



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 3, Newsletter 1 (2023-24)

9th January 2024

Dear Parents

A very Happy New Year to you all! I hope that you have had a restful break. The children were very excited to be back at school yesterday morning and loved seeing their friends. They have already made a great start with their new topics and the topic maps will be on the class pages of our website by the end of the week. Boxwell Class enjoyed their 'WOW' day yesterday.

During the break, the last of the asbestos in school was safely removed from the splashbacks in our school kitchen. As far as surveys show, there is now no asbestos left in the school. We also had several power cuts which have disrupted our phones. Currently, we have no access to the phones, so if you need to contact us, please use the email system. Many thanks, in advance.

SCHOOL FOCUS SCHOOL DAY

As reported in our last newsletter, from September 2024, we will be extending our school day by 10 minutes so that school will finish at 3.10 pm each day. This will bring us into line with government expectations that children will be in school for 32.5 hours each week. We will use the extra 10 minutes each day for 'reading for pleasure,' which is a focus for us at Leighterton Primary School.

HALL ROPES

The ropes in our school hall have been dismantled and we have a couple of ropes that are available for a donation to school. They are ideal for attaching to a tree in the garden. Please let me know if you are interested in any of these.

ACTIVITIES CLUBS

Thank you to all of the teaching team who kindly volunteer to run clubs at school. If any of you would like to volunteer to run a club either during lunchtime or after school, please would you let me know. Our clubs list is attached to this newsletter and if you would like your child to take part in any of these, please would you complete and return the attached form by Friday. Spaces for some clubs are limited so if you do not hear from us, you may assume that your child has been allocated a space.

ORACY COMPETITION

During the week beginning 22nd January, children in KS1 and KS2 will be taking part in class heats for the Gloucestershire Oracy Competition. Children are invited to speak to their class about a subject of their choice, which can be absolutely anything, for up to two minutes. They can use any props that they wish to, which will help with their talk, but are not able to use technology. The more interested your child is about a topic, the more passionate their talk will be. It might be a toy, their pet, a book or something they have seen on TV, their favourite sports team, something they have learned from you – or anything else. They will need to rehearse their speech so please listen to give them practice and give them lots of encouragement. They will need to speak with big voices, nice and clearly, so that everyone can hear their talk and learn about their chosen topic.

Later in the term, the children who won the class heats will speak to the whole school and one child from Key Stage One, one from lower Key Stage Two and one child from upper Key Stage Two will be selected to go onto the local heats.

YEAR 3 MATHS CHALLENGE

Next Tuesday (16th January) we will be hosting the year 3 children from Avening School and secondary children from other Athelstan schools for a Year 3 maths challenge. The children in Haymead Class will compete against the Year 3 children from Avening School and this will be organised by Mrs O'Neill and children from the secondary schools. During term 6, Ozleworth will visit Avening School for a Year 4 maths challenge.

SWIMMING

From today, the children in Haymead and Ozleworth Classes will be taking part in swimming lessons each week until Easter. They will need to bring a swimming costume and towel with them each week.

ANXIETY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS AT SWR

Young Minds Matter will be delivering a parents/carers information evening at SWR on **Tuesday the 16th of January, 2024, 6-7pm**, at SWR in the Hall and would like to invite you to come along. This will cover:

When is anxiety normal and what can I do to support?

When is anxiety not normal?

What are panic attacks and what are the best ways to manage / support my child?

What you can do at home to support?

When is it time to seek additional support?

Why is early intervention important?

Please note that this event is **open to all parents/carers** in SWR feeder primary schools. If you wish to attend please can you complete this form so that they know numbers for setting up the Hall <https://forms.office.com/e/txYt89NRTN> .

HOUSE KEEPING

COATS, HATS AND GLOVES

Please would you remind your child that they need to bring a coat, hat, gloves and scarf to school each day, especially when it is as cold as it is at the moment. Please would you also check that these have your child's name on them so that if they are left somewhere, they can be quickly returned to the correct person. If it is a Forest School day, it might also be advisable to have an extra pair of socks.

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

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CLUBS

I would like (child's name) _____ Class name _____

to attend the following clubs _____
_____ If the club is after school, he/she will
be collected promptly at 4.00pm by _____

Signed _____ (Parent)

	Before School/ Lunchtime	Where and Who For?	Lead	After School	Where and Who For?	Lead
Monday						
Tuesday	Cross Country 8.00 am.	School field for children in Haymead, Ozleworth and Ridge Classes	Mrs Walker	Rugby 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm (£15 for 3 weeks payable via Parent Pay)	School playground for children in KS2	Miss Sly
	Gardening Club	Raised beds for children by invitation	Mrs Ward	Forest School 3.00pm – 4.00 pm (£15 for 3 weeks payable via Parent Pay)	Forest School for children in Apsemore, Barnhill and Boxwell (20 spaces)	Miss Green
Wednesday				Craft Club 3.00pm – 4.00 pm (£6 for 3 weeks payable by cash to the office)	Boxwell Class for children in Haymead and Ridge (10 spaces)	Mrs Pocock and Ms Hatfield
Thursday	Library Club 12.30	School library – by invitation	Mrs Laver			
Friday	Reading for Pleasure 12.30	Barnhill Class for children from all classes	Miss Tetlow			

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

13th May – 17th May Yr6 SATS week

