



Holbrook Road, Long Lawford, Rugby, CV23 9AL.
Tel: 01788 543332, Fax: 01788 550366, Email: admin2405@welearn365.com
Website: www.longlawfordprimaryschool.com



Long Lawford News...

Autumn 8

Yesterday our Anti Bullying Ambassadors—Mellisa, Keira Louise, Ellie, Libby, Bethany, Tobiasz, Kacey, Blessed, Laura and Corey launched National Anti Bullying week with a really informative assembly. I was really impressed with how well the Ambassadors communicated their important messages to the rest of the school. The Ambassadors reminded all of us that bullying is any intentional, repeated action that hurts another person. The government definition is '*Bullying is behaviour by an individual or group, repeated over time, that intentionally hurts another individual or group either physically or emotionally. Bullying can take many forms (for instance, cyber-bullying via text messages or the internet).*' The Ambassadors have organised a number of activities for next week:

Monday, 14th November - every child will be asked to write an Anti Bullying promise on a hand cut out, which will then be put on display.

Tuesday, 15th November - every child is asked to come into school wearing odd socks (no charge for this) to remind them that we are all different and unique.

Wednesday, 16th November - every child will be asked to say something great to a mate.

New SENDCO - Before half term Mrs Louise Jones was appointed to the position of school SENDCO. I would like to welcome Mrs Jones to our school community. I would also like to thank Mrs Butterfield for her fantastic work in this role over the last year.

School office closed - Unfortunately the school office will not be open next Friday morning—November 18th 2016. My apologies in advance for any inconvenience this causes.

Christmas shoe box appeal - A reminder that all shoeboxes need to be returned by next **Friday, 18th November 2016**. Thank you

Children in Need - Next **Friday, 18th November** is Children in Need day. To support Children in Need we will be having a whole school pyjama day. Please bring £1 into school as a donation. School council will be visiting classes during this day to tell children what Children in Need means. Thank you

Christmas Dinner - A reminder that all orders and monies for the Christmas dinner (on Wednesday, 14th December 2016) should be sent into school by Wednesday, 23rd November 2016. Thank you

STARS OF THE WEEK

Star Workers: Harry Furniss, Archie Thompson, Noah Connor, Harrison Dewis, Aran Sofi, Isabel Kryjak, Eve Worthington, Maisie Walters, Aidan Wasiolek, Max Wilk, Damien Currie, Leo Daniels, Kayla Jones, Maddisyn Dennis, Clio Cosgrove, Daniel Sergeant, Toby Burwell, Chloe Flowers



Star People: Nicholas Giarmita, Willow Bourne, Talaya-May Alleyne, Annalise Capper, Keira Marshall, Mia Walsh, Leigh Tait, Chloe Measey, Aidan Baker, Imogen Mason, Hafsa Khares, Emilia Juchniewicz, Carla Da Silva Botas, Kiera-Louise Grandison-Nicholls, Megan Rye, Hannah-Mai Abbott, Khiye Noor, Angelo Barone

WELL DONE to them all!

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME 2016-17

– INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

In September 2013, the Government introduced some significant changes to attendance regulations for pupils at school. The regulations will continue to apply during this academic year (2015/2016).

The most important of these is in relation to term-time leave of absence.

The amendments set out in Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, govern all requests for leave within term-time. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law.

The amended regulations removed references to 'holiday' and 'extended leave', as well as the statutory threshold of 10 school days. It is now clear that Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

The Government has not defined 'exceptional circumstances' as referred to in the 2013 regulations. It is for the Head Teacher to decide what he/she views as 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

Warwickshire Secondary School pupils recorded 22,920 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Academic year 2013/14. This is a decrease of 13,063 on previous years. This is a positive outcome as it means that 6,531 days of education was achieved.

We greatly appreciate parental support to reduce the total amount of days lost due to holidays. We are committed to working in partnership with you to enable your child to reach their academic targets and to support their social development. For this to happen we need to keep individual attendance as high as possible - we all need to play our part.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority