



It is with great sadness that I wish to inform you that Mrs Helen Gilson will be leaving us at the end of next week. Helen has been a Teaching Assistant at Leigh on Mendip School for 15 years and has seen many families through their time here at Leigh. Helen has an enormous amount of experience and expertise and she will be sorely missed, particularly in Kingfisher Class where she currently works in the mornings. I know many of you will join me in wishing her well in the future, if you would like to make a donation towards a gift or any messages of thanks please do so through the school office by Tuesday 19th October.

For those of you who have not already signed up to Parent's Evening after half term, you can still do so by signing up on the sheets on the Parent's Noticeboard in the main entrance or contacting the office. If you are unable to make the dates we will try and accommodate you at a different time. If you have any particular concerns about having a face to face meeting, then a phone call could be arranged on another day as an alternative.

Maddie Hood in Year 4 has been very keen to get us all recycling our plastics. I'm very pleased to announce that she and her family have been researching and have found a way that we can recycle easily here at school. As an added bonus it will help us to raise some much needed funds too! Please see Maddie's message below...

Warburtons have introduced a recycling scheme and Leigh on Mendip school are official collectors!

By collecting any bakery packaging (bread bags, crumpet packets, bagel wrappers etc) we can help reduce plastic waste and raise funds for our school. Please ask your friends, family, and neighbours to collect all plastic bread/bakery packaging and bring it to school. Please make sure the packaging is clean and dry.

If you have any questions please ask Maddie in year 4.

Just a reminder that we are inviting children to come dressed in Halloween Mufti next Thursday and any donations gratefully received. We are also holding a cake sale after school on the same day and would be extremely pleased if you would donate cakes and come and spend your money! All proceeds will be going to much needed books for school. Please note that it is INSET day on Friday.

Mrs Phillips



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 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

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 - This club will restart after half term
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

Mon 18th	Swallow Class meet the teacher 3.15pm
Wed 20th	Harvest Festival 2.30pm in School and meet the teacher (Kingfishers and Starlings)
Wed 20th	Goldfinch Class meet the teacher 3.15pm
Thurs 21st	Halloween mufti and cake sale
Fri 22nd	INSET day
Sat 23rd	FOLS Halloween party in the Memorial Hall
Mon 25th - Fri 29th	Half Term Holiday

November

Mon 1st	Start of term 2 Kingfishers Parents Evening 1 - 4pm
Tues 2nd	Swallows Parents Evening 1 - 6pm
Wed 3rd	Goldfinches Parent Evening 1 - 5.30pm Starlings Parents Evening 3.30 - 6pm
Thurs 4th	Starlings Parents Evening 1.30 - 4pm