



Leamington Community Primary School

'Together we make a Difference'

Friendship, Respect, Honesty, Determination and Courage

Autumn 2 - 2017



The Countdown to Christmas

What another amazing ½ term at Leamington! The children settled quickly and have already shown just how great they are. The Leadership Team have been visiting all of the classes and speaking with lots of the children and we have seen every child receiving an excellent education. Lessons are fun, exciting, engaging, challenging and active. The work the children are producing is brilliant and everyone that has visited school recently comments on how polite our children are and how amazing our resources are. You may or may not be aware that Mrs Costello left Leamington at the end of the ½ term to take up a post at the Faith School. Mrs Costello has been at Leamington for ten years and during this time she has helped us become an outstanding inclusive school. She has worked tirelessly to ensure the needs of SEND children are met and we are all very grateful for her hard work and dedication. As a result of Mrs Costello's promotion, Miss Boyd has now become our SENCO for the next twelve months. Miss Boyd has worked closely with Mrs Costello over the last few months and is now ready to carry on the excellent leadership of SEND at our school.



Our weekly mindful hour has been working very well and the children have been using the time to reflect upon their actions and how they can help others. The children have spent the last half term looking at our values and understanding what respect, friendship, honesty, determination and courage look like in our school and community.

Parents Evening

It was great to see you all last week at our first parents evening for 2017-18. The evening gives you a chance to meet your child's teacher and find out what you can do to help your child over the coming year. Also, we hope you enjoyed the maths puzzles and challenges organised by Mrs Mellor. We have invested in a range of new resources for the children to use in our Maths Hub and in all of our lessons as we push towards achieving the Liverpool Counts Quality Mark. Please keep an eye out for parent workshops Mrs Mellor is organising for the near future.

Building Work

The building work at Leamington has continued over the ½ term break. We now have a new office for Mrs Virtue; our finance officer. We are also looking at a number of new projects over the next twelve months including; new toilets in KS1, new storage in both the KS2 and KS1 halls and the remodelling of both the mentors room and Y6 classrooms.

Children in Need 2017

On Friday 17th November we will be raising money for Children in Need. This year the theme is spotty and we would love it if you could help your child come to school in something spotty.



Tax Workshops and Liverpool Counts Quality Mark

Over the next week KS2 will be taking part in a Tax workshop, delivered by HMRC. The workshops help the children to understand the origins of Tax and how it is used to support everyone in our community. The workshops play an important part in financial education and will be important for the development of our children's Numeracy for Life skills. In addition to previous letters, our work towards achieving the LCQM award is going well. The Maths Hub is extremely popular and our puzzle boards, along with our lunchtime puzzles and games, are keeping our children thinking and discussing Maths in a positive manner.

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Monday 6 th - Friday 10 th November	Tax Workshops in KS2
Monday 13 th - Friday 17 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 15 th November	School Photos
Thursday 16 th November	Liverpool Counts Quality Mark Assessment
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need - Spotty Theme
Monday 27 th November	Pantomime - Robin Hood
Monday 27 th November	Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 30 th /Friday 1 st December	Book Fair
Friday 8 th December (TBC)	PTA Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 13 th December (TBC)	KS1 Christmas Productions
Wednesday 13 th December (TBC)	Christmas Grotto
Thursday 14 th December (TBC)	KS2 Christmas Production
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Party Day
Tuesday 19 th December	Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 19 th December	School closes at 1:30pm for the Christmas Break
Wednesday 3 rd January 2018	School Opens for Spring Term

Parking around School

A gentle reminder to anybody that drives to school, recently we have had a number of parents parking across our neighbour's driveways and on the yellow school markings. This cannot continue and the Police/Council have been made aware and therefore will be patrolling at 8:45am and 3pm in the coming weeks. Please also remember the speed limit around school is 20mph.



Attendance

Last year, we achieved our highest ever attendance percentage of 96.2% which meant more children were in school learning and therefore making good progress. As we move in to the New Year, the governors will be meeting to discuss holidays in term time. We must remind you that all holidays will not be authorised and you will be fined. Only in exceptional circumstances will we authorise a holiday. We will be sending out our new attendance policy in the coming weeks. As you can see we have had a good start to the year with current school attendance at 96.5% which is above the total for last year. Well done to 1HH and 5SD whose attendance is above the school target of 97%. The majority of current absence has been down to unauthorised holidays in term time. Please note the majority of term time holiday requests are unauthorised and penalty notices are issued.

Class	Attendance (%)
1DF	95.9
1HH	97.0
2SL	96.3
2JW	96.1
3SH	94.5
3AF	94.6
4CC	94.9
4LT	96.5
5DC	96.5
5SD	97.3
6JE	96.5
6FB	95.8
Total	96.5

Pantomime

Over the next few days you will be receiving letters about the upcoming pantomime we are putting on for the children. The pantomime, Robin Hood, will be on the 27th November in the Dinner Centre and it should be lots of fun!

Finally

If you have any concerns, worries or need support please don't hesitate to come in and see Mr Vine, Mrs Mellor and Iris at any time. We are here to support our community and will help in any way we can.



**Leamington
Values**



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