



Dear Parents,

We are fast approaching the end of yet another busy term and the weather has certainly challenged us along the way. This week we have held two parent consultation evenings. Thank you to all who attended, it is wonderful to be able to share the successes of the children and discuss what's next in their learning.

We have a couple of exciting staff announcements to make. After an extremely successful and rewarding career, Mrs Baskett has decided to retire at the end of this academic year. She has absolutely loved teaching and been a key part of the Leasowes community for the past 17 years. Of course we will celebrate in style nearer the time, but this early decision has enabled us to think about recruitment in plenty of time for September. In addition, we will be saying goodbye, for a short while, to Mrs Dodd. Mrs Dodd will be commencing her maternity leave in May and we wish her all the best in this new and exciting chapter in her life.

In a bid to keep parents as up to date as possible, school are trialing a school Twitter account. This will enable parents to see the day to day life at Leasowes online. It will also be an opportunity for us to post about various achievements as well as documenting events the pupils participate in during the school year. The children's names will not be posted on the site as a matter of safeguarding. Further to this, the children will be learning about E-Safety in the coming weeks and will be encouraging their teachers to tweet consistently and appropriately. Our digital leaders will take a lead role in this and support our staff and pupils. We are hoping that this will be another way for school to communicate with parents so if you are a Twitter user please find us on Twitter as @LeasowesPrimary.

As always, if you need to speak to a member of staff, in the first instance, the class teacher is always the best person to speak to as they know your child better than anyone. 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 leader meetings with myself and Mr Coombs. This will be the last newsletter before the Easter holidays and I would like to take this opportunity from all of the staff and Governors to wish you a super and safe break.

Thank you for your on-going support,
Mrs Bettany
Headteacher

Aspire to be Future Me!

On Tuesday 27th March 2018, Leasowes will hold our first, and hopefully annual, 'Aspire to be Future Me' event. Children are invited to dress as their future job aspiration. Thank you to all who have volunteered their time to speak to the children. We now have a wide range of careers to introduce to the children. We are hoping that this event will be a great success and really get the children excited about the future.

Leasowes Extra

Just a quick reminder that the closing date for all September Nursery admissions is the 31st March 2018. If you would like to apply for a place please email Mrs Caven at extra@leasowes.staffs.sch.uk for an application form. Thank you.

Together we learn. Together we grow.

Aspiration beyond the Classroom

Two of our Year 1 children, Joey and Christopher, took their learning beyond the classroom. At home they decided to create and illustrate their own story about the Tin Forest, a book from our new curriculum. The boys were so proud to share this and demonstrated aspiration in action.



Polite Parking Notice

School is extremely busy at morning drop off and afternoon collection. Please do not park on the grass verges as this can be dangerous and continue to be mindful of residents. Thank you for your support.



Poppy Support

Thank you to all who contributed to our poppy fund back in November. We have just had confirmation that Leasowes raised £343.63!

Aspiration in Action

As you are aware, this term we are thinking about aspiration. This value is a desire or ambition to be the best you can possibly be. This was demonstrated by our choir in every way during our Music Pyramid Concert last week. The theme of the concert was 'Be the Change'. The children sang absolutely beautifully, behaviour was impeccable, looked amazing and the support from the families was just wonderful. Mrs Wood was really brave and the children sang accapella, which was just spine-tingling.



PTFA

Thank you all who supported the latest PTFA events. We raised:
Chocolate Bingo - £226.12
Mother's Day Flowers - £137.56

Year 4 - Warwick Castle

Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed exploring the magical Warwick Castle. During their visit they were able to marvel at the magnificent Great Hall, State Rooms and Earl's Chapel. They journeyed back to 1471 as Richard Neville prepared for battle. The castle's rich and vibrant history was captured in the Time Tower, an audio visual experience. Children got lost in time while exploring the Horrible Histories maze. A spectacular birds of prey display was enjoyed during a lunch break. Thankfully the sun shone on a truly immersive and educational experience for all.

