

Leigh on Mendip School

Newsletter 10 – 20th November 2020



We are very pleased to announce that three of our children have received the Golden Pencil award this week. Well done to Maddie, Abby and Elsa in Swallow class who have been working hard to join their handwriting all the time and take great care with their presentation.

A huge thank you once again to our amazingly supportive FOLS who have raised £1,362 in the recent Auction of Promises. This is such a wonderful achievement and will benefit our children by enabling us to enrich the curriculum opportunities. My special thanks goes to Rosie Schura and Catherine Farmer who spent many hours working on this fundraiser.

We only have a couple of weeks to go before our next fundraiser; the Christmas Tree Sale. We are still planning on holding this sale on the school playground on the 5th and 12th December and will adhere to social distancing guidelines. We are also accepting orders through Facebook and the school office email. We would be extremely grateful if you were able to help support this fundraiser by purchasing a tree or helping us to publicise the event.

Advice from Public Health regarding taking children to school when you have another child isolating

A number of schools and settings have contacted us regarding advice for parents & carers who have a child at home who is required to self-isolate but have other children they need to get to school or early years setting. This situation could arise because one child is self-isolating having been a contact of a positive case at their setting and there is only one adult in the household who is able to take other children to and from their school or early years provider.

The NHS website provides guidance on when to self-isolate and what to do <<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>>. This clearly states that you must not leave your home if you are self-isolating. For some parents and carers this may present a considerable challenge when it comes to taking siblings to school or early years provision. In such circumstances you could refer parents and carers to other options made possible by

* Guidance relating to household bubbles <<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/making-a-support-bubble-with-another-household>>. This might enable a parent living on their own with children aged under 18 to ask an adult from their 'bubble' to take their children to and from school.

* Alternatively families with children aged 13 and under are able to form a childcare bubble <<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/making-a-childcare-bubble-with-another-household>> with another household which allows for an informal childcare arrangement that might be helpful.

Mrs Phillips Mr Turull

Notices

- Before half term we asked whether you could send us any photos of your children reading in extreme places. Thank you to those of you who have already sent us some interesting photographs! Please do continue to send any photos to the office or your child's class teacher.

Diary Dates

November

Wed 25th Governors meeting
Thurs 26th Light the Night lantern workshop
 for Swallows

December

Thurs 3rd Schools Against Waste Workshop
Fri 18th End of term 2