Leigh on Mendip School Nurturing Curious Minds

Newsletter 12 - 1st December 2023



The weather has definitely changed over the last week as we move into winter and we have a lot planned for our last two and a half weeks at school before the Christmas break. The school office sent out an email during the week with all the events on; a lot for the children to look forward to including a carol concert, a nativity and a whole school pantomime trip.

Over the last few weeks we have had conversations with many pupils and parents about behaviour in class, around the school and also outside of school - mostly, but not exclusively, in Key Stage 2. We understand the need to address this and eradicate all negative behaviour to ensure that any children or parents who feel that there is bullying taking place are reassured that this will not continue. All forms of bullying are not tolerated at our school and after conversations with the classes this week, the children know that anyone being unkind or bullying others will face sanctions. We are fortunate to have so many friendly, kind and caring pupils who are keen to learn and we do not want any of them reluctant or anxious about coming to school, due to the behaviour of others.

We would like to ask for your help in this, primarily by reporting anything to us that your child has said, so that we can support them and address any actions that have taken place. We would also ask that if your child has a mobile phone, that you monitor this very closely as some of the issues have taken place online while at home and then come into school. There are many things you can do as a parent, including screen time restrictions (to limit time on a device), downtime (so the phone can only be used during certain hours) and also by reading through messages that have been sent and received on a regular basis.

If there is anything you need to tell us, please either come into school or send a message to your child's class teacher on their email address and copy in one or both of us. We do not have access to the seesaw accounts so won't directly see any messages sent on there. We want any issues resolved as soon as possible so that all of our children feel happy and safe while at school.

We have already had lots of enquiries about our Christmas tree sale next weekend and are hoping to raise much needed funds for school. Please come and buy your tree from us and encourage others to do so as well. We are going to pick the trees up on Friday morning ready so they will all be freshly cut. We will then be selling them after school on the 8th 3 - 4.30pm and then again on Saturday 9th 10 - 2pm. FOLS are also busy preparing for the fayre which will also be held on Saturday the 9th. FOLS still need bottles for the tombola and raffle prizes, we would be grateful for any donations, please bring them to the school office.

This week the children have been very busy in class preparing their decorations for the tree dressing assembly today. We had a lovely time singing to each other whilst all the decorations were tastefully arranged on the school tree in the hall. Here are just a few of the photos we took of the afternoon's celebration.







Finally just a quick reminder that the next FOLS meeting will be held next Wednesday 6th December in the school hall at 7.30pm. As always, everyone is welcome to join us as the more people we have helping, the easier it is for those who organise the events.

Mrs Phillips Mr Turull

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Friends Of Leigh School

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!!



News from the Classrooms



Christmas has begun in Robins. We have been busy making Christmas decorations and starting to learn Christmas songs. Our tree in the home corner gets decorated regularly by all the children!





This week the Kingfishers continued to learn more digraphs and practised reading words with plural. In science we learned that we make bread and pasta from wheat and we made a big batch of dough to explore its textures. In RE we continued to explore different beliefs as we compared the basic principles between Christianity and Judaism.





This week in Starlings we started practising our joined handwriting. Most of the children found this transition easy as their cursive writing is so good. Please keep encouraging them to practise this at home.





Goldfinch class had the most amazing time at Liberty Gymnastics Club, thank you to IG Sports for organising a brilliant event.





This week Swallows have been making Christmas tree decorations using salt-dough to put on the tree in the school hall during the special tree dressing assembly.



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Diary Dates

December

Wednesday 6th 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 13th Christmas lunch day

Goldfinches and Swallows 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 at 2pm in Memorial Hall

Tuesday 19th Christmas Jumper Day

End of Term 2