



Spring Newsletter 3 20/01/2017

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to welcome back trainee teacher Miss Rebecca Wade who is in school every Friday this term to carry out a university research project with some children from Oak class. The work will only be shared with Rebecca's assessors. If anyone has any objections then please do not hesitate to contact Mr Jackson or Miss Wade.

In class this week

Holly Class

Holly class have been looking at traditional tales this week including the Three Little Pigs and the Billy Goats Gruff. They have been acting out the stories and writing their own books. Reception class have been focusing on blending letter sounds in Literacy and number formation in Maths lessons. Year 1 have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes.

Oak Class

Oak class have been studying myths and legends this week including research into mythical creatures. In Maths they have been using the 'FROG' method to find the difference between numbers. They have been singing their hearts out while learning super Roald Dahl songs for the Vale Choir concert. In Science the children have been looking at marvellous mirrors and how they create reflections.

Sycamore Class

In Science, Sycamore class have been using branching databases to classify and record living things. In Literacy they have completed their spooky and mysterious ghost stories. They have been learning dances for the Melton Spotlight Show and making models for their project about toys.

Woodland Adventures (Forest Schools)

Woodland Adventures will resume as normal on Monday (23rd January) for Oak Class and Holly Class; due to the cold weather, each class will have an hour each. With swimming also taking place, children in **Y1, 3 and 4 may come to school in their outdoor clothing**, although I suggest they bring extra layers for when they go outside to work. Don't forget wellies, hats, scarves and GLOVES. Reception class children will need to bring their Woodland Adventure clothes and wellies in a named bag **every Monday** please.

Please could all Holly Class children also have a spare pair of socks in their reading packets at all times to change into if needed.

Swimming

Swimming has now begun again for all children in years 1 to 5. Please remember swimming kits each Monday. The cost per child is £15. Please send monies in a named envelope marked 'Swimming' if you have not already done so. Thank you.

PE and Dance This Half-Term

Dance – Sycamore class **only** on TUESDAY – come in PE kits.

PE – Oak and Holly classes **only** on THURSDAY – come in PE kits including shorts for gymnastics.

Ukulele

Ukulele lessons EVERY TUESDAY for years 4, 5 and 6. Please remember to bring ukuleles, otherwise children may not be able to participate in full. Thank you.

Dinner Money

There are a number of dinner money payments outstanding. Please send these into school in a named envelope on MONDAY please so they can be processed before the end of the month. Thank you.

SATS Information Meeting – Year 6

There will be an important SATS information meeting for Year 6 children and their parents on Thursday 26th January at 6pm. Please send in a note if you are unable to attend. Thank you.

Hose Cross Country

Children in Oak and Sycamore classes will be taking part in the Belvoir Cross Country tournament at Hose Village Hall on the afternoon of Tuesday 7th February. We will be sending letters out next week. If any adults are able to help accompany the children, please let the office know. Thank you.

Cross Country

The Melton and Belvoir Primary Cross Country Championships (for years 3/4 and 5/6) take place at Long Field Academy on Saturday 25th February for all Primary Schools in the Melton and Belvoir area. If your child wishes to take part, please email the school office office@waltham.leics.sch.uk and we will forward further details.

Roll of Honour

We have had some great success in recent music and musical theatre examinations. Daniel Brown and Sophie Leveridge both successfully took their Piano Prep Tests. The examiner commented on their accurate playing and articulation as well as very good listening tests.

Henry Launders-Grieve passed his Grade 3 piano examination and was congratulated on his stylistic playing, sound sight-reading and good aural tests. Scarlett Ludlow took her Entry Level Musical Theatre examination and achieved a merit. The examiner was impressed with her fluency, facial expressions and the detailed descriptions she gave of her characters and locations.

Libby Mears also gained a merit for her Grade 2 Musical Theatre examination. Positive comments were made about lots of areas, including accurate melodies, rhythms, appropriate movements, character descriptions and plot summaries. Well done to you all, we are very proud of you!

Leicester Cathedral Choir

Children aged seven to ten are warmly invited to attend Leicester Cathedral Choir's Open Afternoon on Sunday, 5 February, starting at 1.00pm. They will have the opportunity to meet current Choristers and their parents, and take part in a rehearsal with the Choristers and Songmen before singing Evensong at 3.00pm, followed by refreshments. For more information or to book your place, please contact the Director of Music, Chris Ouvry-Johns on 0116 261 5374/07982 444087 or chris.ouvry-johns@leccofe.org. Prior booking is not necessary, but it's useful to have an idea of numbers in advance, so do let us know if you intend to come.

Reminder

Please make sure your child has suitable clothing with them for the cold weather, especially coats, hats and gloves. Thank you.

Help Needed

The playground shelter is in desperate need of cleaning as there is a build-up of green mould on some of the Perspex window panes. If any parent has a pressure washer and would be prepared to come and clean the shelter for us over half-term, this would be much appreciated. We have received quotes and it would cost over £100 to hire a commercial cleaner to undertake the work, which we would like to avoid if possible. Please speak to Mrs Quine in the office if you can assist. Thank you.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful weekend.

Mrs J V Hopkins,
Executive Head teacher.