Leigh on Mendip School Nurturing Curious Minds



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Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the 'Meet the Teacher' events over the last couple of weeks. We still have the Kingfisher 'Meet the Teacher' next Tuesday after school. As well as having a chance to look at your child's classroom, Mrs Layland will use this as an opportunity to talk to you about the teaching of phonics and early reading. Please come along; we hope that you will then feel better informed about our phonics programme and more able to support your child at home with their learning.

We have elected four new house captains to represent Air, Earth, Fire and Water this year. Congratulations to Mason, Leo, Phoebe and Ayden, who we know will all do a great job in their new roles.

It has come to our attention that some children have been playing on the play equipment after school. We would just like to remind you that due to health and safety, children should not be accessing this equipment outside of the school day.

Flu immunisations are due to take place at school on the 27th September. Please complete the online consent form (one for each child, please). The link for the form will close at midday on the 26th September and was included in the email about flu vaccinations sent out to parents on 6th September.

Following a directive from the ICO (Information Commissioner's Office) we are no longer able to send out our weekly newsletter through a bcc email. We are looking at a variety of options, but this week you will have received this newsletter as a paper copy. We will be able to update you on this next week.

Finally, we would like to talk a little about FOLS (Friends of Leigh School). Over the time that we have both been at the school, there has been a really strong and dedicated committee who have worked tirelessly to raise additional funds for the school. The amount raised each year surpasses that of most other schools in our Trust, including much larger schools. Their efforts have given our children a multitude of opportunities and have also saved parents money, such as subsidising school trips. However, many of the committee have moved on this year and although we have a Chair and a Treasurer, we desperately need new members to support in the fundraising process. Our new Chair, Belinda along with our Treasurer, Jen, will be out selling ice lollies this afternoon and next Friday so please do approach them if you are able to support. Alternatively let us know in the office. If we are unable to get any extra volunteers, there is a real risk that FOLS will not be able to continue.

Mrs Phillips Mr Turull

<u>FOLS</u>

FOLS AGM 9th October

If you would like to join FOLS and/or take on one of the following available positions: Vice Chair, Secretary or Communications Officer, then please speak to Belinda (Mason's mum) or Jen (Finn and Dylan's mum) or ask in the office for more info.

Good condition uniform wanted for pre-loved uniform sale later in the term. Please put your donations in the box outside the office.

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News from the Classrooms



This week in Robins we've been making our own Colour Monsters to go on the wall and talking about our feelings.



This week the children in Kingfishers had their first phonics lessons. We learned the phonemes S, A, T and P. In Maths we learned to apply the one to one principle in counting and matching each other's number set.



Mrs Bell has enjoyed teaching Starling class this week. The children have done some superb writing about Little Red Reading Hood. In history we learnt about the Great Fire of London. In RE we learnt about Zacheus the Tax Collector. Ask the children if they can retell the story for you.



Goldfinch class has been working especially hard in maths this week. We have been working on place value to 1000 and the children are getting really good at it. Why not challenge them to flexibly partition numbers up to 1000 and see what they can show you!

Swallows have worked so hard this week in all their learning and have really enjoyed writing a tense story in English. Everyone has had incredibly imaginative ideas and worked with amazing focus and determination.











Diary Dates

September

Tuesday 19th Friday 22nd Wednesday 27th Friday 29th

Kingfisher Class meet the teacher and Phonics information meeting 3.15pm Year 6 Lifeskills trip Flu immunisation for all years Cake sale

October

Wednesday 11th

Wednesday 11th Friday 20th Friday 20th Monday 30th Tuesday 31st

Harvest services in St Giles' Church at the following times: 9.30am for Kingfishers and Starlings, 10.10am for Goldfinches and Swallows Europe day - more details to follow soon Individual photographs End of Term 1 INSET DAY Start of Term 2 and Parents' Evening - more information to follow



