



Dear Parents,

We are well into the Autumn term and the children are working extremely hard. School is as busy as ever and we have lots of exciting events on the horizon. The forthcoming week is no exception. We are starting the week with Year 3 family learning. This will be a treat for the parents who will gain insight into our Forest Schools. Make sure you wrap up warm as we go out whatever the weather!

Momentum continues with our Harvest Festival celebrations:

Years 3 & 4 - Wednesday 9.15am - Enter via the After School Club

Years 5 & 6 - Wednesday 10.15am - Enter via the After School Club

Years 1 & 2 - Wednesday 2.20pm - Enter via Main Office

Nursery (AM Children) - Thursday 10.20am - Enter via Main Office

Nursery (PM Children) - Thursday 2.10pm - Enter via Main Office

Reception - Friday 2.30pm - Enter via Main Office

Please be mindful of residents when parking.

This busy week will end with the PTFA school disco for Years 3 - 6 on Friday night.

The last week of half term will be parents evening and letters will come out next week for time slots. This will be a chance to see how your child has settled into their new year group and targets they will be working towards.

As you are aware, we are working hard on our new curriculum and our curriculum flyers will be placed onto class pages this week. The full curriculum overview will go onto our curriculum area as soon as they are finalised.

In a continuing effort to safeguard our children, this week all of the teachers & Mrs Powell have taken part in asthma & anaphylaxis awareness training delivered by our school nurse. This will be cascaded to Teaching Assistants to ensure we are fully prepared to support our children with their medical needs.

Even though we have parents evening coming up, as always, if you have a query about your child, the best person to initially contact is the class teacher or the phase leader. If you feel you need to speak to myself or Mr Coombs, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you for your on-going support,

Mrs Bettany

Headteacher

### New to Reception September 2018

Making decisions about which school you would like your child to attend can be difficult and we at Leasowes believe that this decision is easier if you are fully informed about the provision on offer. Therefore, we are pleased to announce that we have arranged several open days for parents who are considering applying for a place in our Reception class in September 2018. We are inviting parents to join us on either 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> October at 9.45am for a short presentation and a tour of our school. This will give parents an insight into school life and is an opportunity to ask any questions about how we deliver our quality education. If you are interested or know someone who is, please pass on the information and contact the school office to book a place.

We look forward to meeting you.

### RESPECT

As you are aware, this half term is focused on our school value of respect. I see this in action all of the time. Children at Leasowes Primary School hold doors for each other, always speak when spoken to and are proud of their school. I had a lovely moment this week when I said, "Thank you" to Parker in Year 1 as she was helping a Reception child during lunchtime and she replied, "You're welcome Mrs Bettany." Just wonderful!

### Outdoor Classroom Day

Save the date! On the 12<sup>th</sup> October it is National Outdoor Classroom Day and we at Leasowes pride ourselves on using the outside area to stimulate learning. A letter will be sent out confirming the details and children will be able to wear suitable outdoor clothes.  
Watch this space!

### PTFA

The PTFA are asking parents and carers if they can donate raffle prizes for our Christmas Fayre. The raffle has always been well received and had some brilliant prizes. I'm sure this year will be no different. Thank you for your support.

### Stranger Danger

We will be discussing 'stranger danger' in school with the children. Please discuss this at home with your child and encourage them to be safe when walking to and from school. If possible, it is always good to walk with a group of friends.

### PTFA Events

Check out the school calendar for the up and coming events.  
School Disco (Years 3 - 6)  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 6.30 - 8pm  
Fish n Quiz (Adults Only) Time TBC  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November  
Christmas Fayre - Time TBC  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November  
School Disco (Years 3 - 6)  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 6.30 - 8pm



# Respect

### Spread the Word - Nursery News!

We are extremely excited and proud to announce, that from September 2018, Leasowes Nursery will become part of Leasowes Extra. This means that our admissions will be no longer managed by Staffordshire County Council, but by the school. We are making this move to ensure we provide exactly what the community needs. More and more people need nursery provision to be flexible to fit in with working hours and we would like to support this in offering flexible hours and places to children in our catchment area and beyond. This means that parents will be able to have more choice on the hours they would like their children to attend our nursery provision, from 7.45am in the morning to 6pm in the evening, Monday to Friday during term time.

Leasowes Extra will still be under the umbrella of Leasowes Primary School and we will remain committed to continuing to provide an outstanding quality education for our nursery children, who we would like to stay with us and progress through the school. The nursery will continue to be monitored alongside our Early Years Department and play a full part in school life. We are fully set up to accommodate the 15 hours and 30 hours funding that is available for parents who are eligible. Parents will now apply for admissions to Leasowes Extra Nursery at the Leasowes school office. They will then put you in touch with Mrs Jo Caven our Leasowes Extra Business Manager. Please tell all of your friends as we will be advertising this in the very near future.