



# Little Leigh Primary School



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Welcome to this week's newsletter. I hope you enjoy hearing about some of the lovely things happening at school and find the information useful. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher, email the office or phone school and we will be here to help and support.

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## FOLLS



I would like to say thank you to our wonderful FOLLS for all the work they do to raise much-needed funds for school. Thanks to their dedication and your kind donations, we are able to provide resources for the children that we might otherwise have to manage without. As some of you may be aware, supporting children emotionally in order to look after their well-being is a huge part of what we do here at Little Leigh Primary School. In order to improve the provision for this, FOLLS donated the money to enable us to completely revamp a miserable little side/store room into a lovely, cosy space where

children can sit on a comfy chair, hug a cushion and talk in a calm, nurturing space. So a huge thank you to FOLLS and to Mrs Elliott for once again making lovely things happen at our school!

## Fun at Playtimes



As another strand to the work we are doing on looking after the well-being of the children, we are introducing some new activities for break and lunchtimes. These will include physical games such as football and 'phys-kids' activities ('phys-kids' is a leadership programme for Year 5 children to lead sports activities with younger children); a quiet area where children can sit and chat or read a book and a STEM area (science, technology, engineering and maths). This is where we need you! I am unashamedly asking for your donations again! If you have any construction toys that your children no longer play with (e.g. Lego, stickle bricks, Knex, or similar), I would be very grateful if you could bring them into school and give these old toys a new lease of life! Many thanks in advance.

On the subject of playtimes, it has been brought to my attention that a number of the children have been watching, or are aware of, a new Netflix show called Squid Games. However, don't let the mention of

the word 'games' mislead you. It has a Netflix rating of 15 and carries warnings of scenes containing 'sexual violence references, injury detail, crude humour, sex, suicide, sexual images and violence'. In addition, there are also a number of online games based on the programme. These are also unsuitable for children of primary age. Please see the following link: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/wakeupwednesday/squid-game-trending-across-platforms-what-parent-need-to-know>

If your child has viewed this programme, is role playing the game or playing the online games, please explain that this isn't suitable for the playground and other children should not be exposed to this.



Our Year 5 and 6 girls' football team made a very successful start to their sporting campaign last Friday, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>! Once again, Mr Coleclough and Mrs Oultram were incredibly proud of the children's excellent attitude, resilience and determination. Well done girls!



Tuesday November	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Return to school
Friday November	5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 trip to Liverpool

As mentioned in my last newsletter, parents' evenings will take place remotely during the week beginning the 8<sup>th</sup> November. Mrs Carthy will set up the system by the end of next week so that you can book your appointment.

### Staff Changes



I'm sure that many of you know our lovely HLTA, Mrs Robinson. She is a wonderful member of staff who has taught or worked with pretty much every child in school. After half term, you may not see her quite as much as she is moving to work with our pre-school children. She will also continue to work with our breakfast and after school club. We wish her many happy times in her new role and console ourselves with the comforting thought that she's not leaving us completely, just moving to a different room!

### Dates for Diaries

We have some exciting days over the next few weeks; it's such a joy to see these types of events in the school diary again!

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 2 residential to Burwardsley
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Year 4 visit to Chester
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Break up for half-term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Inset Day

### Poorly Children

Cheshire West and Chester Council continues to see high rates of COVID-19 across the borough. I am therefore grateful to parents who are observing NHS guidance and keeping their children at home if they are experiencing symptoms then getting PCR tests carried out to confirm a negative result before they return to school.

However, it has been brought to my attention that we have had some very poorly children being dropped off at school because they have tested negative for COVID-19. Just because they have tested negative, it doesn't necessarily mean that they are well enough to be in school. Please consider this carefully when making the decision about whether to bring them in.

At Little Leigh, it is our goal to share as many of our wonderful achievements as possible. In addition to our Twitter and Facebook account, we have decided to spotlight one class each half term to celebrate their learning and document the opportunities that have arisen throughout the term. The 'Year 2 Takeover' will be sent home via School Spider next Friday. Classes will be 'taking over' a newsletter at some point throughout the year so keep an eye out!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend enjoying the beautiful autumn weather. Take care,

Mrs T Clarke  
Headteacher

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