

Leamington Community Primary School
'Together we make a Difference'
Primary School of the Year – Echo Awards
October 2016



Busy, Busy, Busy

The last half term has been extremely busy at Leamington. We started with 'Meet the Teacher' which was well attended as always. Following this we held our first Skipathon which raised a whopping £1200 for the Heart Foundation and £250 for school. We have had



two exciting assemblies from Christ Church and one from the NSPCC and one from Bully Busters. On the 27th September we celebrated the European Day of Languages plus Year 2 have visited the Tate Gallery, Year 4 have been to Chester and Year 6 are off to Kingswood. We have also held several 'come read with me sessions' in our Reading Café for Year 2 pupils and celebrated the Harvest with wonderful dancing and singing in our dinner centre. Mrs Baxter and Mr Daniels have been busy taking children to football matches, cross-country meetings and other sporting events. We were also visited by Everton Football Club who spent the day teaching the children how to play disability sports. Finally, Mrs Egerton-Jones and Mr Vine have carried out pupil progress and target setting meetings and watched lots of fabulous learning taking place throughout the school. So all in all it's been a busy half term!



Attendance

This week you received a separate newsletter about our attendance drive. Jackie Stocks, our new attendance mentor, has been working closely with a number of families and it is having a big impact. Our attendance for the last half term is currently around 97% which means more children have the opportunity to make good progress. Over the last few years our attendance has hovered around 94% and now school attendance is around 97%. This is a great achievement and means more children are accessing the curriculum, learning new ideas and developing important skills and attributes. We now have to keep this up! In order to keep healthy and in school, we have ordered lots of soap, tissues and alcohol gel and have spoken to the children about washing their hands and general hygiene.



Christ Church

Christ Church, who use our Dinner Centre every Sunday, are organising a Light Party on Monday 31st October from 5:30-7:30pm, which will be a fun Minion themed alternative party at Halloween in St Christopher's Church Hall - Lorenzo Drive/Broad Lane. This is a fun filled all age party - all are welcome! There'll be Minion themed crafts, games, music, dangling doughnuts, hotdogs, prizes and much more! Please remember, this is an alternative party for Halloween, so No witches, wizards, ghosts or villains please - Minions or Goodies only! Families are encouraged to come together and children under 16 must be accompanied throughout the party by a responsible adult. Individual and family tickets available in advance - contact Helen at Christ Church 474 1444 or just come along and pay on the door (both entrances open), 50p per person.



Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be on Thursday 3rd November at 2pm. It is vital you attend as you will be given lots of information about how your child/children have settled in to the new school year and what is expected of them this year. The teachers will be going over targets and explaining the curriculum (also available on our website) and how you can support your child at home. You will also be given a mini-report which shows how much effort your child/children are making.





Primary Quality Mark

At the start of term we were visited by the Primary Quality Mark team who look at how basic skills are taught and developed throughout the school. They were extremely pleased with everything they saw and awarded the school the quality mark for the 4th time.

Building Work

As you are probably aware the new seating outside years 3 and 4 has now been completed and looks fantastic. The children have been enjoying sitting out on the benches and artificial grass having lots of fun. Over the half term break the old stage area will be taken out and tarmacked over as the wood underneath is rotten. Also over the past few weekends we have been busy clearing the weeds, clearing the gutters and painting some of the wood work on the older part of the building and this is due to be finished over half term. Our next project is to re-develop the Nursery and 2-Year-Old outdoor space which should be completed in January and will give the children an amazing outdoor learning environment.



Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Monday 31 st October	School re-opens
Monday 31 st October	Year 5 Bike Ability
Wednesday 2 nd November	Year 6 Bike Ability
Wednesday 2 nd November	Flu Vaccination Y1/2/3
Thursday 3 rd November	Steve Rotherham MP visiting school
Thursday 3 rd November	Parents Evening (2pm)
Thursday 10 th November	Year 2 visit to Croxteth Hall
Thursday 10 th November	Hoola Hooping Day
Monday 14 th - Friday 18 th November	Anti-bullying Week
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need (Wrist Bands on sale)
Monday 21 st - Friday 25 th November	Switch off Campaign - Eco School
Friday 25 th November	Christmas Fayre
Monday 28 th November	Dance Festival for KS1 and KS2
Monday 28 th November	Full Governing Body Meeting (4:30pm)
Friday 2 nd December	Christingle

Finally

We would like to wish you all a restful and happy half term break. We look forward to seeing you all at parents evening on Thursday 3rd November where we will be updating you on how your child is settling in and their targets for the coming year. Next half term will be action packed with lots of learning going on and many fun and exciting experiences. We will be sending out our Christmas timetable of events late November so make sure you keep an eye out. We are constantly updating the website; school app and Facebook account so please take the time to have a look.



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