



Dear Parents,

Let me start by saying a huge thank you to all of the generous families in our Leasowes community. We are always overwhelmed by the support we receive from you. Over the academic year, we think carefully about the charities we support, fundraisers we take part in at school and commitments we ask from parents. In addition, we have to make sure we balance the year for the children. In the Autumn term the children have Harvest celebrations and Christmas performances to prepare for. These events are important as they help to form a well-rounded education. Coupled with our support for charities, that also supports part of our curriculum and sits beautifully with our values, we have to make sure that the children remain focused on the whole curriculum. We try as much as possible to choose the events we take part in carefully. We have certain events that support our school fundraising - Christmas Fayre; local community - harvest donations to House of Bread; Country wide – Poppy Appeal and finally global charities – Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children and T4U. In addition, we have events like Anti-bullying Week and World Book Day where children are encouraged to participate. Supporting charities and teaching children about organisations from local to global helps to build awareness and supports our vision to develop well-informed and well-rounded citizens of the future.

So far this year, we have donated a huge amount of food to House of Bread, raised money for the poppy appeal, holding a beautiful remembrance service with the whole school and used our art skills to help us remember by creating poppies for our entrance hall display. Our poppy appeal raised an amazing £292.69!

For the second year running, during one of our whole school assemblies, Mr Coombs launched T4U – Give Love in a Box. This project is aimed at providing children from countries affected by poverty and war with a box of presents to open on Christmas Day. Our shoeboxes were loaded onto the truck at school on Monday of this week and I am thrilled to inform you that we collected 137 in total. This is absolutely fantastic and once again we are making a real difference to the lives of children around the world. Thank you.

In the next few weeks parents are invited to join in our celebrations by supporting the Christmas performances. Dates are listed overleaf. We try and stagger the events to ensure we do not cause too much congestion around the school. Please be mindful of the residents that live on Porlock Avenue and the surrounding streets when parking.

As always, it is really important that we communicate effectively with you about your children. Therefore, 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

Together we learn. Together we grow.

Save the Date!

Our ever-popular Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday 29th November.

Please save any donations of good quality toys or white elephant items.

Pop the date onto your calendar and join us in the celebrations. Please note under 16's will need to be accompanied by an adult.

Flu Immunisation

On Tuesday 26th November, children from Reception to Year 6 will have their flu immunisation. This is only for children whose parents have opted into the scheme.

Christmas Performances

Please note the following dates and times of our Christmas performances.

EYFS Christmas Production - Tuesday 10th December 10am & 1.45pm (please choose one)

KS1 Christmas Production - Thursday 12th December 10am (Year 1) & 1.45pm (Year 2)

KS2 Carol Concert Monday - 16th December 9am (Year 3 & 4) 10.30am (Year 5 & 6)

Please only come to one performance, as we need to make sure there is room for all parents to attend.

Other key dates for the children

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 11th December

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 13th December

Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers on both of the above dates.



Magnificent Mascot!

Our very own Archer Gibbons was flying the Leasowes flag high when he was chosen to be mascot at the Wolves vs Aston Villa game. What a fantastic experience! I am sure you will agree what an ambassador he is for Leasowes. He even wore his Poppy!



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Thank You!