



Little Leigh Primary School

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Dear parents, carers and families,

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

As the weather has turned decidedly chillier, it's a good idea for children to have coats in school. We do like them to be outside in the fresh air for break times and lunches so warm clothes are handy to have - hats and gloves might be useful too as the weather turns colder. We also prefer P.E. lessons to be outside where possible, so please could you make sure that your child's kit is appropriate for the cold, winter days. With sustainability in mind, our FOLLS have a wealth of pre-loved school clothing which would be perfect for winter layers! Just contact the school office if you would like to source any items.

The children have been very busy since returning to school following the half term break! Here is a glimpse of what they've been up to in school.

Harvest

It was wonderful to visit our local Church last week to share our thoughts around Harvest. For many children, it was their first experience of visiting a church and it was lovely to hear the variety of songs and poems. We are proud of our community links and look forward to performing our Christmas productions and songs in December.



UK Parliament Week - British Values



Classes have explored the importance of Parliament and the role they have in our country. Some year groups have created their own ballot boxes, and voted for their favourite manifesto, whilst others have voted for changes in their classroom. Mrs Proctor shared our vision for a new School Council with the children yesterday. We would like children to apply for a school council role by sharing their interests, skills and visions for the future. These will be shared with the class, who will then complete a private ballot to find out who will be successful. Please make sure these have been returned to the class teacher by Monday 20th November as we will be completing the votes that week

Tag Rugby Competition

Yesterday, a group of Year 5 and 6 children played in a tag rugby competition against the other schools in Create Learning Trust and won 2nd place! I was lucky enough to get to be able to watch them play and I was so impressed with their rugby skills, enthusiasm and great sporting attitude. Well done team!



Eco-Leaders

Our new eco-leaders group is now up and running. We held a meeting today to discuss our first actions together. The children provided some brilliant ideas and have a very clear vision of how they plan to raise awareness and involvement in environmental issues linked to reduce, reuse and recycle. Look out for future eco-news from them!

HSBC Day



On Tuesday, the whole school took part in free money workshops delivered by HSBC. The workshops supported the children in understanding the value of money, how to be savvy shoppers and how to budget their money. The children really enjoyed comparing costs of items, working with budgets and learning how to save money effectively!

Create Learning Trust Work

Last week, our trust's Early Years Hub met to discuss how our youngest children are settling in to school. This was a great opportunity for our schools to share best practice and ideas. This work ensures that each school within Create Learning Trust is providing the very best support to enable every child to reach their personal best during this crucial time in their education.



SEND

Our SENDCo, Miss Lloyd, is holding her next SEND coffee morning on Thursday 18th January from 9 – 10am. The last session was very well attended and feedback was really positive. This is a great opportunity for you to ask Miss Lloyd any question at all regarding special educational needs.

Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week

Please remember that we are asking children to come to school wearing Odd Socks on **Monday 13th November**. This is in support of Anti Bullying Week. The classes will be spending time on this important issue in the coming week.



Woodland Trust



As I am sure you are aware, we are passionate about teaching children about how important it is that we look after our planet. We are working with the Woodland Trust to teach the children how important it is to create wildlife-rich woods and plant native trees to benefit nature, climate and people both now and in the future.

If you would like to play a part in the fabulous work of the Woodland Trust with your children, I have attached a leaflet with details of how you can join in with their planting days.

Dates for Diaries

With the next few weeks being such a busy time for families, here is a list of upcoming school events:

Monday 13 th November	Odd Socks Day Children's flu vaccinations
Tuesday 14 th and Thursday 16 th November	Parents' Evenings
Friday 17 th November	Dress down day for Christmas hamper donations
Saturday 18 th November	Little Leigh Village Christmas fair (our school choir is performing at 2:15pm)
Monday 20 th November	Tempest Photographers taking the children's school photos
Thursday 23 rd November	Reading information evening for parents and families. Further information is being sent out by Mr Marland
Friday 24 th November	Dress down day for tombola bottle donations
Thursday 30 th November	Year 1 trip to Pizza Express
Monday 4 th December	FOLLS Christmas Event Night – more details to follow
Thursday 7 th December	Reception Nativity in school hall – 9:30am and 2:00pm
Friday 8 th December	Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day We will be collecting donations for this wonderful charity and helping children in the UK and around the world.
Monday 11 th December	FOLLS movie night – information being sent out by FOLLS
Tuesday 12 th December	FOLLS Christmas surprise room Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance in the church – 1:30pm and 5:30pm (further information to be sent out by Mrs Proctor)
Thursday 14 th December	Whole school trip to Christmas pantomime
Monday 18 th December	Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance in the church – 2:00pm and 5:30pm (further information being sent out by Miss Norris)
Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas lunch day LAST DAY OF TERM 
Monday 8 th January	Back to school

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs T Clarke
Headteacher

If you would like to see more of what your children have been enjoying at school, join us on our Facebook and/or Twitter page (@LittleLeighSch).

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