



Welcome back to the start of Term 2 - always an exciting few weeks, ending up with our Christmas festivities.

We would like to thank you for your support regarding the additional measures we are currently putting into place across the school. Each school in Somerset has been given a Red, Amber or Green status based on cases in school and around the area. We are currently at Amber for the next two weeks, when it will be reviewed. As well as measures that we are taking during the school day, we would ask that all parents and carers picking up try and maintain social distancing and wear masks if entering any of the buildings. We will update you of any changes when they happen. Many of the other schools within our Trust have had high levels of infection among both students and staff so we consider ourselves fortunate that there have not been many cases at our school. We do currently have two members of staff who are isolating due to positive PCR tests and we wish them a speedy recovery.

Unfortunately we have had to postpone our school Open Day due to the current restrictions. We have rearranged it for Wednesday 1st December in the hope that we can open up the school then. In the meanwhile if your child is starting school next year, or if you know of anyone whose child is, then please contact the school office.

It's only a few weeks until our Christmas Tree Sales. Our first sale will be on Saturday 27th November 10am - 2pm and our second, the Saturday after. This year FOLS are also joining us and are holding a Craft Fayre 10am - 3pm in the school on Saturday 27th; this is incredibly exciting as we have lots of stalls already booked by local crafts people. Although this event is planned and staffed we are in desperate need of help with transporting the trees, if you know of anyone who has a trailer and is available to help pick up the trees from the farm before the day or deliver trees to customers during the day on Saturday 27th November or Saturday 4th December, please do let the school office know.

We have an exciting few weeks ahead of us as we will be recruiting new members of staff across the school. With Mrs Gilson leaving last term, we are looking to recruit a new teaching assistant to work across the Early Years and Key Stage 1. The advert for this went out earlier this week, so if you know anyone who may be interested in applying then please direct them to the TES website. We have already started the recruitment process for a new member of staff in Robins Preschool and hope to have more news to share with you about this in the near future. Finally, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Foote at the end of the term. After a short time with us, she is leaving to be able to work closer to home and we wish her the best in her new job. We will be interviewing for a new teacher to lead our Swallow Class before the end of November.

Mrs Phillips

Mr Turull



Notices

- There are still spaces in sports club this term. Please email the school office if you would like your child to attend.
- 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 2

Each week starting on Monday 1st November

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>PM</u> - PE for children in Swallows
Thursday	<u>PM</u> - Swimming for Goldfinch and Swallow Class <u>After school</u> - Yoga Club

November

Mon 8th	Vision screening for Year 1 children
Thurs 11th	Goldfinches fitness festival with Mr Groves
Fri 12th	Rag2Riches collection
Tues 23rd	Flu immunisations
Sat 27th	Christmas Tree Sale and Craft Fayre 10am - 3pm

December

Wed 1st	Open Afternoon for new parents
Sat 4th	Christmas Tree Sale 10am - 2pm
Wed 8th	Carols by Candlelight at school 4.30pm (weather permitting)
Wed 15th	Carols by candlelight at school 4.30pm (second date) Christmas Lunch