



Anti-Bullying Week/Children In Need

The children have all taken part in many activities this week relating to anti-bullying. This included Odd Socks Day on Tuesday which highlighted and celebrated everyone's differences. As always our children have come up with many kind and thoughtful ideas and have shown a lot of respect for each other. It has also been Children In Need Day today - please see the photos and quotes below.

Start of the Day

We have decided to change our routine at the beginning of the day after staff discussions and also conversations with some parents. At both of my other schools the children make their way into the classrooms when they arrive instead of lining up, which works really well. From Monday we would like to start this routine at our school, especially now the weather is colder. If your child is in Swallows or Goldfinches, then they need to go into class unaccompanied - you can either say goodbye at the gate or on the playground. Parents/carers of children in Starlings and Kingfishers can also do this, or if you prefer, you can walk up to the decking with them where the staff will be waiting. We will review this in the spring and decide whether to continue with it moving forward. Please note the children should still arrive between 8:35am and 8:45am as they do now.

Staffing

We would like to thank Mrs O'Callaghan who has been working in Starling Class over the last two weeks. We are pleased to have two lots of good news to share with you. Firstly, Miss Laidler - who worked in the class before half-term - is returning for the next two weeks; she is really looking forward to working with the Starlings again. Secondly, Mrs Ball is in the next stage of her recovery and as a result, will be starting a phased return next week which means she will be in school most days. As long as that is successful, she will then be back full time at the beginning of December.

Mr Turull



"This week we have taken part in anti-bullying week. We have learnt all about kindness and respect." **Viv**

"We took part in Odd Socks Day to show that we are all different." **Chipo**

"We learnt how bullying can affect people and how to stop it" **Theo**





Diary Dates

November

Wednesday 20th	'Meet a Governor' at 8.45am in the school playground
Wednesday 20th	Starling Class trip to Liberty Gymnastics
Wednesday 20th	Open Afternoon - 1.30pm - 3pm
Tuesday 26th	Book Fair arrives at School
Wednesday 27th	INSET DAY

December

Friday 6th	FOLS Print and Prosecco Evening
Saturday 7th	Christmas Fayre & Christmas Tree Sale
Monday 9th	Christmas Violin Performance - Goldfinches 2.45pm - 3.15pm
Tuesday 10th	Book Fair Ends
Thursday 12th	Christmas jumper day
Friday 13th	Whole School pantomime trip
Wednesday 18th	KS2 Christmas Carol Service TBC
Wednesday 18th	Christmas Lunch Day
Thursday 19th	KS1 Nativity Play TBC
Thursday 19th	FOLS Movie night
Friday 20th	End of Term 2

Notices

- **Christmas Artwork** - We have now received the children's beautiful Christmas Artwork that was ordered last term. The children will be given their items to bring home once the orders have been paid for. Please complete this via Parent Pay.
- **Rags 2 Riches** - Thank you to everyone for your donations for Rags 2 Riches. We collected an incredible 160kg.
- **Liberty Gymnastics** - Please can all Starling class parents ensure that you have provided consent for your child to attend the Gymnastics trip next Wednesday.
- **Clubs** - There will be NO school run after school clubs on the last week of school (16-20th December)
- **Church Cafe** - We have been asked to share that the Church Cafe will be open to parents/carers every Thursday & Friday at 2-4pm. This will remain until Christmas.
- **Christmas Festival** - Come and join us for our Christmas Festival on Saturday 7th December between 10am-2pm to raise funds for Leigh On Mendip School. We will be hosting:
Our popular christmas tree sale, a brand new Santa's Grotto Experience, independent stalls, elf workshop, games and crafts, festive refreshments.

Santa's Grotto Tickets can be purchased from Ticket Source or by following this QR code:

Christmas Trees can be ordered on the day or in advance to the school office.

Book your
Santa's Grotto
tickets here:





News from the Classrooms



This week in Robins we have been learning about Diwali and have been making Rangoli patterns with coloured rice and coloured sand. Today we all dressed in pyjamas for children in need.



This week we celebrated Michael Rosen Day, we read one of our favourite books, Little Rabbit Foo Foo and we joined a live zoom broadcast with Michael Rosen and MCGrammar, it was a lot of fun to see them live.



As part of Starlings RE topic, we visited the church in Leigh on Mendip. We found lots of things that represent God and enjoyed a moment of 'quiet reflection'.



This week Goldfinch class has been supporting anti-bullying week with lots of different daily activities. We wore odd socks to show how everyone is different and unique. We wrote on our class respect poster to show all the different ways we show respect to each other. We have been learning a new school song to perform in assembly plus loads of other fun activities. All the children agreed that as a class we always look out for each other and respect each other's opinions even when they are different from our own.



In Swallows, we finished off our Tiers Albers inspired Space artwork. We printed backgrounds using our collagraphs and once they were dry we sketched our futuristic space pictures onto them.



LEIGH ON MENDIP
SCHOOL
Nurturing Curious Minds

STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2025?
Join us for a tour of our lovely village school and find out why our children love to learn.



OPEN MORNING
13th November 2024
9.30am - 11am

OPEN AFTERNOON
20th November 2024
1.30pm - 3pm

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

Please call 01373 812592
Or email - office@leighonmendipschool.co.uk



FOLS & *Paprika*

PRINT & PROSECCO-HO-HO

Come & join us for an evening of creative fun, designing & printing your own Christmas cards.

Friday 6th December 6:30-9pm
Leigh on Mendip Memorial Hall

£15pp includes a glass of fizz and a mince pie

Tickets available from the school office. Numbers are limited so be quick!

All materials will be provided

Raising funds for Leigh on Mendip School



LEIGH ON MENDIP SCHOOL

Christmas Festival

7TH DECEMBER 2024
10AM - 2PM

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE
SANTA'S GROTTO
PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED, PLEASE SEE BELOW
ELF WORKSHOP
INDEPENDENT STALLS
FESTIVE REFRESHMENTS
GAMES & CRAFTS
RAFFLE

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE IN
SANTA'S GROTTO,
PLEASE VISIT:

Christmas Tree Sale

7TH DECEMBER 2024
10AM - 2PM
LEIGH ON MENDIP SCHOOL
LOCALLY GROWN
QUALITY NORDMANN
SUPER PREMIUM CUT FIR TREES

150CM - 175CM	£35
175CM - 200CM	£40
200CM - 250CM	£45

ORDERS ON THE DAY OR PRE-ORDER
BY CONTACTING
OFFICE@LEIGHONMENDIPSCHOOL.CO.UK
01373 812592