

Leamington Community Primary School Newsletter October 2014 – Issue 2



Another Busy Half Term

They say 'time flies when you are having fun' and that can be true of this half term. At the end of this week the children would have been back in school for nearly eight weeks and what a busy eight weeks it has been! We have a number of children visiting Roman Chester, Liverpool City Centre, Formby Beach, and Manchester Velodrome. We would also like to take this opportunity to wish Year 6 lots of fun at Kingswood later this week. We have also welcomed a number of visitors into school including; The Reading Show, Bike-ability, Bijou Cakes and our resident chef Mr Emiliano Ferro who has been using our new pupil kitchen to create wonderful food with all of the children. Whilst all this wonderful stuff has been happening we have also been teaching to the new curriculum and raised expectations in Maths and English. Every day school is such a hive of activity with everybody enthusiastically learning which makes everyone at Leamington extremely proud!



It's Official

The secret is finally out, Year 6 are going to France! It has been a long time in the planning but we can finally confirm, we have organised for every pupil in Year 6 to visit Normandy, Northern France on June 19th next Year. The trip has been organised to help develop the pupils understanding of the world we live in. The trip will include visits to a Snail Factory, Wheat Farm, Normandy Beach, WW1 Battlefields and a Chocolate Factory! School hopes to continue visiting France for the foreseeable future and every time we go we will be only asking for a voluntary contribution of £40!



Harvest Festival

Last week we held a wonderful Harvest Festival and it was so amazing to see so many of you attend. We are extremely grateful for your kind donations which we will be giving to the local Food Bank to support those in our community who need a helping hand.

School Nurse

The School nurse, Hannah Feltons, will be holding a parent drop-in on Thursday 23rd October from 2:30 to 3:30pm at school. If you have any concerns or worries pop along for a friendly, supportive chat.



Be at the heart of your child's learning.

Parents Evening



As you are all aware Parents Evening will be on Tuesday 21st October. This year we have changed the way in which we are carrying out our parents evening. This year you will be given a mini-report to take home. This report is to inform you of your child's current effort, level (this will be changing) and progress in Reading, Writing and Maths. We will be also informing you of your child's attendance and their attitudes to learning. The mini-report is designed to make sure you fully understand where your child is up to and how you can support them at home, to do this we will also be giving out the new age related expectations for English and Maths. If you have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher.

School website

Make sure you keep visiting our school website which is updated weekly! www.leamingtonprimary.com

School Uniform

After a busy half term the lost property box is beginning to overflow! We are extremely proud of our smart children, please make sure this continues by ensuring your child is wearing the correct uniform; School trousers and skirts are grey, white shirts, school tie, navy blue jumpers and cardigans with the school logo on and school shoes are **plain black** (no other colours on them). Please make sure that your child's uniform has their name in it, especially jumpers, cardigans and coats.

Comenius Project

On September the 25th we celebrated Comenius Day! The Comenius Project involves our school working with six other schools from across Europe. It allows our children to gain an insight into other cultures and how other people live. Recently we have had a number of staff visiting Lithuania and we will be hosting over 60 teachers, from across Europe, next March showing them how great we are at learning!



Attendance



Can we please remind everyone that full attendance and being in school on-time is so important! Missing just one day **will** affect your child's progress and learning. Being late by ten minutes every day adds up to nearly one hour per week and this simply cannot happen. At Leamington we do everything we can to help and support you all. We employ an attendance office who is there to support those children who are persistently missing school, we also have attendance champions, raffles and prize winners. Each week we send out an attendance newsletter and we have recently introduced Attendance Credits which involves every class achieving 96%+ attendance receiving £1 to £3 each week, this money is saved until the class decide what they want to spend it on! So please ensure your child is in school and on-time every day!

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Monday 3 rd November	School reopens after the ½ term break.
Wednesday 5 th	Y5 Cycling Proficiency
Monday 10 th	Y5/6 NSPCC Assembly
Wednesday 12 th	Y5 Cycling Proficiency
Monday 17 th	Y5/6 NSPCC Workshop
Monday 24 th	Vicar Edwards Assembly
Thursday 27 th	Year 5 visit to Chester Zoo

Twitter

Do you use Twitter? The school has its own Twitter account @leamingtonpri with over 140 followers! We tweet daily, all of the wonderful, creative and exciting things happening in school. This will give you all, a greater insight into school and will allow you to communicate with the school in different ways. You do not need a Twitter account to see what's happening you can visit twitter.com/leamingtonpri, so come along follow and enjoy!



Finally

Remember: Knowledge + Hard work + attitude = Success

We would like to wish everyone a relaxing half term and look forward to seeing you all on **Monday 3rd November.**

Miss Simcoe (Head teacher) *Mr Vine* (Deputy Head teacher)