

Leigh on Mendip First School

working together to achieve our best

Newsletter 14 - 10th January 2020



Happy New Year to you all! It has been lovely to come back to so many happy smiling faces this week. Staff spent Monday and Tuesday developing an exciting curriculum for this next term. We are lucky to be part of the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership and benefitted from some very helpful training, it included the teaching of reading which will enhance what we already do.

At the start of this week we have also heard the fantastic news that we have been successful in our application to the English Hub for new resources to support the teaching of reading and phonics. The English Hub is funded by the Department of Education, it's 'Hub' schools provide tailored support for other schools promoting a love of reading and providing training for phonics and early language teaching. A member of staff based in Portishead came and worked with us to audit our reading provision just before Christmas. They have agreed to update our reading scheme and guided reading books. Once we have taken delivery of the new books we will hold a parents meeting to update you on the teaching of phonics and early reading and give you an opportunity to view our new resources.

On Saturday 18th January we are having a gardening morning and need some help! We need any family members or friends who are happy to spare half an hour to flex their muscles and do a bit of digging to help free up some garden space. This will mean our children can enjoy hands-on activities enabling them to learn more about growing plants to eat and other plants to encourage wildlife. Thank you to those who have already signed up. We plan to start at 10am and be finished by 12.30pm and will provide a supply of tea and biscuits! The school doesn't have a vast supply of gardening tools so if you could bring along gloves/spades/forks etc. that would be useful. We are lucky to have Jennifer Bowskill overseeing the project; she is currently working as Head Gardener for the Duke of Somerset. If you are able to offer time on Saturday 18th please can you let Sarah Claxton or Hannah Stinchcombe know.

Mrs Phillips

Mr Turull

Notices

- Please bring any remaining sponsorship money for the Elf Run into school as soon as possible.

School Diary Dates

January

Mon 13th FOLS meeting at 7.30pm
Wed 15th Swimming lessons start
Sat 18th Gardening morning 10am - 12.30pm

February

Thurs 6th Eagle Class, year of the bassoon workshop (they need their brass instruments)
Fri 14th Life Education bus
Mon 17th Half term holiday starts