



Dear Parents,

Last Friday the children at Leasowes took part in a fundraiser for Beau's Boots. As always, the children and parents fully embraced this and there were many odd and wacky shoes and boots marching around school. I am pleased to announce that we raised an enormous £700! This is a terrific effort from all and we really hope that we have been part of a journey that makes a difference to a little boy's life. I will be keeping in touch with the charity to update you about the progress. Thank you for your generosity.

At the end of this week, we will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Bromley as she starts a new chapter in her life. Mrs Bromley will be coming back to school in the near future, but with a new addition to her family. We wish her all the very best at this exciting time and look forward to a visit from 'Baby Bromley'.

Our Chair of Governors, Mr Smith, regularly visits school and last week was no exception. After popping in after school to watch the short tennis, he was thrilled to see all of the other sporting clubs that take place. I feel it is extremely important to celebrate all of the extra-curricular activities that we provide for our children. On that very day, 84 children took part in an after school activity. That's approximately one fifth of our whole school in attendance at a club on one evening. Amazing! Clubs run all week and we have a fantastic uptake. On top of this, the PE hub of excellence continues to be a roaring success and we now provide PE training for the PGCE course for two universities.

We would like to bring your attention to a couple of events that we have planned for the next few weeks. Parents Evenings will be held on Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th October. Our Harvest Festival celebrations will be held:

Years 3 & 4 Parents - Wednesday 17th Oct at 9.15am - Enter via the After School Club

Years 5 & 6 Parents- Wednesday 17th Oct at 10.15am - Enter via the After School Club

Please note that both KS2 performances will be the same.

Years 1 & 2 Parents- Wednesday 17th Oct at 2.20pm - Enter via Main Office

Nursery Parents- Thursday 18th Oct at 10.30am - Enter via Main Office

Reception Parents -Friday 19th at 2.20pm - Enter via Main Office



As always, if you have a query about your child, the best person to initially contact is the class teacher. If you feel you need to speak to someone more senior, please contact the phase leaders. The phase leaders know their departments well and share information at Senior Leadership Meetings with Mr Coombs and myself.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Bettany

Headteacher

Tweet Tweet!

Please don't forget to follow us on Twitter @LeasowesPrimary. It is a great way to keep up-to-date on the activities taking place.

Health Update

The NHS will be in school on the 18th October to administer flu immunisations for children from Reception to Year 5. Please note that this is the only time they will be coming into school.



Respect

This week the senior leaders have had the pleasure of observing and working with children in our Early Years department, both Nursery and Reception.

Firstly, it was so lovely to see how quickly the children have settled into routines and how they are accessing learning with excitement and curiosity. Secondly, it was just wonderful to hear the children talk about how they show respect at school. One Nursery child talked about respecting the toys. He explained how he needed to look after them so they lasted for a very long time and then everyone else could play with them too. What wonderful foundations to learning.

School Money

School Money is the system we provide for you to pay for school lunches and educational visits. This is now up and running. We are hoping that there will be no more glitches! Thank you for your patience.

Polite Notice

Please be mindful of parking on grass verges and blocking driveways on Porlock Avenue.

Curiosity Corner

As part of our School Improvement Priorities for this coming year, children will be focusing on their scientific skills and becoming more **curious** learners. In school, this will involve them **leading their own learning** through independently directing their investigations. To encourage this **curiosity** and **inquisitiveness** at home, each newsletter will now have a Curiosity Corner, with a question or topical story involving Science. Please encourage your children to look and engage with it, and bring any additional learning they have to Miss Reeves.

This week...

How are the seasons changing around us?

What evidence can you see?

Please bring any writing, drawings and photographs of experiments that children have to Miss Reeves. They may be added to a display board celebrating our **curious Leasowes learners!**

Leasowes Extra Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Play Worker to join our before and after school provision team in KS1/2 on a term time only contract, 15 hours per week. Hours of work are Monday to Friday 7.45am to 8.45am and Tuesday to Friday 3pm to 5.30pm A childcare qualification is not essential for this position but experience of working in a childcare/education setting is desirable. You must be over 18 years of age to apply. For more information and an application form please email Mrs Caven at: extra@leasowes.staffs.sch.uk. Closing date for all applications is Tuesday 16th October.

Fun at Leasowes Extra!

In the after school provision this term, the Early Years have lots of fun activities planned surrounding the theme 'All About Me'. This theme helps the children settle into their new routines and encourages new friendships. They will be painting self-portraits, partaking in obstacle course races, making pasta jewellery as well as lots of messy play, including gloop and marshmallow slime! They will be making funny face biscuits in their 'Tasty Treats' session and having an end of term film night.

In KS1/2, the theme for this half term is Autumn. They are currently busy painting and colouring fruit and vegetables to go on their Harvest basket display board. Later in the term, they will be making animals and collage scarecrows and just before the end of term, they will be creating a bonfire and fireworks display. Alongside the art and craft activities there will also be a treasure hunt, an Autumn memory challenge game, decorating biscuits and making chocolate bonfire apples to name but a few. Yummy!