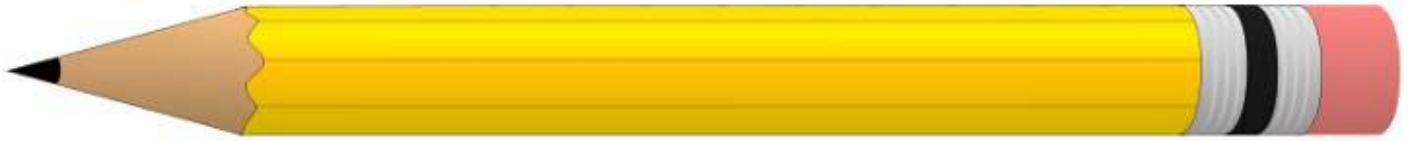




Lethbridge Primary School Newsletter

October 2017



Welcome to our latest newsletter

Dear All

It's the end of our first term already and it seems to have flown by. Our Early Years children have settled in to school life and are enjoying their time immensely. I have been visiting the Early Years classes a lot this term and the children are engaged in a host of exciting activities. They seem to be really enjoying our new Dough Disco and Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle fine motor skills teaching. There are some very humorous videos of Dough Disco on youtube if you would like to have a look. The children looked great in the Swindon Advertiser. I hope all EYFS parents received their free copy.

Year 6 have had a successful residential visit to Redridge Outdoor Activity Centre this term and our oldest children are all settling in to their jobs around the school and working hard. My two P.A.s are very helpful indeed – thank you Ben and Charlie! ☺

Thank you to everyone who attended our MacMillan coffee morning and donated cakes. And thank you to everyone who donated to our harvest festival collection.

Next term is a busy one and phase group letters will be out soon to let you know what your children will be working on.

Have a lovely end of term break. I look forward to seeing everyone on 30th October.

Kind regards

Lisa Mayes

Parents' Evenings

We plan to trial an electronic booking system for parents' appointments this term. More information to follow.

School Application Deadlines

If you have a child born 1st September 2013- 31st August 2014 you need to apply for a school place by 15th January. We have several dates put aside for parents to visit our school. Please just ring the office to book a date to come and look round. You will be very welcome.

If your child is currently in Year 6- you need to apply for a secondary school place by October 31st 2017.

Details of admission arrangements and how to apply are available at:

<http://www.swindon.gov.uk/schoolplaces>

Friends of Lethbridge

Thank you to our Friends of Lethbridge committee for helping us to fund sets of Dyslexia friendly dictionaries around the school and for the Little Princess production enjoyed by children from Year 1 to Year 6. Friends are also supporting us in our Lethbridge Library project this year for which we are very grateful. Due to the work taking place to refurbish the Key Stage 2 playground toilets we will be able to reconfigure some of our indoor space now used as storage to create what we hope will be a new library resource for the children. I will keep you informed as to how you will be able to support us in this new project.

Each year we hold a non-uniform day where children can wear whatever they like to school in return for donation used to make up our Christmas Bazaar hampers. This year this day will be on 10th November. There will be further details about what we would like each class to donate.

The Christmas Bazaar will be held on 25th November. I hope to see you there. ☺

Children in Need

This year, Children in Need day is 17th November. This will be a non-uniform day for £1 donation. The date coincides with anti-bullying week so we are likely to also be running additional activities on the day to raise awareness of this too. I have a very keen group of Anti-bullying Ambassadors who have a range of exciting ideas they wish to discuss with me for this.

Children's Absence

Please can I remind you that the policy for reporting your child absent from school is that you should ring EVERY day of your child's time off unless you have very clearly stated that they will be off for a specific period of time (usually for Chicken Pox and similar illnesses which have a required time of absence from school). We ask you to do this as we want to make sure that every child is safe and accounted for. Please call the school and leave a message on option 2 if there is no answer or send an email to absence@lethbridgeprimary.co.uk

Staff Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a catering assistant to cover maternity leave in our school kitchen. Full details are available on <https://www.eteach.com/job.aspx?catering+assistant&vacno=800158&Page=1>

Nuts in School

We now have several children in school with a nut allergy. In some cases this is severe and children have EpiPens on site for emergency use. We are not in a position where we need to propose a nut ban in school but if you could be mindful about using nuts in your child's packed lunches and snacks it would be appreciated.

Halloween

We seem to rarely be in school on Halloween but we are this year. Please can I ask for children not to bring in masks or other dress-up items? Some of our children are very young and so it isn't suitable for school. Thank you.

VALUE OF THE TERM:



Dates for your diary:

October

30th – Fire fighters and Air ambulance crew to visit key Stage 1

November

1st – Pedestrian training Key Stage 1

2nd – INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS by school photographer

3rd – EYFS stay and play session for parents 8.35am – 9.05am

6th – Commonweal performing arts students' anti-bullying theme assembly

8th – Pedestrian training Year 5

9th – 6KW class assembly 10.40am

Year 5 Commonweal visit for author presentation

10th – Non-uniform day – hamper donations
EYFS stay and play session for parents 8.35am – 9.05am

14th – Parents' Evening 3.45pm – 6.45pm (Year 6 appointments start at 1.15pm)
Flu vaccinations – Year R – 4

15th – Parents' Evening 3.45pm – 6.45pm (Year 6 appointments start at 1.15pm)

17th – Children in Need non-uniform day
EYFS stay and play session for parents 8.35am – 9.05am

20th – TD day – School closed to children

22nd – Key stage 1 curriculum meeting for parents 5.00pm

24th – EYFS stay and play session for parents 8.35am – 9.05am

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