



Lethbridge Primary School Newsletter

January 2018



Welcome to our latest newsletter

Dear All

I would really like to start this newsletter by saying a huge thank you to all those who have supported the school this term in our two requests. We had a really excellent response from parents when we asked for help with our planning application to have the pillars around the playground removed and a huge amount of help and support this week in providing packed lunches for children while we have reduced staffing in the kitchen. Thank you all very much.

It's all systems go here as usual. The STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) week was a massive success. I hope you saw the lovely spread in the Adver about it. The children had a great time and learned all about renewable energy, relating this to transport to design, build and test eco-cars. There were visits from the Explorerdome, which is a pop up planetarium, Arrval cars brought in their electric cars to show us, and the children used control technology to program Lego cars they had made. It really was a brilliant week and I'm sure one the children will remember for a long time.

We also currently have additional sports coaching in school provided by Swindon Town Football Club. The coaches are working alongside our teachers to build on our differentiation during PE teaching. Again it's great to have this sort of high-level experience for the children.

Students from Commonweal have visited our assemblies this term to perform for us. It's always nice to see ex-pupils from Lethbridge doing so well.

As you may have noticed, the work on the new outdoor toilets for KS2 is going ahead very quickly. The completion of this project will lead to us being able to create an additional space which will be our new school library. We are working closely with the Friends of Lethbridge committee to furnish and stock the library and plan to involve all the children in a fundraising event later in the year to raise money for books and help the children feel involved the project. In these times of extremely tight budgets we are very glad to have been able to successfully apply for a grant and use the funds raised by parents to be able to complete such a project and continue to be able to make improvements to the fabric of the school.

In addition to this you will notice that over half term, outdoor gym equipment is being fitted around the perimeter of the KS2 playground. ☺



Fundraising Day

Friday 9th February will our yearly fundraising day. In the past each school house has been responsible for running a stall in the hall with popcorn, sweets etc but this year we are trying something different. Each class or year group will be running an activity or stall during the school day. Further information about this will be coming soon from Mrs Harmer.



VALUE OF THE TERM:

Tolerance

We are all unique and have something valuable to offer and share.

Tolerance is accepting others and appreciating differences.

Tolerance is accepting others even when they make mistakes.

Tolerance is mutual respect through mutual understanding.

Dates for your diary:

February

5th – pm Key Stage 2 FoL disco

9th – Fundraising day

9th – End of term at 1.30pm

19th – Term 4 begins

20th – Fire safety talk for years 2 and 6

28th – Community police visit to EYFS

29th – 4JM class assembly 10.40 am

Safeguarding

Please can I remind you that if your child has a mobile phone they MUST hand this in to their class teacher each morning.