



# Leckhamptonbulletin

C of E Primary School

Week ending  
8<sup>th</sup> November  
2019

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term.

Thank you so much for your support this week with pick up and drop off arrangements, as well as providing the children with outdoor shoes. They are most certainly enjoying this special time on the field!



As you will be aware, a General Election has been called for the **12<sup>th</sup> December 2019** and once again Leckhampton will be used as a polling station. As in previous years, security fencing will be erected to segregate members of the general public from children and staff. There are additional stringent security measures in place which allows the school to remain secure and separate from the event taking place in the hall. **As a result of this date, Rowan's Class Worship will now take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019.**

## Reading Partners returns!

For those families who have had children participate in this special event, you will know just how much this means for the children. When I casually mentioned it to some of the older children, they were desperate for it to return and wished it hadn't ceased! Over the years, Reading Partners somewhat fizzled out for some year groups but is set to return as "Reading Friends". Reading Friends is a special time every two weeks, where children are partnered across the school to share a book together. There will also be time for children to chat together about their week and to hopefully forge a wonderful friendship during their time in school. Children in Year 3 will have a reading partner from their own Year group, in order to begin to learn the skills of becoming a reading friend and will enjoy sharing books with each other. When in Year 4, children will be allocated a reading friend from Reception, who they will work with until they leave in Year 6.

As we are reinstating this much loved event for the children, the pairings will be as follows;

Year 3 – within the year group

Year 4 – Reception

Year 5 – Year 1

Year 6 – Year 2

Given that we have three classes in some year groups, some children may have more than one Reading Friend and this will be explained carefully to the children. As I am sure you will appreciate, we may need to change pairings from time to time should we have changes within classes and this would be dealt with sensitively with parents of individuals being informed.

During the weeks where reading friends isn't taking place, teachers will read and share stories with other year groups. We think this is a wonderful way of children hearing stories told by different members of staff across all classes. The teachers have already started signing up for classes and are talking about stories they would like to share.

Reading Friends will take place on Friday mornings after Celebration Worship and will commence in a couple of weeks.

## News from Westminster

I was delighted to receive correspondence from the Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State for School Standards this week, congratulating us on our excellent phonics results for Year 1 in 2019. With 100% of children passing the screening check, we are in the top 2% of all primary schools in the country and are delighted that our children have such a secure foundation on which to build their love of reading.

Sam Porter  
Headteacher

### School Photographer

Just a reminder that the photographer will be in school on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019 to take individual and sibling group photos. If you have not already done so please make sure you fill in your request for sibling photos on ParentPay. All children will be photographed individually in any event.

Thank you

### NHS Flu Immunisation

A reminder to return your child's form if you would like to take part in the immunisation programme this year

Parents Evenings will be held next week on 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019. If you have not already done so, please sign up for an appointment with your child's class teacher, thank you.

Please also remember to keep your child's contact details up to date. If you have moved house, changed your email address or phone number please let the school office know.

This week we have experienced delivery issues with btinternet.com email addresses – a text was sent out yesterday to encourage you to check with your provider for any security changes that may have been made which could cause a delivery issue.