



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of a brilliant week of festive fun in school, I would like to wish everyone a safe and merry Christmas. The children, as always, are a credit to the school and have worked incredibly hard all term. They all deserve a rest over the Christmas holidays and I am sure you do too. I would like to say a personal thank you for everyone's support over the time I have been interim headteacher at Lightwoods. I now leave you in the very capable hands of Mr Matthews who is looking forward to getting to know all of the children, parents and staff as I have, and continuing to move the school forward.

Goodbyes

I would like to say a huge thank you and goodbye to Miss Kirwan, who has worked as part of our office staff for 4 years. You have worked incredibly hard and everyone at Lightwoods wishes you all the best for the future.

Contacting the school to report a case of Covid-19 over Christmas

We have been given guidance by the local authority, who have said that if you test positive for Covid-19, you only need to notify school if you were in contact with anyone there 48 hours before developing symptoms. This means that you would only need to notify school if you tested positive and developed symptoms on or before Saturday. If you need to get in contact with the school, please email the admin account which will be checked every day until Sunday 20th December.

Merit Assembly

Well done to all of those children who earned a merit certificate, had 100% attendance or were selected to be part of the school council. You have all worked incredibly hard for these achievements and I hope your dedication and effort continues in the new year.

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.

	Learner of the Week:	Value Leaf
Reception Ash	Blake	Edward
Reception Oak	Maximillian	Aaron
Year 1 Elm	Rivkah	Zakariya
Year 1 Fir	Malak	Myron
Year 2 Cedar	Harvir	Mankeerat
Year 2 Pine	Narayan	Freddie
Year 3 Beech	All of Beech	Lilly
Year 3 Maple	All of Maple	All of Maple
Year 4 Chestnut	Aleena	Savaaj
Year 4 Hazel	Ayden	Jaita
Year 5	Leah	Lily
Year 6	All of Class 6	Josiah

House Points

This week's winning house is;

Equality



322 points



316 points



309 points



298 points



284 points

Autumn Term 2020

Autumn Term winner is;

Equality



1,467 points



1,450 points



1,437 points



1,208 points



1,198 points



Attendance Trophy



The top attendance were:

Reception Oak & Year 4 Hazel with 100%

Year 1 Elm, Year 3 Beech & Year 5 = 98.9%

Year 2 Pine = 98.3%

Year 2 Cedar = 97.8%

Year 4 Chestnut = 97.7%

Year 1 Fir = 97%

Year 3 Maple = 95.9%

Year 6 = 95.6%

Reception Ash = 93.2%

Whole School Attendance = 97.7%

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.

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, even if they have had Covid-19 before.**
- Adhere to the staggered drop offs and collection times and please ensure you use the correct entrances/exits.
- 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