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Long Lawford News...

Spring 1

This week it has been lovely to welcome the children back to school. It has been pleasing to see the children return eager to learn. In my assembly this week I spoke about the new year being a fresh start and an opportunity to make the most of opportunities in the year ahead. I have shared with the children one of my favourite quotes, namely 'Don't count the days, make the days count.' I have also asked the children to try hard to be *ready to learn, every lesson, every day.*

'ACE' children - On the final day of last term the whole school enjoyed a wonderful trip to the pantomime in Leamington. All the pupils were excellent ambassadors for the school, in particular Year 6 children who accompanied reception classes and were very caring and responsible towards their younger peers.

They got me! - After almost 12 years of near misses I finally ended up on the stage at the pantomime last term. Much to the children and staff's delight I had to wear a costume and get covered by foam! Photos are on our school twitter page @llawfordprimary

London trip - A reminder that all payments for the Year 6 overnight trip to London in May 2017 (May 17th and 18th) need to be received by Easter. Thank you

Parking in school - I would remind parents and carers once again that parking (dropping off/picking up) is **not permitted** in the school car park unless displaying a blue Disabled Parking Badge.

Dinner monies - School meals cost £2.10 a day or £10.50 a week. All meals must be paid for in advance. Thank you

Assemblies - Please note the following assemblies for this half term:

Tuesday, 10th January - Infants (reception, Years 1 and 2) awards assembly - 9am start

Tuesday, 17th January—Juniors (years 3 to 6) awards assembly - 9am start

Wednesday, 18th January - Year 5W sharing assembly—9am start

Tuesday, 31st January - Infants awards assembly - 2:30pm start*

Wednesday, 1st February - Year 3Ma sharing assembly - 2:30pm start

Tuesday, 7th February - Juniors awards assembly - 2:30pm start

Wednesday, 8th February - Year 2J sharing assembly—2:30pm start

Wednesday, 15th February - Year 1HC sharing assembly—2:30pm start

*Starting on the 31st January awards and sharing assemblies will be in the afternoon, with a start time of 2:30pm.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Star Workers - Emily Bailey, Willow Bourne, Imogen Gibson, Ella-Grace Jeffery, Georgia Goodwin, Paige Early, Ewelina Balcerzak, Elliott Joyce, Daniel Batten, Maria Ferreira, Dmitrij Pukins, Oviyan Ratnam, Tyler Cable, Kobby Enyimayew, Alex Martin, Vishnu Karunakaran, Libby Colledge, Mia Goodwin.

Star People - Andrew Winkle, Tilly Hutt, Luke Reed, Kory Freeman, Patrick Mills, Tristan Brady, Skyla Greaves, Artur Klepak, Bestly Azogu, Grace Quenby, Rian O'Rourke, Mia Green, George Powell, Emma Greer, Edlyn Nkpey, Aleysha Kerry, Sonny Greenhalgh, Amit Toor.



WELL DONE TO THEM ALL !

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wish you all a 'Happy New Year'. A time for 'New Year Resolutions', 'New beginnings', 'Fresh starts'. This is an ideal time for the Parent/Carer and School partnership to improve pupils' attendance in our school.

Teamwork is needed. For **'T**ogether **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore'

As the Parents/Carers of a child in school you have the legal responsibility to ensure your child attends school regularly, and on time, and to provide a reason to the school for any absences. We would ask that Parents and Carers ensure their children are in school on time for registration at 8.50am. This helps your children be ready for their learning. Getting clothes and checking bags are ready the night before helps avoid stressful mornings. Lateness can cause disruption for the rest of the class and distress and anxiety for your child. Mr Morrissey and I will be doing some 'Late gate' duties to monitor pupil arrivals.

We are aware that things like family breakdown, bereavement, illness, new baby, can affect you and your child. If you are experiencing any difficulties please do not hesitate to let us know, we may be able to help.

Now we are in the wintry months it is important the children wear their coats to and from school. Please encourage your child/children to use tissues if they have colds and advise them to keep washing their hands thoroughly to prevent the spread of coughs/colds and 'tummy bugs'.

Please try to book dental /medical appointments during the holidays where possible. (There are 190 school days each year and 175 other days for shopping trips, birthday treats, non- urgent appointments and holidays.)

Over a school career :- 1) One day a week absence is the equivalent of 2.5 whole years of education. 2) 15 minutes of lateness a day equals a whole year of education missed.

Full attendance leads to the best educational outcomes – please give your child/children the best chance and make sure they are in school every day.

In school, class attendance will be monitored to see which class has the best attendance. This will be announced and celebrated during our Celebration Assemblies. The class with the best attendance will earn rewards at the end of the half term. Pupils with 100% will get certificates.

The School Admin team will keep me updated with attendance records. I will be contacting parents of children with attendance levels causing concern. **(Please ensure your contact details are kept up to date to save any inconvenience.)** If you want to make an appointment to discuss any concerns with me please contact the school number 01788 543 332 and ask for Rosemary Chapman. If I am in a meeting I will contact you as soon as I am able.

Kind regards,

Mrs Rosemary Chapman

(School Family Support Worker)