



It has been so lovely this week to see parents back on the playground. Staff have enjoyed being able to have conversations with more ease too. The inside of the new building is slowly transforming; our hall is nearly ready and we have used it this week for assemblies and PE. We are hoping to start serving lunches in the hall very soon. We are excited to be able to invite you all in to see the classrooms and the rest of the school. You have already been informed about the 'Meet the Teacher' events after school in October. This is a chance for you to come into class at the end of the day, have a chat to your child's teacher and then, if you wish, a tour around the school. Kingfishers and Starlings now have their Harvest Festival Celebration on Wednesday 20th October so we have made a few tweaks to our plan as follows:

Monday 18th October at 3.15pm in Swallow Class

Wednesday 20th October at 2.30pm onwards in Kingfishers and Starlings (to include Harvest Festival)

Wednesday 20th October at 3.15pm in Goldfinch Class

We are aware that parking at the beginning and end of the school day is a little challenging at the moment and parents are parking on the road around the bend. This does present problems when the buses drive through as they are unable to pass the parked cars. We politely ask that you use the village hall car park and walk down to school. Hopefully this will ease the congestion.

We are delighted to see that our new Reception children have settled in so well. I have enjoyed visiting them in class and spending a little time with them.

'Mojo Moves' made a welcome visit today with all the children having half an hour of activity at lunchtime. We managed to avoid the rain and lots of fun was had by all!



Harvest Festival for Goldfinch and Swallow Class takes place next Wednesday at 10.30am at St Giles Church and we welcome all parents who are able to attend. The community cafe will also be open for refreshments before and after the service. If you are able to make food donations, please bring these to school by Wednesday 20th October.

Goldfinch Class have their first trip of the year planned for Wednesday 20th October. The children have been learning about life in Victorian times and this trip will focus on the history of local mining to support their learning. We plan to take the children to the Somerset Coalfield Life at Radstock Museum for the morning; to take part in a workshop and browse the exhibition. More details to follow.



Notices

- If you would like to get in touch with a member of staff from your child's class you can do this via your child's class email address, or for Kingfisher and Starling Class; the PiP book. Email addresses are as follows:
robins@leighonmendipschool.co.uk
kingfishers@leighonmendipschool.co.uk
starlings@leighonmendipschool.co.uk
swallows@leighonmendipschool.co.uk
goldfinches@leighonmendipschool.co.uk
- Please return the annual permission slips and confirm the data collection sheets have accurate information about your child by signing them on the reverse of the form and returning them to the school office as soon as possible.
- Please note that the government website www.childcarechoices.org.uk has easy to access information about childcare payments and benefits for all parents

Diary Dates for the Autumn Term 1

Each week starting on Monday 20th September

Monday	<u>After school</u> Sunflower Club
Tuesday	<u>AM</u> - PE for children in Robins and Kingfishers with Mr Groves <u>PM</u> - PE for children in Starlings and Goldfinches with Mr Groves <u>After school</u> Sports Club with Mr Groves
Wednesday	<u>After school</u> - Elliart Club
Thursday	<u>PM</u> - Swimming for Goldfinch and Swallow Class <u>After school</u> - Wizz Pop Bang Club
Friday	<u>After school</u> - Yoga Club

October

Wed 6th	Harvest Festival 10.30am in St Giles Church (Swallows and Goldfinches)
Tues 12th	FOLS AGM 7.30pm in School Hall
Fri 15th	AM School photographer in school to take individual photographs of all children in school
Mon 18th	Swallow Class 'meet the teacher' 3.15pm
Wed 20 th	Goldfinch class trip to Radstock Museum
Wed 20th	Harvest Festival 2.30pm in School and 'meet the teacher' (Kingfishers and Starlings)
Wed 20th	Goldfinch Class 'meet the teacher' 3.15pm
Fri 22nd	INSET day