



Firstly I would like to thank you all for being so supportive of the measures in place due to our Amber status; we have had low attendance this week due to illness but to date we have had no positive cases. We are extremely grateful to those of you who have taken your child for a PCR test, it seems we just have a nasty cough and cold bug in school!

We have lots of exciting Christmas activities planned for the next few weeks, starting with the first of our Christmas Tree sales on Saturday 27th November in school. Thank you so much to Mr Neil who has offered to help deliver trees to customers on this day. If anyone else is able to help then please let the office know. The FOLS Christmas Fair is also happening on Saturday 27th in the Memorial Hall 10 - 3pm and I hear there are many wonderful stalls selling crafts, lots of Christmas present ideas I'm sure!

During the school day on Friday 3rd December we are taking part in our annual Elf Run in support of Dorothy House Hospice Care. The children will all be given an elf hat and invited to run around a course in the school grounds. If you would like to support your child and make a donation towards Dorothy House, please do so via the following link <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lomelfrun>. Sponsorship Forms will be in your child's book bag today.

On Wednesday 8th December, weather permitting, we hope to have our Carols by Candlelight in the school playground. All parents are invited to attend this event starting at 4.30pm just as it begins to get dark. The children will be making lanterns in the next couple of weeks and are learning Christmas songs to share with you.

Our Christmas lunch day is on Wednesday 15th December. This is such a lovely event where all children are given the opportunity to have a festive hot meal, complete with Christmas music! Thank you to FOLS who will pay for everyone's lunch that day. Staff also love this event and help serve and chat to the children whilst they are eating. As well as the excitement of the Christmas lunch we are very pleased to inform you that the children in Kingfishers and Starlings will also be performing their Christmas play at 2.30pm on 15th December. All being well this will take place in the Memorial hall for the parents of those children taking part. As usual we would be very grateful for any help to set up and pack away chairs for this event. More details to follow.

In addition to these dates FOLS are also intending to run a Christmas film night on Friday 10th December in the school hall. As with all these events it is rather dependent on the Covid cases in the local area and what measures we currently have in place in school. We do hope that we are able to continue with all our exciting plans.

Here is a photo of some of the children dressed in their pyjamas for Children in Need Day! If you haven't already donated, here is the link to do so: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=4996>





Notices

- Do you have any 2 litre clear plastic bottles? We would welcome any donations for our lantern making project for the Carols by Candlelight event.
- 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> Archery 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 - please go online and complete the consent forms ASAP
Sat 27th	Christmas Tree Sale and Craft Fayre 10am - 3pm

December

Wed 1st	Open Afternoon for new parents
Sat 4th	Christmas Tree Sale 10 - 2pm
Mon 6th	FOLS meeting (TBC)
Wed 8th	Carols by Candlelight at school 4.30pm (weather permitting)
Fri 10th	FOLS Christmas film night in school hall (TBC)
Wed 15th	Christmas lunch Kingfisher and Starling Class nativity in Memorial Hall 2.30pm