



# Lethbridge Primary School Newsletter

February 2022



## Welcome to our latest newsletter

### Dear All

Thank you all again for your support over this term. It has been difficult for everyone due to the very high numbers of children, their families, and school staff having Covid and the impact this has on managing the school and ensuring children's education continues as smoothly as is possible. Things are very much more back to normal now and we continue to move forward with after school clubs and assemblies and upcoming trips and productions bringing the curriculum to life for all the children.

Despite the difficulties this term, Year 3 and 4 have enjoyed a trip to We The Curious, Year 2 have continued their weekly drumming lessons and Year 5 continue to take part in weekly guitar lessons. All children have taken part in activities for Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day has been marked with an assembly and activities too. Five classes have held assemblies for parents to show off all they have learned so far this year and these really showcased the confidence and knowledge of the children taking part. Well done – you were fantastic!

### Swindon Town Tickets

You may know that we work closely with Swindon Town Football Club who do excellent community work by working alongside teachers to provide PE teaching and run a Trailblazers Mental and Physical wellbeing group for children in Key Stage 2.

STFC are currently running a special offer for discounted tickets for home games. Parents can purchase an adult and a child ticket for a total price of £10.00 (additional children's tickets can be purchase for £1.00 each at the time of checkout).



Tickets can be purchased via the STFC website <https://www.eticketing.co.uk/swindontown/> where all details of upcoming home games are shown. Parents should add the tickets they require into their basket and then add the below discount codes to get the reduced rates for the next 3 games:

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Swindon Town<br>v Salford<br>United 26.02.22     | STFC26.02 |
| Swindon Town<br>v Oldham<br>Athletic<br>12.03.22 | STFC12.03 |
| Swindon Town<br>v Sutton United<br>15.03.22      | STFC15.03 |

### Nut-free School

If you are new to the school you may not know that we are a 'nut-free school'. This means that no products containing nuts are allowed in school. This is due to children with air-borne nut allergies for whom contact with the product could be very dangerous. We appreciate your cooperation with this.



### School Uniform

A polite reminder that all children should be wearing a navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan, white polo shirt and black skirt/trousers as well as black shoes. We are aware that some rooms can be chilly due to open windows but please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform. PE kit should be not obviously branded and be plain black, grey or navy please.

## Smart Watches

Some children are wearing Smart Watches to school. This type of device is considered by the school to be similar to a mobile phone and therefore is not allowed in school. Any device which has the capability to call or message a person, access the internet or can take photographs, video or sound recording is not allowed for reasons of safeguarding. Even the V-Tech type watches can be used to take photographs and video. Unfortunately, we have had occasions where children have tried to take photographs of children and adults in school and I'm sure you can appreciate why this is problematic. Any mobile phones brought into school must be kept in the child's bag before they enter the school gates and must be kept switched off, and in their bag, the whole time. If a child is seen with such a device on school premises it will be confiscated and can be collected by an adult from the school office.

## Easter Egg Hunt

The Great Lethbridge Easter Egg Hunt is set to return this year. Please check Parentmail for details.



## World Book Day

Just a warning that we will hold World Book Day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March (this is a day after the official day). Children may dress up as favourite character or author.



## Forest School

Some of you may not know that we have a Forest School area tucked away behind the school car park. We have been working to improve this area since September and it is now taking shape with a willow tunnel, purpose-built shelter, pond dipping and wildlife habitats. We hope to continue to improve on this with help from the Friends of Lethbridge but we are really excited to see this area has now become a very exciting learning resource.

## Traffic Outside School

I am receiving increasing numbers of complaints from parents and residents about people continuing to drive their cars up to the front of the school in order to drop their children off or pick them up. This is dangerous. There is not enough room to manoeuvre safely during crowded times where young children are around. Please do not risk accidents for the sake of convenience.

- Do not drive into Lethbridge Road at the front of the school
- Do not park your car on the corners of Avenue Road and Lethbridge Road – this causes traffic problems and is dangerous for pedestrians
- Do not drive your car up the alleyway at the back of the houses to drop your child off to reception classes – this is very dangerous
- If you have an agreement to use the staff car park, due to your or your child's disability, please wait until all the parents and their children have cleared the area before trying to leave or enter
- Be aware that the speed limit on Avenue Road is 20mph

I am sorry to sound quite so exasperated about this but it really is a worry that a child may get hurt.

## School Defibrillator

Thanks to parent contributions and school funds, we now have a defibrillator on site.



Contact  
Information

Email:  
admin@lethbridgeprimary.co.uk

Phone  
01793 535033

Website:  
<http://www.lethbridgeprimary.co.uk>