



NEWSLETTER

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Headteacher: Mrs T. Whitton BA QTS

1st March 2024

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a lovely half term break. We have an incredibly busy 2 weeks ahead and so please make a note of the following dates.

Upcoming Events

PSHE Workshops

The SCALF will be visiting school on Monday 4th March and Tuesday 5th March to deliver workshops to support the delivery of the PSHE curriculum.

Science

As part of British Science Week which is 11th-15th March, the children will be exploring and developing their scientific enquiry skills through exciting and engaging experiments and investigations. So that the children can share their wonderful work with you, we would like to invite you to a **Science Fair in school on Friday 15th March from 3:30 pm-4:30 pm**. As part of this work, they will also take part in science workshops on Thursday 7th March.

World Book Day Friday 8th March

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 8th March**. The children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. To celebrate and encourage reading for pleasure, the children will take part in a variety of reading activities throughout the day. This will include a choral speaking concert! Class teachers will record the children performing and post on Class DoJo.

Reception Mother's Day Celebration Friday 8th March

Reception Class will be holding an Afternoon Tea to celebrate Mother's Day and the Reception Class children's special people on **Friday 8th March at 2:30 pm**. Please could let Mrs Parry know how many of your family will be attending to ensure that we have enough cakes etc.

Healthy Relationships Workshop

As part of the PSHE curriculum the children will take part in Healthy Relationship workshops on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th March.

Lenten Mass In School - Date Change Wednesday 13th March 2:00 pm

Everyone is welcome to join the whole school and Father Kieran in celebrating mass to mark the season of Lent.

Parents Evening

The teachers will be available to discuss your child's progress at the end of this term. These meetings will be face to face here in school and there will be a film for children to watch in the hall whilst parents/carers are with the teachers. The children will be supervised.

Miss Grundy will send out electronic invites for parents to book appointments via Parentmail. Please remember it is booked on a first come, first serve basis. Thank you.

Tuesday 12th March from 3:30 pm-5:30 pm

Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5

Wednesday 13th March from 3:30 pm-5:30 pm

Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5

Thursday 14th March from 3:30 pm-5:30 pm

Year 2

Class Mass At St Joseph's Church - Date Change Tuesday 19th March 1:30 pm

Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6 will now travel to St Joseph's Church in Leigh to celebrate mass on Tuesday 19th March at 1:30 pm. Families and friends are welcome to join us.

Year 4 Sacramental Preparation Session

The children in Year 4 have been exploring the theme of choices and reconciliation with Mrs O'Boyle in preparation for receiving the sacrament of reconciliation here in school on **Thursday 14th March at 1.30 pm**. This service is for the children only.

Future Fundraising Events

As we have now entered the season of Lent, we make a special effort to help those in need through giving something up and fundraising for CAFOD.

Easter Egg Raffle

Please could you send in Easter Eggs for this raffle to be drawn at the end of term. The children will be selling tickets at 10p each.



World Famous Cake Sale –Thursday 14th March



Parents and children are asked to buy or bake cakes to donate for this popular event. The cakes will be priced at 10p each and children can bring the correct money on the day.

Slattery's Easter Egg Raffle

Raffle tickets will be on sale from Monday 4th March at £1 a ticket to try and win a ginormous Slattery's Easter Egg.



Summer Festival

In preparation for our summer festival, please can we have donations for prizes. This could be new, unwanted presents or toys.

If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Advance Notice

Easter Coffee Morning and Egg Decoration Competition

Monday 25th March 2024 at 9:00 am in the School Hall

The children will be invited to decorate a hat and bring it into school on the day for our Easter Hat parade.

Year 5 Easter Assembly on Wednesday 27th March at 9:00 am

Mrs Marsden and the children in Year 5 would like to invite parents and carers to join them for this special assembly.



Baby and Toddler Group

We are hoping to run a baby and toddler group one morning a week in school after the Easter holidays. We are currently trying to collect baby/toddler toys and wondered whether you have any good quality toys that your children have grown out of. If you would be interested in attending our group, please let myself, Mrs Parry or Mrs Stones know.

Polite Request for morning drop off and home time.

Please can I remind parents, carers and anybody who picks up or drops children off at school of the following things:

1. Dogs of any size are not permitted within school grounds.
2. Smoking and vaping are not permitted within school grounds.

Can I also remind parents not to use inappropriate language whilst they are on school premises.

I have also had a request from residents living on Blackthorn Close for parents not to obstruct driveways, park on pavements or turn around on people's properties.

Thank you for your continued support.

Rising Cases of Measles

As you may be aware, there has been a recent increase in cases of measles across the UK. Measles outbreaks happen when not enough children have been vaccinated. Measles can be a very serious disease. Your child is at risk of measles if he or she hasn't had the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccination. We have been asked by Public Health to support them encouraging parents to check their child's vaccination record and get children vaccinated if required. If you can't remember if your child has had any, 1 or 2 doses of MMR vaccine, check his or her personal child health record (the Red Book). If this doesn't help, speak to your GP. Below is a link with information on routine vaccinations.

[NHS vaccinations and when to have them - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)



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 16th February 2024

Reception – Alicia S and Riley H

Year 1 – Ezra D

Year 2 – Ellie S

Year 3 – Poppy-Rae S

Year 4 – Leo D

Year 5 – Caitlin A

Year 6 – Scarlet D

Friday 1st March 2024

Reception – Emerald M-O and Patryk W

Year 1 – Arinola O

Year 2 – Ito N

Year 3 – Lilly R

Year 4 – Brian D

Year 5 – Bliss M-O

Year 6 – Mark H

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



In school



On time



Week Commencing: 12th February 2024

Reception 94.67%	Year 1 93.10%
Year 2 93.33%	Year 3 95.81%
Year 4 93.33%	Year 5 92.26%
Year 6 93.67%	

Congratulations
Year 3 & Y1 & Y6

Week Commencing: 26th February 2024

Reception 91.25%	Year 1 97.50%
Year 2 90.83%	Year 3 93.95%
Year 4 96.67%	Year 5 83.87%
Year 6 97.50%	

Toast and Milk Money

If your child requires toast and milk for this term, please can you send the correct money in to your child's class teacher and not to the school office so it can be logged correctly. Payments need to be made by **Monday 4th March**, as toast is made to order.

£3 for toast

£6 for milk

£9 for toast and milk for the half term.

Reception children receive milk free of charge.

Please note: Milk and toast payments will continue to be made in cash and not via parentpay. Thank you for your help and co-operation.

Have a lovely weekend 😊

Mrs Whitton

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