

**Leamington Community Primary School**  
**'Together we make a Difference'**  
**Friendship, Respect, Honesty, Determination and Courage**  
**January 2019**



**Schools 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019, the school will be 90 years old. The Norris Green estate grew in the late 1920s, and with the increase in the number of families moving in, the need for several schools emerged. Work on building the school started in 1928 and in 1929 Leamington Infant, Junior and Senior school was opened. We still have the original registration book and punishment book which make very interesting reading!



To celebrate this special occasion, we are planning two events. Firstly, on the 4<sup>th</sup> February, we will be going back in time and teaching like it was 1929. The staff will be dressing up and organising the timetable so today's children can get a real sense of what it was like in post-war Britain. If you want your child to join in then please feel free to dress up as a 1929 school child (this is not compulsory). If you would like some ideas for what school life was like, the BBC have a programme on the iPlayer called 'Back in Time for School' and episode 2 is from 1918 to 1939. Secondly, in the summer term, we are going to be having a 1929s afternoon tea with lots of dancing and celebrations. We will be opening up the school and are looking for as many ex-pupils from 1929 onwards to visit and join in.



**Homework**

Over the next few weeks we are going to be consulting with all stakeholders and trying to answer the difficult questions - Is homework needed? Does it have the desired impact? We want to ensure everything we do has a positive long lasting impact and we need your help. Miss Fergusson will be sending out questionnaires and we need your feedback so we can make an informed choice as to if we have homework and what it might look like in the future.

**Jack and the Beanstalk**

On Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January, our drama club will be putting on a performance of Jack and the Beanstalk and we want you to bring the family along and attend this wonderful show. The drama club always put on excellent shows and we would love a huge audience to enjoy it. The show is free to all!

## **Family Support**

As part of our continued effort to support our local community, we now have a full-time family support worker. Liz Morrison has lots of experience in working with families on a range of different home concerns and she is here to help. Liz has already been working with a number of families but we want to help more. If you would like to speak or meet with Liz please feel free to pop in at any time.

## **Leamington Little Stars**

Our 2-Year-Old's nursery has been open now for over three years and is a great starting point for the young children in our local area. The nursery has excellent resources and provides a loving, caring environment in which the children grow, learn and play. If you would like to visit the nursery and see if we have a space for your child (we do take fee paying children) please don't hesitate to pop in for a chat with Louise and the team.

## **Dates for the Diary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Saving Club - Assemblies for KS1/KS2 Children
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Y6 visit to WW2 Tunnels
TBC	Parents Coffee Meeting - Savings Club
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Jack and the Beanstalk (5pm)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	NSPCC Number Day
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Schools 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday - see overleaf
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes at 3pm for February ½ term break
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Governors Curriculum Committee Meeting
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Governors Premises Committee and Finance Committee Meeting
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening (2:15pm)
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	World Autism Awareness Week (1 <sup>st</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> April)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Bonnet Parade (9:15am)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Attendance Disco (2pm)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Celebration Assembly (9:15am)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	School Closes at 1:30pm for the Easter break
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	School opens for the Summer 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. Can we also remind you that the speed limit is 20mph for a reason.

## **Attendance**

Last year we achieved our highest ever attendance percentage of 96% which meant more children were in school learning and therefore making good progress. 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. If you have any questions regarding attendance please talk to our attendance officer (Jackie Stocks).

## **Finally**

We would like to wish you all a very happy New Year! 2019 is going to be another exciting year at Leamington and we are going to continue growing and going from strength to strength. The team here are outstanding and provide every child with the best educational experience.



**Leamington  
Values**



Friendship



Respect



Honesty



Determination



Courage

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