



Lethbridge Primary School Newsletter

July 2018



Welcome to our final newsletter of the academic year

Dear Parents

As we draw close to the end of the school year, I would like to take this opportunity to say a great big thank you to all the Lethbridge staff, Friends of Lethbridge, governors, families and of course children. It has been a wonderful year full of achievements; from the academic to the sporting, to those in creative arts. It's really difficult to pick out the highlights, but our wonderful productions have been one of the things that have given me a lot of joy. Seeing our children be so confident in speaking in front of others and showing off their talents always makes me feel so proud to be Headteacher here at Lethbridge.

Our new library has really taken shape, with just the last finishing touches to add. This project is a real testament to how parents and the school work so well together. Thank you to our Friends of Lethbridge for all their help in this project. We also installed the new playground equipment in the KS2 playground this year, which continues to prove very popular with the children.



Congratulations Mr Tanner on being awarded a Swindon Teaching Excellence Award for your work in PE throughout the school!



We have plans in the New Year to create another new asset to the school building: a calming Sensory and Therapy room from which we can run our individual and group work around social, emotional and mental health. This work has been funded by a successful bid to the Borough Council SEN department.

Our end of Key Stage results for this year are shown in the tables below. As you can imagine, we are incredibly proud of these. Once again, our ethos of families and school working together have shown to reap great rewards.

Key stage 1 comparative report

| Subject | Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: school (2018) | Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: nationally (2017) |
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| English reading | 84% | 76% |
| English writing | 81% | 68% |
| Mathematics | 83% | 75% |

Key stage 2 comparative report

| Subject | Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: school provisional | Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: national provisional |
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| English reading | 94% | 75% |
| English grammar, punctuation and spelling | 91% | 78% |
| Mathematics | 94% | 76% |
| English writing (teacher assessment) | 88% | 78% |

I wish you all a very happy summer break and look forward to seeing you again in September. To Year 6 – very best wishes for a well-deserved summer break and good luck for the next step of your journey. You are well-placed to make secondary school a great success. Make us proud!

Kind regards

Lisa Mayes

Summer Safety Information

Home alone during the summer holidays

The NSPCC has released figures from its helpline looking at calls from people worried that young children had been left at home unsupervised by a parent or carer during the summer holidays. Figures show that 849 referrals were made to the police during August 2017 by the helpline, a third of which were for children aged 5 or under. The NSPCC website includes tips and a tool to help parents and carers decide whether or not to leave their on their own for the first time this summer.

Source: [NSPCC: Concern over young children left home alone for the summer holidays](#) **Date:** 19 July 2018

Further information: [Is my child ready to be left alone? \(PDF\)](#)

[NSPCC tool: Is my child ready to be left home alone?](#)

Staying safe online in the summer holidays: advice for parents and carers

The UK Safer Internet Centre has published a blog outlining ways in which parents and carers can help keep their children safe as they start to spend more time online during the summer holidays. Tips include: have positive conversations with children about the internet; take the opportunity to learn more about the apps, games and services children are using and find out about their reporting and blocking features; and make a family agreement about how all family members use the internet.

Source: [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) **Date:** 19 July 2018

Further information: [NSPCC: Online safety](#)

Game and online safety website for 8-10 year olds

CEOP's Thinkuknow has launched Band Runner, an interactive game for 8-10 year olds to help build their knowledge, confidence and skills to stay safe from risks they might encounter online. The game is hosted on area for 8-10 year-olds on the Thinkuknow website.

Source: [Thinkuknow](#) **Date:** 19 July 2018

Further information: [Band runner on Thinkuknow website](#)