



We are starting our regular 'Meet the Governor' sessions next week, when our Chair of Governors - Catherine Farmer - will be available on the playground at morning drop off on Wednesday morning. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to speak to her about any issues or questions they may have relating to the school or the Governors, as well as share any positive thoughts about what is going on at school. We found last year that this format worked really well and that as a result, many of the small matters that crop up, can be sorted easily. I would like to thank her for giving up her time to do this, so please do have a chat if you have anything you would like to talk about or pass on. If this time does not work for you, you should find a member of staff on the gate each morning welcoming the children in, so you can of course always speak to them.

We confirmed the timings for the school day in the newsletter last week, but would just like to remind you that when the bell rings, the staff will then take the children to their classrooms and parents will leave, having said their goodbyes on the playground. Also if children arrive late at school, there unfortunately won't be the opportunity to speak to their teacher as they will already be in class teaching. Any messages can be passed on through the school office or to one of our school leaders.

Unfortunately Mrs Ball has not been well this week as she is suffering with sciatica and may not be back next week either. We have rearranged our school staff this week to ensure that the children had minimum disruption to their learning and have already booked in our supply teachers next week to cover should Mrs Ball not return. While trying to avoid many changes for the children, we would also like to pass on our best wishes to Mrs Ball and hope that she recovers very soon. Please note that this means there will be no football club on Monday; our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Mr Turull

Diary Dates

September

Tuesday 24th Flu immunisation for all years
Wednesday 25th Meet a Governor - 8.45am in the playground

October

Tuesday 8th Visual screening for year 1 children
Wednesday 9th Harvest Festival in St Giles' Church
KS1 service to begin at 9.30am, KS2 service to begin at 10.10am
Friday 18th Individual & sibling photographs - ALL children to wear school uniform
Friday 25th INSET DAY
End of Term 1

November

Monday 4th Start of Term 2
Wednesday 6th Parents' Evening - more information to follow
Wednesday 13th Open Morning - 9.30am - 11am
Wednesday 20th Open Afternoon - 1.30pm - 3pm
Wednesday 27th INSET DAY

December

Thursday 12th Christmas jumper day
Friday 13th Whole School pantomime trip
Friday 20th End of Term 2



News from the Classrooms



We have been reading Supertato this week in Robin Class, the children have enjoyed stamping paint with vegetables, exploring soil and talking about our own superpowers and how we can be 'Super-kind' and 'Super-helpful'. The children have loved checking each other's muscles to see how strong they were after eating their fruit and vegetables!



The focus this week was on one of the children's favourite stories, "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" by Michael Rosen. We had some very creative writing and art work too. Well done to all the reception children who attended school full time this week, we are all settling into a new routine!



This week in PSHE, Starling class created their 'dream school'. We are so happy that they are much nicer than last weeks 'nightmare school'. Ask your child about theirs and see what they included!



This week goldfinch class have been very busy with their writing. We have been learning all about 'The Corinthian Girl' a fictional story, based on some true events set in Ancient Greece. We have travelled back in time and interviewed the Corinthian Girl and answered questions about her life. We are getting ready to write a diary extract based around a significant event in her life. What wonderful writers we have!



This week, Swallows have been learning all about blood. The children thoroughly enjoyed making their own using different materials to represent red blood cells, white blood cells, nutrients, plasma and platelets. Why not ask your child what role each part plays in our bodies?



Fundraising News

In October, Maisie from Kingfisher class will be cutting and donating her hair to *The Little Princess Trust*. This is a wonderful charity and we congratulate Maisy on acting so honourably for a brilliant cause.

Maisie would be so grateful of any support, in which you can donate here:
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/mais-maj>



Notices

- **Data Collection** - We are still missing some data collection sheets. It would be great if these are returned to ensure we hold all the relevant contact details on file.
- **Flu Vaccinations** - Please complete the flu vaccination consent form.
- **Parent Permissions** - Please remember to complete your annual consent forms. Links found below:
 - <https://forms.gle/ES8MF33dTxVQJfsZ8> - Photographs / External Visits / IT usage
 - <https://forms.gle/EvRgP8MM76oCdpQU6> - Classroom Seesaw Consent
- **PGL Residential 2025** - Reminder to Swallow Class parents, the next instalment for the PGL Residential trip is due by 23rd September 2024.
- **Rags2Riches** - We have a collection booked for the 12th November. If you are due a wardrobe sort out please consider donating.
- **Threadworms** - To make parents aware, there have been cases of threadworms reported within school. The children are taught and encouraged to wash their hands thoroughly as part of their toilet and lunchtime routines. To help cease the spread, can this message be reinforced at home and can children come to school with clean hands/nails. Please can all girls also wear shorts underneath their dresses. Thank you
- **Tower Room Cafe in Leigh on Mendip Church** - Message from the Church Cafe - "Open every weekday, from Monday 7th to Friday 25th October, between 2pm and 4pm. We will be serving a hot drink and a slice of homemade cake from a selection for £2, and a child's drink and homemade cookie for £1. Come along for a chat with friends before or after school pick-up. There will be activities for children too.



STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2025?

Join us for a tour of our lovely village school and find out why our children love to learn.



OPEN MORNING

13th November 2024
9.30am - 11am

OPEN AFTERNOON

20th November 2024
1.30pm - 3pm

TO BOOK
YOUR
PLACE

Please call 01373 812592
Or email - office@leighonmendipschool.co.uk



School Open Day

This year, we will be opening up the school on two different occasions to welcome prospective parents to the school - Wednesday 13th November in the morning and Wednesday 20th November in the afternoon.

Our team of staff will be here to answer any questions, while some of our fantastic children will give tours around the school to all the visitors who come along.

We will advertise this around the area, but if you do know of any parents who have children due to start school in the Reception cohort of September 2025, then please do let them know.