



# Leckhamptonbulletin

C of E Primary School

Week ending  
24<sup>th</sup> January  
2020

Dear Parents

As the Spring Term commences, this is always a good time to remind families of what happens in the event of adverse 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 Gloucestershire website as the quickest source of information. A decision to close the school will be made by 7.30 am. On occasions, it may be necessary to close the school early if the weather conditions rapidly deteriorate during the morning. Should an early closure be necessary, we will inform parents initially via the text messaging service and also through the Gloucestershire Closed School website. During adverse weather conditions, please ensure that you are able to receive texts throughout the day – thank you. We will also email all parents. Leckhampton will always endeavour to open where possible, however the safety of the children and staff is the priority when making this decision.

Well done to all of our Key Stage 1 art competition winners, it was lovely to receive such positive feedback from families and this is certainly something we will look to run again. The arts play a huge part in our school life here at Leckhampton and we are truly committed to ensuring that they continue to do so. House Music for Key Stage 2 will soon be upon us and this is something the children look forward to each year either as spectators or participants. As soon as Mrs Riches mentions it in the New Year, there is a rush of excitement in the Hall.

As a school, we are currently working towards the Gloucestershire Autism Inclusion Quality Mark (GAIQM). This award recognises the work done by schools and education providers to promote the inclusion, motivation, progress and welfare of children with autism and communication needs. In the new year, staff participated in a day's training where they developed a greater understanding and strategies to better support children with autism and communication needs. We have more work to do and will keep you posted on developments as they happen.

Best wishes  
Sam Porter

We would like to remind all parents of our request that nuts and nut products should not be included in packed lunches. We do have a number of children in school who would be seriously affected by any exposure to these products.

Thank you for your support.  
R Curtis

Chrstingle Service at St Peter's Church this Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

Please come along to this fun family service @St Peter's  
Rev G Grady

WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY



World Book Day 2020

As a school we aim to inspire a love of reading in all our children and World Book Day is a great platform to promote this.

Last year, we invited the children to celebrate their favourite books through creating books in a jar. This year, children are welcome to dress as a character from a book, wear their school uniform with an item relating to their character or even just wear their school uniform and bring their favourite book in to share with their class.

We understand that finding a costume can be difficult and time consuming, so below are some links which we hope you will find helpful. Please note some of these sites have last year's date published.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/ideas/dressing-up-gallery/>

<https://www.madeformums.com/toddler-and-preschool/last-minute-easy-world-book-day-costumes/>

<https://www.chroniclive.co.uk/whats-on/family-kids-news/30-last-minute-world-book-10979884>

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/210121138845272659/>

As a school, we want the children to enjoy the day giving them the time to share stories and talk about books. In future years we plan to alternate dressing up with other World Book Day activities to allow everyone to enjoy the day in a variety of different ways.

### **Great Books!**

As teachers, we are often asked what parents can do to support their child's learning and interests. A great website, called 'Books for Topics' ([www.booksfortopics.com](http://www.booksfortopics.com)) has lists of fantastic books associated with themes and topics which we teach across all curriculum subjects at Leckhampton. A brief synopsis of each book and who the text is targeting helps make decisions about whether the book might suit your child's tastes, or even yours!

King's College, London have conducted a project (Aspires Project) into shaping attitudes in Science and a key finding was that exposure to Science at home (e.g. through reading) had a huge impact on how children perceive whether or not Science is 'for them'. In many ways, this comes as no surprise but just reaffirms the importance that the home environment and the resulting discussions which you have with your children has on their perceptions.

Please do let us know if you come across any fantastic books associated with our topics which you think we should be sharing in school.

Happy reading!

Mrs Connolley (Science Lead)