



Dear Parents,

As we are now in December and really feeling the Christmas spirit, this newsletter will mainly focus on festive activities.

I would like to start with a huge thank you to all who supported the PTFA Christmas Fayre. This was an amazing success! The PTFA have been preparing for weeks and spent all day in school to provide such an enjoyable event. It was overwhelming to see the support from the community and we are thrilled to announce that as a school we raised £3,431.86!

Christmas is a wonderful time of year, at Leasowes we are trying to promote that this is not just about the giving and receiving of presents. Mrs Wood, our wellbeing leader, has arranged for every class to have a 'Kindness Advent Calendar'. This is where children will be encouraged to carry out random acts of kindness e.g. 'tidy your bedroom without being asked' or 'sit next to someone else at lunchtime'. This is a lovely idea and I hope that you have had some helpful little elves at your house.

When I think of Christmas, I think of singing. This week has been full of singing and not just by the children. As some of you avid Twitter followers will already know, the staff have decided to support the charity 'Make some Noise' by recording a song for Christmas where people can text to donate and support the great work that they do. The campaign is called 'Share a Song to Make Children Belong'. Apologies in advance; we really did embrace the opportunity. You can find the video either through Leasowes Twitter account @LeasowesPrimary or on the school website under 'Parent News'. Once you view the video, you will appreciate how much the staff enjoyed this. It really was great for our staff wellbeing. Thank you to Mrs Croton for getting us all involved. I am not sure we will be getting any 'X Factor' auditions, but you never know!

On that note, the real stars are our school choir. Along with Mr Coombs and Mr Smith (Chair of Governors), I had the absolute pleasure of visiting Victoria Hall in Hanley on Wednesday night to watch our school choir perform in the 'Christmas Festival of Music'. School choirs from across Staffordshire had the opportunity to perform individually as a school and as a collection of schools supported by an amazing orchestra. Performing at the venue itself is a fantastic opportunity for our children, coupled with the ensemble of songs, the whole event was just a joy. Our choir performed 'Hallelujah' acapella. It was spine tingling! To top off the fantastic performance, the children's behaviour was impeccable. I know the parents who were there will join me in saying how proud we are to be Leasowes Primary School. Well done all and a huge thank you to Mrs Wood for always ensuring the children are well prepared and for Miss Reeves for supporting the visit.

We have a couple of busy weeks coming up; please see dates overleaf for all of the events. 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

Christmas Jumpers Day
Friday 14th December



Christmas Dinner
Thursday 13th December
Christmas Jumpers!

Together we learn. Together we grow.

Christmas Performances

Please check the school calendar

EYFS – Tuesday 11th Dec 10am

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Nursery Carol Concert – Wednesday 12th

December 10.30am

KS1 – Thursday 13th Dec

Year 1 parents - 10am

Year 2 parents – 2pm

KS2 Carol Concert – Monday 17th Dec

Year 3/4 parents – 9 am

Year 5/6 parents - 10.30am

Both performances will be the whole of KS2

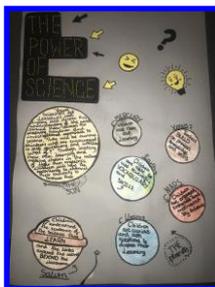


PTFA updates

We are pleased to announce this year that Lorraine Banks is Chair of our PTFA. She did a super job, with the support of PTFA members in organising the Christmas Fayre. In addition, Kara Doble is Vice Chair, Liz Hill is Secretary and Kathryn Morton is Treasurer. We wish everyone in their new roles the best of luck. In the new year, PTFA will be collecting any unwanted books so please hold onto them until then. Thank you for your continued support.

Curiosity Corner

Congratulations to the winners of our phase vision poster competition! Watch out for these in books and on display in each classroom soon!



SESAT Moderation

As part of the South East Stafford Academy Trust (SESAT), we come together with Barnfields each term to moderate writing. This is to ensure that judgements of the children's progress are consistent across the trust and that high expectations are continuously maintained. Our first moderation meeting of the year was held last week and proved to be very successful. The staff were able to compare work, challenge each other and agree on judgements; as well as sharing good practice.

Viking Day

Year 4 had a fantastic day learning about the Vikings on Tuesday. They held a meeting in the great hall, had a taste of Viking family life and learnt how to initiate a Viking battle with authentic battle cries. The pure enthusiasm shown by all children was inspiring to all and they had plenty of questions and facts to share with our visitors. We all felt extremely proud.

Miss Quimby, Mrs Thomas and Miss Phung.

