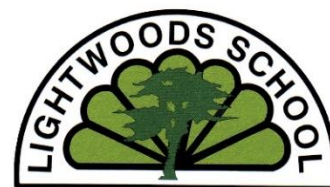


Lightwoods Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 13th November 2020

Issue 09

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Autumn term is always a busy and enjoyable time in school with many festivals and events, this week has been the perfect example, children have enjoyed taking part in a range of activities.

Remembrance

On Wednesday the whole school took part in a 2 minute silence, the children were respectful and mature, well done. Many classes discussed the sacrifices today with lockdown compared to the sacrifices during war, children unanimously felt that wartime sacrifices were far greater than that of today.

We hope you enjoyed looking at their work linked to Remembrance on See-Saw.

Children in Need

Today the children enjoyed wearing their own clothes and discussing the significance of Children in Need. We have taken part in the Five to Thrive campaign which has focussed on wellbeing. Thank you parents, for your generous contributions. Once all the money has been counted we will share the amount raised.

Divali

A reminder that on Monday 16th children can come to school in non-uniform or religious attire/costumes to mark our day of light which is to celebrate Divali. Children will be taking part in activities linked to Divali, again we will share these activities on See-Saw.

Wishing all our families who celebrate Divali a happy and enjoyable Divali.

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is national Anti-Bullying week so children will be focusing on this in school. Children will be encouraged to attend school on Friday wearing odd socks to raise awareness and support the Anti-Bullying Alliance, who do excellent work to support children.

Dogs

Please remember that dogs are not permitted on our school grounds, under any circumstances.

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/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.

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	Francesca	Bow
Reception Oak	Japsahib	Aria
Year 1 Elm	Martha	Edison
Year 1 Fir	James	Meeko
Year 2 Cedar	All of Cedar	All of Cedar
Year 2 Pine	Abdul-Rahman	Amelia
Year 3 Beech	Harveer	Jennifer
Year 3 Maple	Amrita	Aadil
Year 4 Chestnut	Orson	Joseph
Year 4 Hazel	Jacob and Chukwudiegwu	Skylah-Jane
Year 5	Evie	Faria
Year 6	Indeya-Jane	Dhiaan

House Points

This week's winning house was;

Equality



187 points



179 points



164 points



148 points



139 points

Autumn Term 2020



749 points



680 points



630 points



598 points



539 points



Attendance Trophy



The top attendance were: Year 3 Maple with 100%

- Reception Ash = 99.6%
- Reception Oak = 99.1%
- Year 4 Hazel = 98.3%
- Year 1 Fir = 98.2%
- Year 1 Elm = 97.5%
- Year 4 Chestnut = 96.3%
- Year 2 Pine = 95.3%
- Year 6 = 86.7%
- Year 5 = 86.3%

Whole School Attendance = 95.6%
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.

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

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>

SAFL are offering a free **online one-off session** for parents who want to keep their children safe in this increasingly digital world on 19 November 2020, between 10am - 12pm.

<https://www.learnsafl.ac.uk/pages/home/online-courses/ict-courses-online/e-safety-for-parents>

Reminder to use SpellZone and MyMaths at home.



AUTUMN TERM

THESE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Starting Thursday 12th November – Hot Meals
Monday 16th November - Light Day, non-uniform for Divali
16th – 20th November Anti-bullying week
7th – 11th December EYFS and KS1 Christmas Class Events shared on See-Saw
Friday 11th December Christmas Jumper Day Save the Children
14th – 16th December KS2 Christmas Class events shared on see-saw
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

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