



# Leckhamptonbulletin

C of E Primary School



Dear Parents

## Feedback Policy

At present, Leckhampton is undertaking a piece of school based research in order to ensure that the feedback adults give to the children as part of the teaching and learning process is as effective as it can possibly be. Research by Oxford University, as part of the Education Endowment Foundation's review on marking, states that there is "a significant disparity between the enormous amount of effort teachers invest in marking and the research available to tell them which marking approaches are the most effective." Sean Harford, HMI National Director of Education also adds that "There is remarkably little high-quality, relevant research evidence to suggest that detailed or extensive marking has any significant impact on pupils' learning."

As a result of the Department for Education's Workload Challenge Survey, schools are being asked to address ways in which they can ensure that teacher's time is being used effectively and on the most important aspect of their work – high quality teaching. Ofsted are also looking at the ways in which schools are addressing workload for their members of staff.

To this end, teachers are trialling a new method of marking. Feedback is given directly in the lesson, as opposed to providing lengthy comments in books, which we know have little to no impact long term on pupil progress.

Please be aware that when looking at your child's books at open evening, you may not see the volume of teacher comments you have previously. This does not mean that children's work has not been assessed; in fact more effective, research based assessment strategies are taking place in order to accelerate progress. We look forward to sharing the outcome of our research with you and what this will mean for our Feedback Policy for the future.

## Renaming of the role of Teaching Assistants to Teaching Partners

From today, our Teaching Assistants have a new title – Teaching Partners. The rationale behind the change in term is to reflect the value and importance of the role to all stakeholders. The leadership team believe that the name Teaching Partners reflects more accurately the role within the classroom and the wider school environment. As we know, great Teaching Assistants do so much more than assist; they are a fundamental part of teaching and learning and work in partnership to give the children the very best in all aspects of their school life and beyond.

As a school, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 1st March.

We understand that some families feel that finding costumes for events such as World Book Day can be both stressful and time consuming, however other families absolutely love the idea! As a school we also recognise that children were asked to dress up for Charities Day not too long ago. To this end, families are able to choose how they wish to take part in World Book Day. There are two ways in which you can participate if you wish:-

- Come dressed as a character from a book.
- Come in uniform and bring in your favourite book so that you can discuss it with your class and hopefully spread your love of reading.

Staffing News - I am delighted to announce that Mrs Head is expecting a baby! I am sure that you will want to join me in congratulating her on this very exciting news.

We anticipate that Mrs Head will commence her maternity leave towards the end of the Summer Term and Miss Manning will cover the class for the remainder of the year.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Quiz Night

FOLPS Quiz tickets are still available from the office but selling out fast!

#### LOST PROPERTY

At the end of last term we had a large amount of un-named items of clothing, lunchboxes, sports kit etc which we had to dispose of. Please help us by checking lost property on a regular basis – it is now located outside the hall. Thank you

REMINDER for Year 6 Parents  
If you have not yet paid the balance of your child's trip to the Isle of Wight just a reminder that it is due by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018. If you are unable to meet this deadline then please let us know so that we can make some alternative arrangements, thank you.

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