman Theatre Cheltenham
12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 New Age Kurling 3.45pm – 5.15pm Cirencester Kingshill
12 <sup>th</sup> December	No Forest School or Multi Sports Club

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 Yr 3 and 4
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
10 <sup>th</sup> January	Yr3 and 4 Gymnastics at SWR 9.15am – 10.15am
10 <sup>th</sup> January	Knex challenge final
13 <sup>th</sup> January	Cross Country @ Dursley RFC 10am
16 <sup>th</sup> January	Athelstan Y3 Maths Challenge
16 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception and Yr6 NHS Height, weight and Sight
17 <sup>th</sup> January	Cross Country pacing session Yr 5 and 6 @SWR 3.45pm – 4.45pm
13 <sup>th</sup> May – 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Yr6 SATS week