



Leckhamptonbulletin

C of E Primary School

Week
ending 22nd
January
2016

Dear Parents

Solar Panels

Just before Christmas, you may have noticed some scaffolding being erected outside the Music Room and work taking place on the roof. You might have caught a glimpse of what was happening, but in case you didn't, Photo Voltaic Solar Panels were installed on the roof as part of the School's commitment to sustainability and ecological awareness.

Although the panels were installed quite quickly, the electrical part of the works took a little longer. I am delighted to say however, that the system is now up and running and is calculating how much power we are generating. The information panel can be found in the Art Gallery/Music Room Corridor. The funding for the panels and installation came from our wonderful FoLPS Team who were keen to support the School in taking this project forward. I would like to thank Mrs Raechel Kelly for her support and expertise during the project and urge you read Mr Seeley's article on how we plan to develop the panels use across the curriculum.

Class Collective Worship

I am sure that you will agree with me when I say that the Class Collective Worship which take place on Thursdays are a really special time for the whole School. The decision to invite Parents to join us in Worship was taken in response to feedback that we had received from Parents and with the hope that this special time would allow everyone who joined us to reflect on the value for the term.

Please could I remind Parents that, as space is limited, we ask that just one representative from each child's family attends when it is their Class Worship. Please could we also ask that parents support our request for quiet reflective time as the children enter and exit the hall.

Drop off in the mornings

We have received a number of complaints from parents of younger children relating to drop off time in the mornings. We ask that once the first bell has been rung, Parents move away from the lines swiftly and exit the playground by walking behind the lines of children. The crowded environment is proving distressing to some of the younger children and limits the class teacher's ability to see all of the children clearly.

Future Date!

On 10th February at 7pm in the School Hall, the Senior Leadership Team invites you to our Teaching and Learning Information Evening. The evening will provide Parents with an insight into the curriculum, assessment systems and the principles behind the teaching and learning here at Leckhampton. A separate letter with reply slip will be coming home next week; we look forward to seeing you there!

S J Porter
Headteacher

STOP PRESS – ECO NEWS - PV Solar Panels

Have you seen the school's new Photo Voltaic Solar Panels? A huge thank you to FOLPS for funding the installation of these on the Music Room roof. If you haven't noticed them look up and see how they blend in with their surroundings.



We believe that solar panels, and sustainable energy sources generally, are areas that everyone needs to look at seriously. There are many benefits, including:

- *Electricity savings*
- *Reducing our carbon footprint*
- *Opportunities for children to learn about sustainable energy sources*

Leckhampton C of E Primary school have been looking at generating some of its electricity needs in this way for many years so we are very excited that this has finally become a reality. Part of the agreement between FOLPS and the school was that the children would be directly involved in recording the impact they have.

Now that the paperwork and panels have been signed off the children in the ECO team will be making a formal announcement in a whole school assembly in the near future. We are also considering the best ways of recording data about the amount of carbon saved (so far 75kg) and the amount of power generated by the panels. The POD has some excellent activities for children to do linked with making energy savings. There is an activity called 'The Big Energy Show' which I am keen to share with the ECO team that will involve them and the school at looking at what we are doing to become more energy aware. Expect some tables and graphs to appear on the ECO noticeboard!

Jonathan Seeley
January 2016

St. Peter's Church, Leckhampton



Children and their families are warmly invited to the all age Christingle service, to be held at St. Peter's Church, Leckhampton, on Sunday 31st January, at 10.00 am.

SuperStars will be running FUN Multi Sports Holiday Course at the School over the February Half Term (Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February). The course is suitable for children aged 4-11 and runs from 8.45-3.30 Daily. For more information and to book please get in touch with SuperStars directly on:-

0845 241 3682

or

<https://bookings.super-stars.org.uk/>