

Leamington Community Primary School
'Together we make a Difference'
Primary School of the Year – Echo Awards
October 2015



Attendance

We want every child in school to achieve their full potential and succeed, and the only way this will happen is if the children are in school every day and on time. Recently we wrote to you all outlining the importance of your child being in school. Since we sent the letter out, Mr Vine and Paula (Our Inclusion Officer) have visited a number of houses to speak with parents whose children are absent from school. The visits have been organised to provide support and guidance. We are currently targeting all those children whose attendance is less than 90%. If you need any support with attendance and punctuality please don't hesitate to come into school and have a chat with Paula McDonnell our Inclusion Officer or Mr Vine.

Below is an outline of the rewards available for attending school regularly;

<u>Target</u>	<u>Reward</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Attendance for the whole class in one day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The children are given a biscuit/treat at the end of the day.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class attendance is 95% or better for the whole week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The class will receive attendance credits which will be converted in to money and the end of each 1/2 term. (95%+ = £1 or £2) (100% = £3)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be in school every day and on time for the whole week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The child is given a raffle ticket which is drawn each week. The prize is a surprise from the prize box. The raffle ticket is also entered in to the end of term raffle which is a prize of up to £100.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be the class with the highest attendance of the week. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The class will receive 10 class points.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure attendance is 95% for each term and the whole year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The children will receive attendance certificates and trophies. The children will be celebrated in our celebration assemblies and on social media.

Assessment Changes

Over the last couple of years the Government has made some significant changes to our Education System. Back in 2014 every school in England started to follow the new National Curriculum. This new curriculum has placed greater emphasis on problem solving and giving children the skills to overcome challenges they may face. This year has seen the way in which we assess changed. Previously we reported how well your child was doing by giving them a level based upon work in the children's books and tests they had completed. Levels are no longer being used. The government have begun to introduce a new method of assessment which will hopefully be clearer to everyone involved. The changes are outlined below;

Reception	Children in Reception are baselined at the start of the year. These results give each child a scaled score with 100 being the average. The baseline will inform parents and teachers if a child is working towards, working within the expected range of working above the expected range in English and Maths. It will also report a child's general readiness for school learning. Throughout the rest of the year the children will be assessed against the early learning goals. The teachers will carry out observations and decide if a child is emerging, expected or exceeding against each of the ELG's.
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Years 1, 3, 4 and 5	Each 1/2 term the class teacher will use observations, books and standardised test to decide if a child is below, within or secure against the national standard for their year group. A + sign will indicate when a child is well within that step.
Years 2 and 6	Will follow the same system as Yr. 1, 3, 4 and 5 however they will also be assessed at the end of year using tests set by the Government. Year 2 will use the new tests and teachers assessment to give each child a scaled score, like in Reception the score will see 100 being the average. This scaled score will then indicate if a child is working below, within or above the expected range.
Year 6	The children in Year 6 will be setting a new style SAT's test linked to the new higher expectations. The results like in Reception and Y2 will give a scaled score again with 100 being the average. This scaled score will show if a child is below, within or above the expected range and if they are ready for secondary school.

As this is the first year of the new assessment arrangements we will endeavour to ensure we keep you all up-to date with any changes that might occur. At parents evening you were all given a mini-report and the expectations the children are expected to meet. Please use these expectations to help support your child. As a school we have set a target of 85% of all children meeting the expected standard for their age.

Parent Governor Vacancies

Parent Governor
Vacancy Available



We recently put on our Facebook page that we were looking for some more Parent Governors. So far we have had 1 applicant and we need more! The role of parent governor is very important and interesting. The Governing Body meets four times over the course of a year and discusses what is happening in school. The governing body challenges every member of staff to be the best they can and they support the school in ensuring every child achieves their full potential. So if you are interested please pop in for chat anytime.

Leamington Little Stars Nursery

Free Nursery Places for 2-Year-Olds available now! Do you have a child who is 2 years old or is turning 2 soon?

If so you may be eligible for **15 hours free education** at our brand new nursery! Our **home from home** is a bright and engaging environment where your child will flourish. If you want to find out more details pop in for a chat at any time or call on 0151 284 7848. Our 2-Year-Old Nursery is the best possible start a child can have.



Leamington Community Arts Centre

Our new Arts Centre is due to be completed by the end of October. As you can see from the picture a lot of work has been carried out and the end result is going to be fantastic and with tiered seating for 120 people so we won't be short on space! Once the centre is completed we are hoping to allow the community to hire the space out. If you know anybody that would be interested in using the centre for dance, drama or sporting activities please ask them to get in touch via the office.

Parent volunteers to help with Reading



We are currently looking for **parents to volunteer to listen to children read**. We have a love of reading at Leamington and the children are eager to share this with you. If you are interested in helping out please pop in to the office and speak to Ms White. **As we all know children that read, succeed!** The more we can listen to children reading the better and with your support we can do this more and more - **Together we make a Difference**

Autumn Term Gallery



Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Monday 19 th October	Year 4 Visit to Roman Chester
Wednesday 4 th November	School Nurse Drop-in sessions (9am)
Friday 6 th November	Zumbathon on the school yard (3pm)
Monday 16 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 18 th November	School Photos
Thursday 26 th and Friday 27 th November	School Book Fair
Thursday 3 rd December	Christingle
Monday 7 th December	Road Safety Assemblies
Wednesday 9 th December	Christmas Family Fun Event
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 14 th December	KS2 Christmas Carols (TBC)
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Party Day
Thursday 17 th December	Celebration Assembly
Friday 18 th December	School closes for Christmas Holiday (1:30pm)



Communication

To ensure you receive regular updates and important information, please ensure the office has an up to date mobile number, please check our website which is updated regularly with important information and please follow/like us on twitter and Facebook.

Mrs Truman and Mr Vine