



We have now heard from Somerset that we will remain an 'Amber' school, this is based on cases of Covid in school and in the local community. This status will be reviewed again after two weeks. In school we will continue with the additional measures put in place at half term and ask whether you would support this by maintaining social distancing and wearing masks if entering any of the buildings. We will update you of any changes when they happen.

Thank you to all of you who supported the FOLS auction of promises last week. Mrs Farmer has worked so hard to gather donations and run the event, in the end it made a staggering £1601 which topped the huge amount raised last year. The money raised will benefit all the children in school enabling us to purchase new resources, subsidise school trips and provide curriculum enriching activities. Enormous thanks to Mrs Farmer for all her time with this event.

Good news, Ian Groves' sports club on a Tuesday is going to be archery for the remainder of the weeks before the Christmas break. There are still many places left in this club and Mr Groves is keen to welcome any new children. Please contact the school office if you would like your child to stay to this after school club.

The first of our Christmas tree sales takes place on the 27th November 10am - 2pm, on the same day FOLS are organising a Christmas Craft Fayre in the Memorial Hall 10am - 3pm. We do hope you will come and buy your tree and have a wander around the Craft Fayre. If you could share information about both events and would like a poster or flyer please ask in the school office. I am hopeful that we have transport ahead of the sale to pick up the trees from the farm but we are still looking for someone who is able to help with the deliveries on the sale days. Please contact the school office if you think you might be able to help.

FOLS have requested donations of bottles for the bottle tombola at the Christmas Fayre on the 27th November. These can be any bottles; alcoholic, soft drinks, squash etc. Please can any donations be placed in the box in the main entrance lobby by Friday 19th November.

You will have received a letter about the 'Citizen and Character Award'. This is a trust wide initiative designed to encourage pupils to develop their own personal skills. We will be talking to the children about this next week and look forward to seeing children taking part.

Mrs Phillips



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

Tues 23rd	Flu immunisations
Sat 27th	Christmas Tree Sale 10am - 2pm and Craft Fayre 10am - 3pm

December

Wed 1st	Open Afternoon for new parents
Fri 3rd	Sponsored Elf Run in school
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