

Leigh on Mendip School

Newsletter 9 - 13th November 2020



We've had a great response to our telephone parent consultations this week with teachers managing to speak to the majority of parents. As staff we feel this worked well but missed being able to show you your children's work. Please do remember that we are available if you would like to speak to us during the week, just phone or email the school office to arrange a time.

With December on the horizon we are beginning to think about Christmas festivities. Due to current restrictions we are very disappointed to inform you that we will not be able to hold our usual Nativity performance in the memorial hall. We are planning on some sort of short video performance from each class that we will share with you at the end of the term. Watch this space! We are also busy planning our annual Christmas tree sale which will hopefully take place in the school playground on Saturday 5th and Saturday 12th December. Traditionally this has been an event run by the school staff but this year we are extremely grateful to have FOLS helping us with the selling and delivering of trees. Other Christmas activities will happen as usual in school and staff are having fun preparing these.

Along with the newsletter we are sending home a separate document which has the result of the annual parent questionnaire that we sent out at the end of the summer term. We received many positive comments on the forms regarding our friendly and welcoming school, how well the staff know the children the sense of community and safeguarding and the way the school adapts to the needs of the children. We have also been examining the areas that you suggested that we improve on, these included communication with parents, behaviour management strategies, outdoor education and technology. We are trying to improve our weekly newsletter to include more photos and having had website training this week we will shortly be adding significantly more content to it. We have made several modifications to our behaviour system; including rewards for those children consistently behaving well and the removal of names displayed when children's behaviour is not acceptable. We will have more exciting news regarding rewards in the next few weeks. There has been an overhaul of our outdoor area as a result of our building works and when restrictions ease later in the year we will be aiming to provide more forest school sessions than previously planned. We have also purchased a new set of chrome books to enable more individualised learning and are in the process of setting up google classroom for children in years 1 - 5 (initially children in years 3- 5)

Mrs Phillips Mr Turull

Notices

- Please ensure that your child has clearly named clothes, including a coat as the weather gets colder.
- Before half term we asked whether you could send us any photos of your children reading in extreme places. Thank you to those of you who have already sent us some interesting photographs! Please do continue to send any photos to the office or your child's class teacher.
- Rags to Riches collection raised £150.56 - a very big thank you to everyone who brought in a bag!

Diary Dates

November

Tues 17th Flu immunisation
Wed 25th Governors meeting
Thurs 26th Light the Night lantern workshop for Swallows

December

Thurs 3rd Schools Against Waste Workshop
Wed 16th Christmas lunch
Fri 18th End of term 2



FOLS shoebox appeal

From the beginning of next week a collection box will be placed outside the school gate. FOLS are happy to collect either pre made boxes if parents and pupils would like to donate a whole box, or any donation items that can be put together to make boxes. Please see the poster for items needed. All items need to be in by the 16th December.



FOLS sweetie challenge photos and winners

There was a wonderful collection of beautifully decorated boxes collected last week and FOLS have counted all the coins and you raised £207.70 Thank you!



The winners of the best decorated box in each year group are:

Robins	Flo Hood
Reception	Oliver Allen
Year 1	Isabella Layland
Year 2	Lottie Farmer
Year 3	Gregor Matthews
Year 4	Elsa Brooks
Year 5	Oliver Tomlinson

Many congratulations to all the winners!