



Newsletter 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Together we learn. Together we grow.

Dear Parents,

This week we have invited parents into school to celebrate our Harvest festivals. Each phase worked hard to produce a showcase of singing talents whilst considering the meaning of Harvest and how we can support others less fortunate than ourselves. The children sang beautifully and I know that a couple of us smiled our way through familiar songs with very original lyrics. As always, we had a huge turn out from parents who not only supported the children, but also kindly donated food. This year we are supporting 'House of Bread' and our very own 'Imani's Incredible Eats'. As you may remember, in a previous newsletter back in May, I explained how Imani had written to Mr Lefroy to see if he would help her to provide a community fridge in Stafford. Imani had this wonderful idea that everyone should have access to fresh food. We are absolutely thrilled to announce that she has done it! Imani has been successful in providing two community fridges for our area. This is an amazing achievement and demonstrates our school values in action. We are delighted to support this fantastic initiative with your donations and hope it helps to reach the people of Stafford who need it the most.

Last week, along with my Senior Leadership Team, we had the pleasure of spending two days in upper key-stage two. We talked to children about their learning and the work they had produced, whilst fully immersing ourselves in lessons and routines. It was lovely to see how our extremely talented staff engage and enthuse the children. Across the two days, the children were brilliant and a credit to you all. Learning behaviours are embedded with an expectation that everyone participates in active learning. It is a privilege to see such great learning in action and a moment where we can feel extremely proud.

Please remember that it is Parents' Evening next week. Teachers will be able to talk to you about your child and answer any questions that you may have. However, it is important that teachers adhere to times as over running by a few minutes can have a huge impact at the end of the night for parents with later appointments. During Parents Evening, samples of our school dinners will be available for you to view in the KS2 hall. We look forward to seeing you all.

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.

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### Leasowes has Talent!

Some of our girls in KS2 have been working hard perfecting dance routines out of school at their dance club. They are due to perform at Stafford Gatehouse early November in the musical 'Elf'. We wish them all the best and I am sure that they will receive lots of support from Leasowes.

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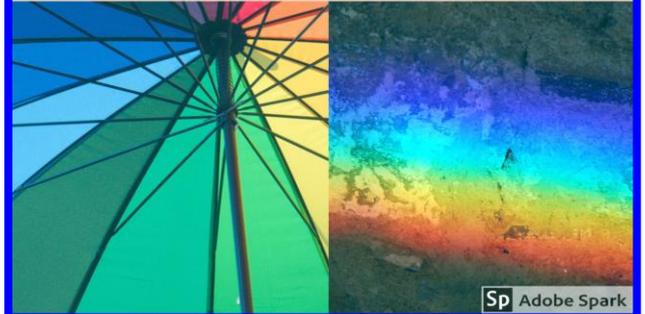


### JLT

Our Junior Leadership Team has had a brilliant start to the year. They have led a launch assembly on Black History Month and each class are now studying an influential black person. In addition, the JLT read poems at our Harvest festivals and are currently reviewing the home/school agreement. Our Head Boy and Head Girl, Oliver and Carys, will be joining myself and Mr Coombs next week when we meet parents who are considering applying to Leasowes for their children to start in Reception next year. They will help us to present to parents and support a tour of the school.



## 19.10.18 CURIOSITY CORNER: WHERE DO RAINBOWS COME FROM?



Well done to all the children who engaged in the previous 'Curiosity Corner'. As a nod to the strange weather we have been experiencing, our newest involves rainbows! Please see me with any work produced at home. Thank you Miss Reeves.

### Staying Safe

Safeguarding our children online and through social media continues to be a challenge. Children of all ages have access to technology and like most of us, we underestimate how easily it can turn from being a positive resource, into allowing children access to information and sites they should not be accessing. In a bid to support parents, our Online Safety Coordinator, Mrs Thomas, will be sharing information on apps, ways of staying safe and support for parents. We have been made aware that some pupils have been using the app Musical.ly. This has now ceased to exist but all users have been transferred to a different App called TikTok. TikTok is used for live streaming and broadcasting to a private or public audience. The audience base is huge and as a result the behaviour of users is difficult to monitor, thus potentially leaving children vulnerable. In addition, most apps default settings to public and not private. Please make sure you know what apps, social media sites your child is accessing. Let's keep them safe!

### **Grammar, Grammar, Grammar!**

Following a competition win by our very own Miss Reeves, we are delighted to say that soon all children from Years 1 to 6 will receive an individual login for SPAG.com. This will allow children's teachers to accurately assess their spelling and grammar knowledge through an interactive website or app, which children can access at home to complete tasks set by their teachers. Once this is up and running, children will receive their logins, which will be placed in their home/school reading diary. In addition, Leasowes will receive £100 worth of school book tokens, which we will spend refreshing our 100 books collection, adding in much-anticipated sequels to some of the children's favourites, such as *Who Let the Gods Out* by Maz Evans, and *Cogheart* by Peter Bunzl.