



NEWSLETTER

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Headteacher: Mrs T. Whitton BA QTS

1st December 2023

Electronic Gates

You may have noticed that we have been having some building work completed on the carpark and pedestrian gates. This work has been commissioned by the Archdiocese of Liverpool as part of safeguarding measures to ensure school is safe and secure. As well as the perimeter fence installed in the summer term, it was recommended that school has electronic gates to ensure any visitors report to reception before entering school grounds. As of Monday 4th December, the electronic gates will be in operation. The carpark can only be accessed using an electronic key fob or by reporting to reception via an intercom system. The pedestrian gate will be open from 7:45 am- 9:15am and then 3:15pm- 3:30pm to allow for drop off and pick up at the beginning and end of the school day. We will continue to open the Infant gates as normal to ease congestion at busy times. During the school day, whilst the pedestrian gate is closed, visitors are asked to report to reception via an intercom system before the gate is released.

This will be a new system for all of us to get used to and there may well be teething issues. Can I please ask that you are patient and understanding while we get used to the new routines. If you do have any issues or concerns, please just get in touch.

Re-location of the Defibrillator

As part of a DFE scheme school has been given an outdoor defibrillator case so that our defibrillator can be accessed more easily by our local community. The defibrillator has now been installed outside of the main reception.

Home-School Agreement Feedback

It has been a number of years since we have reviewed our home-school agreement. A home-school helps to explain the roles and responsibilities of the school, parents and children. I have attached a copy of our current home-school agreement. Please can you take some time read it and complete the short survey below.

<https://survey.easyquest.com/WoqJYC>

If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Year 5/6 Basketball Competition



Our Y5/6 basketball team enjoyed a great competition at Leigh Sports Village taking part in basketball and competing in it! Great teamwork, patience and problem solving was shown from the team enabling them to come 4th overall out of 8 teams.

Christmas Raffle: Advent Calendars

Thank you to everyone for supporting the raffle and also to those that have donated the wonderful Advent Calendars. This raffle took place this afternoon during whole school assembly and the children chose the winning raffle tickets.

The winners are:

1st – 107 Miss Grundy

2nd – 111 Mrs Birchall

3rd – 5 Mrs Kirrane

We have raised £130 in total.

Christmas Terry's Chocolate Orange Puddings, Hats and Reindeers

A big thank you to Mrs Brown for knitting the puddings/hats/reindeers. We have raised £80 in total. Also, thank you to all parents/carers who have supported this event.

Advent

This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent, a time of preparation for Christmas. The Children have been reminded in school that Advent is a time to do more good deeds and think of others. Please encourage your children to consider this and to think how they can show love, care and consideration towards others through their words and actions.

Travelling Nativity

Throughout Advent each of the children will have the opportunity to take home a travelling nativity bag. This will contain a Christmas story book, prayer card and electric candle. This is to help the children to reflect about the true meaning of Christmas.

CAFOD Fundraising

Mrs Featherstone and CAFOD club are leading the children in raising money for our nominated Christmas charity - CAFOD. The children will be selling custom made Twelve Apostles Christmas tree decorations for £1. All proceeds will go to support the World gifts CAFOD charity.



Year 2 Christmas Nativity Performances

Mrs Featherstone, Mrs Devlin and the children in Year 2 will be busy this term practicing for the Christmas performances. Parents and Carers are invited to watch this special Christmas performances on the following dates. The children have been given parts to learn so please help your child to learn their words.

Wednesday 6th December at 2:30 pm

Thursday 7th December at 6:00 pm

There is no limit on the number of tickets available, so please just turn up to the performance of your choice. There is no charge, but we will have a collection for our nominated Christmas Charity at the end of each performance.

Friends of Twelve Apostles Fund Raising

Christmas Food Hamper Raffle

Thank you for all your food donations. The friends of Twelve Apostles will now make up the hampers.



Tickets are on sale so please send a £1 into school with your child if you would like to be entered for the draw. We will be selling tickets before and after school on the playground. The raffle will be drawn at the coffee morning on Monday 18th December.

Christmas Snowman Raffle



Once again, thank you for all your support.

Tickets are still on sale for £1 each and can be purchased from school office or through your child's class teacher.

Children's Christmas Carol Memory Stick

Over the coming week, Mr Rowlands will be recording each of the classes and choir singing a variety of Christmas Carols. The children's singing will be uploaded onto a memory stick that can be purchased by family and friends for £5. All proceeds will go towards subsidising our Spring Term trips and visits.

Advent Mass in School

Tuesday 5th December 2023 at 2:00 pm

Father Keiran will be celebrating mass here in school and everyone is welcome. He will be joined by the whole school and Year 4 will lead the mass.

Year 6 Residential Robin Wood

Wednesday 13th December- Friday 15th December 2023

Year 6 will be away on their residential trip to Robin Wood. If you haven't already, please complete any outstanding payments.



Star of the Week



We are
not SUCCESSFUL
because We are Smart.
We are
SUCCESSFUL
when we
work hard.

Congratulations and well-done to all our stars!

Friday 24th November 2023

Reception – Teddy B & Victoria N

Year 1 – Edie Rose T

Year 2 – Olivia S

Year 3 – Jenson B

Year 4 – Dominik S

Year 5 – Bailey W

Year 6 – Ruby R

Friday 1st December 2023

Reception – Heidi H & Renae P

Year 1 – Obi E

Year 2 – Erica R

Year 3 – Sam W

Year 4 – Emma T

Year 5 – Kaiden C

Year 6 – Eryn D

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



In school



On time



Week Commencing: 20th November 2023

Reception 100%	Year 1 93.00%
Year 2 97.10%	Year 3 97.10%
Year 4 96.67%	Year 5 88.71%
Year 6 98.00%	

Congratulations
Reception class

Week Commencing: 27th November 2023

Reception 98.75%	Year 1 93.75%
Year 2 97.92%	Year 3 94.35%
Year 4 92.50%	Year 5 93.55%
Year 6 97.08%	

Advance Notice

Breakfast with Santa and Christmas Jumper Day - Tuesday 19th December

The cost of the event is **£3.50** to cover the cost of food and a present. This year we have arranged an extra special surprise for the children!



Christmas Parties

Infants (**Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**) – Monday 18th December at 1:30 pm

Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) – Wednesday 20th December at 1:30 pm

Children will be invited to wear their own party clothes, but please remember they will still play outside at playtime and therefore need a warm coat and appropriate shoes. In addition, we ask that children bring a plate with party food covered up. This may include a cake, a carton of drink, a piece of fruit and packet of crisps.

Christmas Coffee Morning and Christmas Decoration Competition – Monday 18th December at 9:00 am.

The children are invited to make a Christmas decoration for this event. The school council will judge the entries looking for creativity and imagination and select an overall winner from each class. There will be a small prize for all those that enter.

Sponsor

9th–15th Leigh Cubs and Beavers Group

Cubs Group – Ages 8 to 10.5 years

Monday 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Beaver Group – Ages 6.5 plus

Thursday 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Boys & Girls Welcome

Contact: Jane Riley

On 07714417263

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9th-15th Leigh Cubs and Beavers Group - Jane Riley - 07714417263