



Dear Parents,

The school newsletter usually comes out on Friday, every three weeks. However, I am providing a newsletter today as I have some information that I would like to share and provide details of how we are going to keep the Christmas spirit alive at Leasowes.

Every year, Leasowes provides a plethora of opportunities for staff to grow and reach their full potential. We provide rich continuous professional development, opportunities to lead initiatives and guide staff through new territory. Coupled with our belief that our values drive all that we do, we prepare staff for the next stage in their career. Therefore, this quite rightly creates movement, sometimes within school, sometimes to another educational establishment. This is definitely the right thing to do, as with movement comes opportunities for other staff to grow. One of our members of staff has reached that stage and I am absolutely thrilled to announce that Mrs Wood will be leaving us at the end of term to embark on the next stage in her career as a Deputy Headteacher. This is a well-deserved position, and although she will be sorely missed, we wish her all the very best in the future. It is now time for Mrs Wood to make her mark on a different community and impact the learning of the children within it. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mrs Wood in her success. Letters will be distributed to the parents that this will directly impact to explain how we will manage this transition.

In addition, Mrs Bromley is due to return to school in the Spring term of next year completing her maternity leave. She has loved having time at home with her boys and as a result has decided that she wants to take a break away from teaching and concentrate on her family. Although we were excited for her return, we fully respect her decision. Therefore, Mrs Bromley will not be returning to school. We wish her all the very best and hope she pops in to see us from time to time. Miss Lukat, who has been in Reception for the last year has kindly agreed to stay on for the rest of this academic year to provide continuity for the children. We are thrilled that Miss Lukat is staying with us for a while longer.

Finally, it gives me great pleasure to welcome Miss Dunn's baby girl Eve into the world. Miss Dunn has sent us all photographs of baby Eve, who is just beautiful! We hope that she enjoys her time at home and holds onto those precious moments, as we all know it goes far too quickly.

School is a very busy place even with staggered starts and end times. Drop off and pick up can be hectic. I have received some complaints from parents re the parking and general conduct of parents outside of school. Unfortunately, I have no control outside of school as this is a public area but I would like to appeal to all to be respectful of the residents, be safe around our school and more importantly role model the right behaviours to our children. We were fortunate to have some police presence last week and I will encourage parents to ring the police if people are seen to demonstrate reckless behaviour. We talk about our values all of the time in school, it is always pleasing to see them in action beyond the school gates.

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.

We look forward to working collaboratively with parents over this academic year.

Mrs Bettany
Headteacher

Together we learn. Together we grow.

Christmas is Coming!

This year, we will be getting into the Leasowes community spirit by celebrating Christmas together with our whole school advent calendar. For each day of school in December, a video of a member of staff opening a door will be played to the children, revealing a Christmas treat that we will all enjoy in our year group bubbles. These will include some of our Christmas traditions like Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day, as well as some surprises. To give you some advanced warning, on two of the days, the children will be asked to bring in some fluffy/festive socks or slippers, and a festive piece of headwear (this could be a Santa hat, tinsel, boppers etc) to wear in school. You can follow the action on our twitter account @LeasowesPrimary and texts will be sent home if your child is required to bring something to school to join in the festivities.

We hope you will support us in spreading some Christmas cheer!

Wednesday 9th December – Christmas Dinner Day (Christmas Jumpers can be worn)
Friday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day



The last week of term will be our '**Christmas Cracker**' week. This week, different Christmas activities will take place every day. I am unable to reveal the details as this would ruin the surprise!

Christmas Dinner

On Wednesday 9th December we will be serving our annual Christmas dinner. We would love as many children as possible to join us. There will be a fabulously festive menu with Christmas music and staff enjoying a meal alongside the children within their bubble. If your child is in Reception or KS1, the cost is covered by the Government initiative, Universal Free School Meals. If your child is in Year 3 upwards, the cost is £2.30. As always, children and staff are encouraged to wear their Christmas jumpers with uniform on.