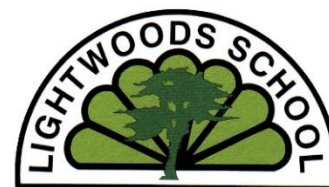


Lightwoods Primary School



Newsletter



Friday 20th November 2020

Issue 10

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well and staying safe. Well done to all of those children who wore odd socks today and took the opportunity to express themselves and celebrate their individuality. This comes at the end of a week where children have worked hard to explore and raise awareness of different the types of bullying and what everyone can do to stay happy and safe.

We are happy to announce that we have appointed a deputy headteacher who will commence her duties on 1st January 2021. Mrs Jackson will be joining Mr Mathews who will make a dynamic team.

Unfortunately, Mr Roberts will be retiring at the end of this term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him on behalf of the school for all of his hard work and commitment to our children. We wish him all the best for the future.

Academisation

The decision has been made for Lightwoods Primary School to become part of a multi academy trust. Shireland Collegiate Academy Trust will be taking on Lightwoods in the new year, however, as yet, there is not an exact date for this conversion to take place. This will not change the appointment of Mr Mathews as headteacher, who is joining the school from January 1st 2021. We will update you with any information of dates etc. in due course. If you would like more information about Shireland, please follow the link. <https://www.shirelandcat.org.uk/>

Parking

There have been several reports that parked cars have prevented access to properties; please be reminded that when parking to drop off or pick up your child/ren, you are considerate and do not block local residents' driveways.

Home learning/Blended learning

If your child is required to self-isolate, it is crucial that they access blended learning, provided by school, to ensure they continue to thrive in their learning. If you need any support with accessing Seesaw or Tapestry, please contact the school office.

P.E./Colder weather

Now that the weather is getting colder, the decision was made for children to wear warm, athletic clothing on P.E. days. Please ensure that in addition to this, children still bring a coat to school for break times and lunch times.

Thank you for your continued support. Remember if you have any concerns or issues please contact a member of the senior leadership team.

	Learner of the Week:	Value Leaf
Reception Ash	Ned	Bibek
Reception Oak	Nellie	Louie
Year 1 Elm	Kyran	Lana
Year 1 Fir	Narayan	Milli
Year 2 Cedar	All of Cedar	All of Cedar
Year 2 Pine	Connie	Anya
Year 3 Beech	Adam James	Pavandeep
Year 3 Maple	Florence	Akaash
Year 4 Chestnut	Effie	Aleena
Year 4 Hazel	Matthias	Chukwudiegwu
Year 5	Amelie R	Isabelle H-B
Year 6	Hari	Amira

House Points

This week's winning house was;

Equality



162 points



146 points



117 points



117 points



105 points

Autumn Term 2020



911 points



797 points



747 points



703 points



688 points



Attendance Trophy



The top attendance were: Reception Oak with 100%

Year 3 Beech = 99.6%
Year 6 = 99.2%
Year 1 Fir = 98.7%
Year 4 Hazel & Year 5 = 98.3%
Year 2 Pine = 97.9%
Year 3 Maple = 97.4%
Year 4 Chestnut = 96.9%
Year 1 Elm = 95.6%
Reception Ash = 94.5%

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.

Christmas Hot Meal

Further to a text sent earlier this week. The menu is:

Roast Turkey, Gravy, Cocktail Sausage with Sage & Onion Stuffing
Or

Quorn Roast Wellington with seasoning and Gravy

Roast and Creamed Potatoes
Carrots & Peas

Christmas Pudding & Vanilla Sauce
or
Strawberry & Vanilla Swirl Ice-Cream Tubs

Price £2.40 (KS2 only)
The office need to know by
Monday 30th November

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

w/c 28th November – Healthy Eating Week
Mon 28th Nov – The Big Anti Bullying Assembly
w/c 7th Dec – Christmas Lunch
7th – 11th December EYFS and KS1 Christmas Class Events shared on Seesaw
Friday 11th December Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children
14th – 16th December KS2 Christmas Class events shared on Seesaw
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