



Leckhamptonbulletin

C of E Primary School



Dear Parents

Although we are mid-way through January, this is our first bulletin of the year and I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

As a school we have lots of projects underway at the moment which are all linked to our School Development Plan (SDP). Presently we are working really hard on redesigning our curriculum; ensuring that there is a strong vision for each subject area and that children have access to exciting learning opportunities in each of the subjects taught through the National Curriculum. Some of the ideas being discussed at the moment include; LPS Fashion Week, Masterchef, Jazz Festivals and a stronger emphasis on growing our own food. Once the school's curriculum is complete, we look forward to sharing this with you during an information evening for parents.

Professional development for all staff is an essential part of school life for everyone here at Leckhampton and we remain committed to ensuring all staff have access to high quality training opportunities. Each week teaching staff attend specific staff development training on areas linked to our SDP, ensuring that we are in strong position to provide our children with the very best and there are monthly training sessions held for our Teaching Assistants led by Mrs Curtis. This week, our Teaching Assistants attended a specific TA conference held in Gloucestershire which is the first to be held locally. Learning is central to the work we do and so it is important that we continue on our own professional learning journey.

In the not too distant future, we will be issuing a booklet to parents; "End of Year Expectations of Number Recall Facts" This will hopefully support parents in understanding the expectations for what most children should be able to recall by the end of the year. Again, this will be introduced to parents through an information session in the future.

Staffing News - I am delighted to announce that Mrs Chapman 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 Chapman will commence her maternity leave in March and the senior team are in the process of recruiting a class teacher to cover the class for the remainder of the year.

Best Wishes

Sam Porter

Headteacher

Charities Day!

This year we have 3 school charities that have been chosen by the School Council. They are Winston's Wish, James Hopkins Trust and Muscular Dystrophy UK. We are going to have a charities day on Friday 9th February where children will be encouraged to bring a donation in exchange for wearing a special item of clothing or dressing up. As last year we would like children to choose something that begins with the same letters as the charity (W, J, H, M, D) or wear something orange. All proceeds will be split between the 3 charities.

Library renovation

Our library renovation is making good progress and we have received some lovely donations – thank you! Mr Kelsey has worked really hard putting up shelves and he is currently decorating the area.

We are still on the lookout for floor cushions and throws, a curtain pole and rings and picture frames (traditional looking and especially gold coloured!)

We would also be very grateful for donations of good quality books that you no longer need. Please bring any donations to the school office.

Once this space is completed we are going to be changing the old KS2 library in exciting and creative ways!

Many thanks SLT

Quiet Room

At lunchtimes KS2 children can spend time in the quiet room. This has proved to be very popular with the children and they particularly enjoy drawing, making cards and playing board games. We would be very grateful for any donations of board games or arts and crafts materials (for example nice felt tips and crayons, stickers, stencils). If you have any items you would like to donate, please bring them to the school office.

Many thanks

Mrs Curtis

School Closure due to Weather

Where the school needs to close or may require a delayed start due to adverse weather conditions e.g. snow, please could I remind parents that the Gloucestershire Closed School website is the official means by which this information is communicated.

<http://ww3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closedschools/>

Secondly, please listen to Radio Gloucestershire/ Heart FM as regular updates are shared with listeners. We will of course post an announcement on our text messaging service as an additional means of communication, however parents should always refer to the website as the quickest source of information.

Not Going Out Not Staying In



Love Is In The Air
A Craft Evening for Adults

Love Tree Canvas
Wire & Willow Hearts and Bows
Love Tokens

Sat 10th Feb
7 – 10 pm



£30 per person
Welcoming Prosecco
Decadent Hot Chocolate
Delicious Nibbles

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