



Dear Parents

As the Autumn term draws to a close, we have been reflecting on the past fifteen weeks of school life. Since joining us in September, our reception pupils have settled beautifully into our school routines. They were exceptional when they sang for their families on Monday at the Reception Carol Service.

At the start of the academic year, the school staff explored the question, 'What does school family mean to you?' Teachers, teaching partners, and the school business support team all shared their thoughts and personal experiences in response to this question. We all took a moment to appreciate the love and support that we provide to one another in school. The same question was asked to a group of parents at our Leadership Coffee Morning and pupils from each year group. We are in the process of creating a definition which reflects what the term, school family, means to all members of our school community, which will be shared in the New Year.

This term, our teachers have worked incredibly hard to deliver our school curriculum in engaging and innovative ways so that all pupils experience learning which is active, memorable and helps to develop a life-long love of learning. We would like to thank our staff for all the moments of joy that they have created this term from school trips and productions to dancing with the pupils at the discos. We are sure that the Spring term will provide many more exciting opportunities for the children.

One of our areas for school improvement is to further serve the local community. We aim to demonstrate courageous advocacy in our work, not just by donating money and resources but by devoting our time and providing help to those in need. Over the past few weeks, we have been delighted to see our year 2 pupils visiting a local care home, where the children created special moments for the residents by singing Christmas carols. We are also very proud of our year 3 pupils who organised donations for the Hamper Scamper appeal, which provides seasonal food for households in Cheltenham who may struggle financially at this time of year.

We hope that all families have a special time together over the festive season and we very much look forward to welcoming you all back to school in the new year.

On behalf of all of the staff at Leckhampton Primary School, I should like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sam Porter



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Staff Leaver

This week, we said goodbye to the lovely Mrs De Bear. Mrs De Bear has been a teacher in school for several years and has made the decision to work at a school nearer to her home when her maternity leave ends. Mrs De Bear leaves behind a legacy of her amazing digital art that she created for us which includes our house birds that she illustrated. She will be missed by all the staff and children, and we wish her the best of luck in the future.

Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day

Last week, we raised an incredible £1026.50 for Save the Children. We would like to thank all families for their support with our annual Christmas Jumper Day.

Inclusion Coffee Morning – ADHD Foundation Session

You are invited to join us for this event on 21st January 2025 from 8.45 a.m. – 10.00 a.m. To register for a place, please visit [SchoolCloud - Leckhampton C E Primary School](#)

Parent Workshop – Air Quality Education

Our Eco Ministry invite parents to attend a workshop with Heather Leatherland on **Monday 27th January at 2.30pm** in the school hall. Booking for this event is available on School Cloud: [SchoolCloud - Leckhampton C E Primary School \(https://lpsonline.schoolcloud.co.uk\)](https://lpsonline.schoolcloud.co.uk).

Upcoming Dates

Happy New Year!

<i>Monday 6th January</i>	<i>First day of term</i>
<i>Wednesday 8th January</i>	<i>School Cloud club sign up closes at 12pm</i>
<i>Wednesday 8th January</i>	<i>Final prospective parent tour for Reception 2025 intake</i>
<i>Friday 10th January</i>	<i>Osprey House wear blue for winning house point cup</i>
<i>Tuesday 14th January</i>	<i>Young Voices Concert in Birmingham</i>
<i>Tuesday 15th January</i>	<i>Optional late registration for Young Voices singers (and siblings) 9.50am – 10am</i>
<i>Thursday 16th January</i>	<i>Chestnut Class Worship at 9am</i>
<i>Tuesday 21st January</i>	<i>Inclusion Coffee Morning 8.45am – 10am Session led by ADHD Foundation</i>
<i>Tuesday 23rd January</i>	<i>Poplar Class Worship at 9am</i>
<i>Monday 27th January</i>	<i>Parent Workshop – Air Quality Education at 2.30pm</i>

FoLPS Update

Thank you very much to everyone who has supported our events this term - we have raised a whopping profit of £11,232 to help support our Children's education!

Money raised this term:

£5,525 - Christmas Fair

£550 - Christmas Card artwork

£1,066 - Christmas raffle

£112 - Christmas Jumper market

£54 - Bag2School

£1,573 - Autumn term Disco

£1,627 - Quiz night

£725 - School Shop

FoLPS have given £10,915 to the School to help pay for School trips and books for the library.

FoLPS - keep these dates free for our next fundraising events!

Fri 31 Jan - Adult only Bingo night at the Wheatsheaf - tickets on sale early next year!

Fri 28 Feb - Quiz night (adults only)

Sat 17 May - Lido Splash

Thu 22 May - Summer term Disco

Fri 4 July - Summer Fair

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas break and see you in the next term at our next fundraising events.

Kind regards
Rich and Clara
Joint Chairs of FoLPS PTA

