



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone safe and well as we draw towards the end of another busy half term.

I would like to start the penultimate newsletter of the year with a special mention to Mrs Nelson, who, as of last Friday, went on maternity leave. Everyone at Lightwoods wishes her all the best at this special and exciting time.

Christmas Cards

A reminder that Christmas cards can only be brought into school on Monday 14th December and for the children in your child/ren's bubble. They will be quarantined and then sent home on the last day of term - Thursday 17th December.

Christmas Performances

EYFS, KS1 and KS2 Christmas performances will all be posted on Tapestry (EYFS) or Seesaw (KS1 & KS2) by the end of next week! We hope you enjoy them.

Christmas Party Reminder

Christmas parties will take place on Wednesday 16th December. Children can wear party clothes and can bring in their own food for the afternoon party but this will not be shared with anyone else. Please note that this food will be in addition to your child's normal lunch arrangements.

Merit Assembly

This year, Merit Assembly will take place on Thursday 17th December and will be done remotely. Children will remain within their class bubbles but will still celebrate those who have achieved 100% attendance as well as those who have received a merit certificate. Merit certificates will be emailed to parents. We appreciate the significance of receiving an award physically and hope to do this for all children when we can safely welcome everyone back to school.

Blended Learning

Your feedback is extremely important to us and as such, we have put together a questionnaire on the school website under 'Home Learning'. The questionnaire should take no longer than 5 minutes and will provide us with valuable information about how you feel the quality of provision has been for your child/ren if they have had to self-isolate for any period.

Communication/Social Media

I would like all parents and carers to know that we have an open door policy and always listen to parental concerns. I would politely ask you to avoid the use of social media platforms to discuss such issues, particularly those relating to children. Any concerns involving pupils, please speak to school directly.

Donation

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Chamba and their family who have made a generous donation to support some of our families at Lightwoods over the Christmas period.

Thank you for your continued support.

	Learner of the Week:	Value Leaf
Reception Ash	Rhea	Karmen
Reception Oak	Ari	Chloe
Year 1 Elm	Elizabeth	Ishver
Year 1 Fir	Leila	Alfred
Year 2 Cedar	Saanvi	Neha
Year 2 Pine	Shaan	Keeva
Year 3 Beech	Krishan	Bobby
Year 3 Maple	Nnenna	Alaana
Year 4 Chestnut	Frank	Joseph
Year 4 Hazel	Amelia HB	Poppy
Year 5	Kaycee	Ishay
Year 6	Thomas	Dylan O'

House Points

This week's winning house is;

Kindness



102 points



101 points



92 points



83 points



80 points

Autumn Term 2020



1,267 points



1247 points



1,204 points



991 points



980 points

Attendance Trophy

The top attendance were: Reception Ash with 100%

Year 5 = 99.6%
 Year 2 Cedar, Year 3 Maple & Year 4 Hazel = 99.2%
 Year 1 Fir = 99.1%
 Year 2 Pine = 98.3%
 Year 1 Elm = 97.5%
 Year 3 Beech = 97%
 Year 4 Chestnut = 96.5%
 Reception Oak = 95.8%
 Year 6 = 93.3%

Whole School Attendance = 97.9%
 School Attendance Target = 97.5%

Mobile Phones in School

Please ensure your child only brings a mobile phone if they are in Year 6 and walk to school alone. Children must hand these to their class teacher in the morning. No other child should bring a phone to school.

Reception 2021 Admissions

If you have a child born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 and to due to start reception class, then please ensure you apply for a reception place by 15th January 2021.

If you require help or further information, please phone the Admissions Parent Support line on 0121 569 6765.

COVID-19 Update

Today, the government updated guidance around the self-isolation period. From Monday 14th December, you will now only have to self-isolate for 10 days if you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for having Covid-19. We will be updating our risk assessments to reflect these changes and share it on our website from Monday.

We appreciate how important it is for all of our children to be able to attend school and maintain some form of normality during these unusual times. In order to keep school running in a way that ensures everyone's safety, it is important that we continue to do the following to minimise risk:

- Do not send your child to school if he/she has any of the Covid symptoms and arrange for your child to be tested ASAP.
- **Do not send your child to school if anyone in your household has any symptoms.**
- Adhere to the staggered drop offs and collection times and please ensure you use the correct entrances/exists.
- Wear face coverings when in the school grounds and maintain social distancing.
- Only 1 person per family to come on to the school grounds to drop off/collect.
- Leave the school site and area as quickly as possible and please do not loiter at the school gates/grounds.
- Please keep your children with you while waiting on the school grounds and do not let them run around, mixing with others.
- Please ensure that social distancing and gathering rules are adhered to before and after school.
- If you need to speak to your child's class teacher, please contact through the school office where the message will be passed on or a mutually convenient time will be arranged for your child's teacher to contact you.



AUTUMN TERM

THESE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

14th – 16th December - KS2 Christmas Class events shared on Seesaw
Monday 14th December – Christmas cards to be brought in
Wednesday 16th December – Party Day (party clothes)
Thursday 17th December - Merit Assembly in classes
Friday 18th December – Inset day school closed to pupils
Monday 4th January – Inset day school closed to pupils

New Intake Meetings

Intake Meetings have been cancelled until further notice

Training Days – Closed to pupils

Friday 18th December 2020

Monday 4th January 2021

Autumn term 2020

Term ends: Friday 18 December 2020

Christmas holiday: Monday 21 December 2020 to Friday 1 January 2021

Spring term 2021

Term starts: Monday 4 January 2021

Half-term holiday: Monday 15 February 2021 to Friday 19 February 2021

Term ends: Thursday 1 April 2021

Easter Holiday: Friday 2 April to Friday 16 April 2021

Summer term 2021

Term starts: Monday 19 April 2021

Half-term holiday: Monday 31 May 2021 to Friday 4 June 2021

Term ends: Wednesday 21 July 2021

Summer holiday starts: Thursday 22 July 2021

Visit Our Website

For our latest news and information please check:

www.lightwoods.sandwell.sch.uk

Useful parental websites:

Parent Zone have launched their new app **Ollee**. An early-intervention tool that will help 8-11 year olds with their emotional wellbeing and encourage communication within families.

<https://parentzone.org.uk/ollee/for-parents>

Twitter Accounts

Reception Ash	LWPS_Ash
Reception Oak	LWPS_Oak
Year 1 Elm	LWPS_Elm
Year 1 Fir	LWPS_Fir
Year 2 Cedar	LWPS_Cedar
Year 2 Pine	LWPS_Pine
Year 3 Beech	LWPS_Beech
Year 3 Maple	LWPS_Maple
Year 4 Chestnut	LWPS_Chestnut
Year 4 Hazel	LWPS_Hazel
Year 5	Year5LWoods
Year 6	Year6LWoods
Whole School	LightwoodsPS