Leigh on Mendip School Nurturing Curious Minds



Newsletter 10 - 17th November 2023

We'd like to remind you about the procedures for the beginning and end of the day. The gate will be opened at 8.30am to allow Robins children and their parents in for the start of their day, all other parents are welcome to come into the playground at that time. At 8.40am a member of staff from each class will be available for any queries or questions you may have and then at 8.45am the bell will ring and classes will go in for registrations. Please can we request that you do not leave your child unattended on the playground until a member of staff is present at 8.40am. At the end of the day the gate is opened at 3pm and will close again after parents and children have left.

We would like to re-establish our 'open classroom day' each week and invite you to come in and see your child's class teacher and any work that has been completed that week on a Wednesday after school from 3.15pm. Going forward we are also holding coffee mornings for parents to meet with school staff. The first of these will be on Wednesday 29th November from 8.45am to 9:30am and Mrs Layland, Mrs Ball, Mrs Smith and Mrs Newbury will also be in attendance for the first half an hour.

This week all children in the main school have completed workshops on anti bullying to mark anti bullying week. Many children have also been wearing odd socks to mark the occasion! In class they have been learning about resolving conflicts and the importance of working together, sharing concerns and treating everyone with respect, embracing the differences we all have.

This week's newsletter also contains some information we have been sent from Relate Avon. Relate is a provider of relationship counselling, they have centres in Bristol and Bath, and also offer an online service. They provide essential services for parents; they realise that parenting can put a strain on adult relationships, adult relationship counselling can make a big difference and children thrive in families where relationships are positive. If you would like to find out more about their service please visit https://www.relate-avon.org.uk/

Mrs Phillips Mr Turull

Notices

- Just a reminder that the Frome Lantern Parade is next Friday evening in Frome and we have all been busy making lanterns in class.
- Rags2Riches raised £100.55 yesterday, FOLS wishes to thank everyone who donated clothes

FOLS

FOLS Christmas Fayre!! 9th of December!! Lots of exciting activities and stalls!! We are looking for some volunteers to help out at the stalls, or if you have a hidden talent, like hair braiding then it would be great if you could volunteer your time. It can be for just an hour or longer. If you can spare some time, please chat to any FOLS member!! Any help would be very much appreciated !!

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News from the Classrooms



This week in Robins our topic has been Diwali, the festival of light. The children have enjoyed doing some Diwali dancing and making some Rangoli patterns using lots of different materials. We've also been learning about light and dark and making shadows in our tent.



This week the children in Kingfishers celebrated Diwali and learned all about traditions from many different cultures.

As part of anti bullying week, we discussed that each of us is unique and we celebrated our many differences. We read the poem "The crayon box that talked" which I invite you to also read at home.



Starlings have been wearing odd socks and doing role play as part of their anti-bullying week. They have also enjoyed planting bulbs around the school site this week.



Goldfinches took part in an anti-bullying workshop this week called 'Make a noise.' They then created their own 'anti bullying' posters to be displayed around school.



This week we have been discussing anti-bullying week and using figurative language in character descriptions. We also loved planting bulbs up by our play equipment!

Diary Dates

November

Wednesday 22nd	Goldfinches trip to Liberty Gymnastics
Wednesday 29th	Parents' coffee morning (8:45am - 9:30am)
Thursday 30th	Local Governing Body Meeting (6:00pm)

December

Friday 1st	Cake sale to raise funds for school equipment. All donations gratefully received!
Wednesday 6	th FOLS meeting at 7:30pm
Friday 8th	Christmas Tree Sale 3pm - 4.30pm
Saturday 9th	Christmas Tree Sale and Fayre 10am - 2pm
Monday 11th	Violin performance to parents of children in Goldfinches 2.45pm TBC
-	FOLS Christmas Movie Night
Wednesday 13	3th Christmas lunch day
-	Key Stage 2 Carol Concert (2:30pm)
Friday 15th	School pantomime trip to Bristol Hippodrome for reception year through to year 6
Monday 18th	Kingfisher/Starlings Nativity performance to parents
Tuesday 19th	Christmas Jumper Day
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