



Dear Parents,

We are now in the midst of a very busy term, with lots of exciting activities taking place. An important date in February is '**National Safer Internet Day**'. This takes place on Tuesday 6th February and the theme is, 'Create, connect and share respect: A better internet starts with you'. This resonates with our school values & our safeguarding of children. We are all aware of the benefits of the internet, but also need to be very clear of the dangers when engaging with such media. On 'Safer Internet Day', we will be carrying out different activities. KS2 will start by partaking in an assembly led by our school 'Digital Leaders'. KS1 will also have an age appropriate assembly at a different point in the day. This will be followed by a number of activities, discussions and role play. As adults, the best action we can take is ensuring we know and check the sites our children use, reminding children what to do if inappropriate content has been accessed. At this point I would just like to draw your attention to the popular app 'ROBLOX'. If your child uses this app, please check that you are aware of the people they are 'connected' to. The following website will give you some insight

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/roblox/#> Please remember, you can visit our website for support. You will find this in the 'Pupil Zone' under 'E-Safety'.

As many of you are aware, I shared our school development priorities with you via one of our newsletters last term. One area the staff have been working extremely hard on is our new and exciting curriculum. It is really important that we provide a broad, balanced and exciting curriculum. We believe in providing rich opportunities for children to further their learning with reading and enrichment activities at the heart. You will find the curriculum flyers (a quick guide to what is involved in the topic) under the class pages tab. The Autumn, Spring & Summer curriculum overviews, which give you more detail about the topic, can be found under 'curriculum' and by selecting the correct year group from the left hand side. Please ask your child about the topic they are learning about and encourage them to continue to further research it at home.

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

Reading Bingo Homework

This week in KS2 we have introduced a new Reading 'bingo' homework challenge which you should find stuck inside your child's Home School Record. The aim of this new initiative is to get the children enthused about reading and to ensure they are reading regularly at home. Each week your child should choose a task from the grid to complete either by themselves or with a family member. They should then date it or colour it in. To correspond, within each weekly section, your child should then record a response or you could write a comment related to the completion of the task. These will then be checked weekly by the class teacher or teaching assistant.

Together we learn. Together we grow.

Collaboration

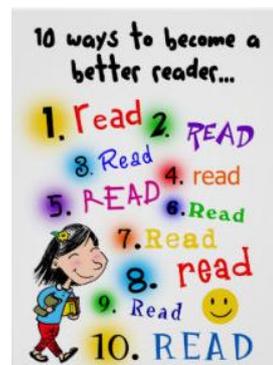
Our value this half term is Collaboration. Our Monday assemblies have focused around this value and the learning both inside and outside of the classroom demonstrates that it is truly embedded. Our children at Leasowes are so good at working together, sharing learning and supporting each other, it makes me feel very proud to be the Headteacher.

World Book Day!

Thursday 1st March is 'World Book Day'. As always we will be joining in the celebrations. Miss Sylvester will be providing information about the different activities and the theme for our dressing down day. Hold fire until then! A child who reads, will be an adult who thinks!

WARNING!

Please remember we are a NUT FREE school. Some of our children have nut related allergies; therefore it is important that we do not expose them to foods containing nuts as this can trigger a reaction. Please ensure all lunchboxes and snacks are NUT FREE.



To Infinity and Beyond!

This week Year 5 have taken part in 'Leasowes Stargazing' as part of their Infinity and Beyond topic. Mrs Wood and Miss Leonard somehow managed to talk me into having a sleepover at school. The children took part in some brilliant activities, including a moon walk and star gazing. They had a 'chippy' tea and hot chocolate supper. Thank you to Mrs Wood, Miss Leonard, Miss Williams, Mrs Adams, Mr Rock, Mr Locke who all stopped over. I managed to also get roped into staying! Also to Miss Sylvester, Miss Reeves & Mrs Bromley, who either stayed late or arrived early to help. The children were genuine Super Stars!

Near Miss!

Please be extra careful when dropping off and collecting children from school. We have had a reported incident of a 'near miss' involving a child. Please continue to respect the 20 mph zone and park with consideration for pedestrians and residents. If you are concerned about any particular vehicles, please contact the police. Thank you for your on-going support.

Super Start for Leasowes Extra!

As you are all aware, we launched a new venture in September under the name of 'Leasowes Extra'. This umbrella encompasses our Nursery provision, wrap around care and the before and after school provision across the school. This new venture has already proved to be extremely popular and as the year progresses, will continue to provide more flexibility for parents. We currently have limited availability in our Nursery sessions, but have some availability in our before and after school club. If you would like to enquire about a place in our Nursery or would like to book your child into our before and after school provision then please contact Mrs Caven on 01785 337375 or email her at extra@leasowes.staffs.sch.uk.

*** Please note: any parents who wish to apply for a Nursery place in September must contact the school directly using the above contact details. The closing date for all applications is the 31st of March 2018 ***