



Lethbridge Primary School Newsletter

November 2016



Dear All

We are one week back in to term 2 and our topics are well under way. The winter term is one of our busiest, with productions for years R and 1 and 2 and Christmas Carol Service for Key Stage 2 as well as all the usual learning and events. Our year 5 boys have been to Commonwealth School to work with the students there and the author Andy Cope to write stories of their own, and our year 4 and 6 children will join with Commonwealth this month as part of a maths project. The week beginning the 14th is national Anti-bullying Week and you will receive more information about this soon. On the 18th we are holding a spotty non-uniform day in order to raise money for both Children in Need and the RNIB. You should have received a topic letter and/or web for the phase your child is in, showing all the things they will be doing this term.

I very much enjoyed looking at all the homework projects children did in term 1. There were: youtube videos, pictures, models, posters, stories and fact files. As a school we really appreciate the support you give your children at home to enhance their learning.

Reading Prizes

I just want to remind you (or let you know if you are a new parent to the school) that all children receive a little prize as a thank you for every 25 reads they do at home. Please use the reading record book to record your child's home reads and number them; then your child can come down to see me or one of the Deputy Headteachers to receive a special sticker and choose a prize.

Helping in School

We always welcome parent helpers. It is especially useful if parents can stay in the morning for a while to help with listening to children read. As a school, all children take part in reading activities first thing each day. If you are able to help hear readers during these times (even if just for one day a week) it would be greatly appreciated. We would also like to hear from you if you are able to commit to any other time in the week in order to help with things in school. Please contact your child's class teacher.

Christmas Fete

Our Christmas Fete, run by Friends of Lethbridge, takes place on Saturday 26th November. In support of this we are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 11th November. Children can wear non-uniform in return for donations of items to make up hampers for the raffle. You should have received an email letting you know what item we would like you to donate according to your child's class. Volunteers from Friends of Lethbridge come in to make up the hampers from your donations and they always look fab.



Friends of Lethbridge do a valuable job in raising money for the school which we can spend on providing special events and experiences that school funds would not be able to cover. I look forward to seeing you at the fete!

Key Stage 2 children

It would be really helpful if you could reinforce with your Key Stage 2 child that if they cannot find their parent at the end of the school day, they should come to the school office. We do tell children that this is the procedure they should follow, but there have been a couple of incidents recently where parents have come across children upset in the playground because they can't find their parent. It is really important that if you do come across a child who can't find their parent, that you direct them to the office rather than trying to find their parent yourself. Sometimes children just happen to miss their parent in the end-of-the-day rush and come along to the office. If you can't find your child, it is likely they have come to the office because that is what we ask them to do in order to keep them safe. Thank you for supporting us with these procedures.

Ruby's Fat Cow Fund

You have recently received an email about a musical garden we are currently fund-raising for in memory of one of our pupils, Ruby Shakespeare. Ruby died in July 2011, aged 10. Her sisters, Jemima and Eva, are currently in years 6 and 1. Ruby's parents set up a charity in Ruby's name, Ruby's Fat Cow Fund, named after one of the characters Ruby would draw. The charity raises funds for four charities with the aim of giving support to the families of children with cancer. We hold a yearly Ruby's Fat Cow Day here at the school in support of these charities.

Ruby's mum, Annette, would like to give every child in Reception this year a Ruby's Fat Cow rubber and pencil sharpener as a small gift. This will be coming home soon along with a leaflet about the charity.



Thank you all for your continued support.

Lisa Mayes

Acting Headteacher

What's happening in school this month?

November

*8th 9th – Parents' evenings
(4th 10th parents evenings are
9th 10th)*

10th – 6KW class assembly

*11th – Non-uniform day for
Christmas hampers*

*14th – Start of Anti-bullying
week. Theme: power of
good*

*15th – individual children's
photographs*

*18th November – Non-
uniform day: wear spots to
raise money for Children in
Need and the RNIB*

*21st – year 5 trip to Tesco-
Farm to Fork*

*26th November – School
Christmas Fete*



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