



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope everyone is well and starting to get that festive feeling this time of year brings - 21 days to go! (Not that I'm counting.) Although things are slightly different this year, we have done our utmost to ensure Christmas at Lightwoods is as normal as safely possible for the children.

EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performances

EYFS and KS1 Christmas performances will be posted on Tapestry (EYFS) and Seesaw (KS1) this week!

Merit Assembly

This year, Merit Assembly will take place on Thursday 17th December and will be done remotely, through Microsoft Teams. 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.

Christmas Parties

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.

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.

COVID-19 Tests

Public Health England have advised schools to ask for proof of a negative result, if you have been for a Covid-19 test. This means that if you have been for a test and the result is negative, you must send confirmation of this to the school office before your child/ren can return to school.

Home Learning/Blended Learning over Christmas

As always, children have worked incredibly hard over this term. In such an unusual time, they have shown fantastic resilience in settling in to new routines and have made all adults in school very proud. As such, there is no expectation for children to complete any home learning over the Christmas holidays but to instead, have a well-earned rest.

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	Benjamin	Rose
Reception Oak	Alena	Eda
Year 1 Elm	Earan	Keyaira
Year 1 Fir	Oliver	Remy
Year 2 Cedar	Thehansa	Ibrahim
Year 2 Pine	Arlo	Tawheed
Year 3 Beech	Emily	Alannah
Year 3 Maple	Jack	Xenaysia
Year 4 Chestnut	Savaaj	Effie
Year 4 Hazel	Layla	Jagraj
Year 5	Isabelle H B	Daya
Year 6	Charley	Dhriti

House Points

This week's winning house is;

Equality



269 points



264 points



137 points



136 points



97 points

Autumn Term 2020



1,166 points



1,145 points



1,121 points



900 points



899 points

Attendance Trophy

The top attendance were:
Year 2 Cedar, Year 3 Beech & Year 5 with 100%

- Year 1 Elm = 99.6%
- Year 1 Fir = 99.5%
- Year 4 Chestnut = 99.1%
- Reception Oak & Year 2 Pine = 98.3%
- Reception Ash = 97.8%
- Year 6 = 97.5%
- Year 3 Maple = 96.1%
- Year 4 Hazel = 95.8%

Whole School Attendance = 98.5%
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 Lunches

Monday – Ash & Year 3

Tuesday – Oak & Year 4

Wednesday – Year 2 & Year 5

Thursday – Year 1 & Year 6

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.

Sandwell Lions

Despite the current restrictions, Sandwell Lions will still be bringing Santa and his Sleigh to the streets of Oldbury (social distance rules will apply).

Please visit Sandwell Lion Club Facebook page for further details.



AUTUMN TERM

THESE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

w/c 7th Dec – Christmas Lunches

7th – 11th December EYFS and KS1 Christmas Class Events shared on Tapestry/Seesaw

Friday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)

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