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Long Lawford News...

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Over the last couple of days the children have been treated to a visit from children's author Luke Temple (for more details please go to luketemple.co.uk). The children (and staff!) had a fantastic time hearing about how Luke puts his stories together. I was very taken by his comments on how he struggled with reading and writing at school and now he is an accomplished children's author. It just goes to show that by setting our mind to something and working hard anything is possible. The visit is part of our work to promote the importance of reading. The government have rightly emphasised the need for high standards in reading stating that: *children need to be able to read easily, fluently and with good understanding, to develop the habit of reading widely and often, for both pleasure and information . Because it is through reading in particular, pupils have a chance to develop culturally, emotionally, intellectually, socially and spiritually. Literature, especially, plays a key role in such development. Reading also enables pupils both to acquire knowledge and to build on what they already know.* (National Curriculum 2014)

Helping your child with reading - Reading with your child is vital. Research shows that it's the single most important thing you can do to help your child's education. It's best to read little and often, so try to put aside some time for it every day.

Think of ways to make reading fun - you want your child to learn how pleasurable books can be. If you're both enjoying talking about the content of a particular page, linger over it for as long as you like.

Books aren't just about reading the words on the page, they can also present new ideas and topics for you and your child to discuss.

Tips for helping your child to enjoy books:

- Encourage your child to pretend to 'read' a book before he or she can read words.
- Visit the library as often as possible - take out CDs and DVDs as well as books.
- Schedule a regular time for reading - perhaps when you get home from school or just before bed.
- Buy dual-language books if English isn't your family's first language - you can talk about books and stories, and develop a love for them, in any language.
- Look for books on topics that you know your child is interested in - maybe dragons, insects, cookery or a certain sport.

Make sure that children's books are easily accessible in different rooms around your house.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Star Workers: Andrew Winkle, Tilly Hutt, William New, Brooke Anczarski, Myles Harris-White, George Allfree, Neave Hodge, Jakub Balcerzak, Charlotte Steed, Ella-Mai Early, Kaydon Flowers, Peter Ridler, Logan Ford, Sophia Wilk, Tymon Rosinski, Freddie North, Rose Ridler, Bethan Pybus.

Star People: Emily Bailey, Leanne Tait, Poppy Morris, Holly Soper, Joshua Mumford, Sarah Gwozdz, Justin Manea, Amber Betts, Jaden Enyimayew-Monney, Alfie Boswell, Evelyn Tan, Scarlett Summerscales, Topsy Egan, Corey Clark, Ruby O'Toole, Samantha Wordley, Paige Gibson, Izzy Berry.



WELL DONE to them all!

Asthma - If your child suffers from asthma it is extremely important that they have an inhaler and any spacers that they need in school **at all times**. The school office should be kept up to date on any changes to their asthma record card. Thank you.

The school should also be advised of any other medical conditions that your child may have, especially if medication is required in school. Thank you.

Fire Safety Poem and Poster Competition - Children are invited to enter the Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards and Fire and Rescue Service's annual Firework Safety Competition. There are two competitions:

Pre school/ Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - design a Firework safety poster

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 - write a Firework safety poem or rhyme and decorate it

The aim of the competitions is to remind children about the dangers of fireworks.

There will be 10 winners with each winner receiving a £25 book token and a visit to a Warwickshire Fire Station. The winners will be chosen by Janet Faulkner, Group Manager of the Trading Standards Service and Assistant Chief Fire Officer Rob Moyney. The closing date for entries is **Tuesday, 8th November 2016**.

Children can enter as many times as they wish but must write their name, age and school on the back of their entry. All entries must be A4 size and posted to: Simon Cripwell, Firework Safety Competition, Warwickshire Trading Standards Service, Old Budbrooke Road, Warwick, CV35 7DP.

Good luck!

INSET day - A reminder that our next teacher training or INSET day is on Monday, 31st October 2016.

Bags2school - FOLLS are arranging a Bags2school collection on Friday, 21st October 2016. Please return your bags to school **on this day** (not before as we do not have space to store them). Thank you

Assemblies - Next Tuesday, 11th October there will be an awards assembly for Foundation 2 (reception) and Year 1 and 2 classes. The next day, Wednesday, 12th October Miss Newman's class (Year 4N) will be sharing their learning in an assembly. On Tuesday, 18th October there will be an awards assembly for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and the following day Wednesday, 19th October, Miss McNaughton's class (Year3Mc) will be sharing their learning in an assembly.

Parent / teacher meetings - We will be holding parent/teacher meetings during the week beginning Monday, 17th October 2016. at the following times:

Monday, 17th October 8:30am - 3:30pm Year 6 Mrs Barton

Tuesday, 18th October 8:30am - 3:30pm Year 6 Miss Smith

Wednesday, 19th October 8:30am - 3:30pm Year 6 Miss Curle

Thursday, 20th October 2pm - 6pm Foundation 2 (reception) and Years 1,2,3,4 and 5

Year 6 meetings will take place next to the music room (in the main school). Meetings on Thursday, 20th October will take place in the school hall. Books will be available to view at these meetings. Teachers will also give parents/carers a written summary of how their child is doing at school. We will also be asking parents and carers to complete a short survey to give us feedback on how we are doing as a school.

The clothes with no name! - Unfortunately we have a lot of items of clothing left in school each week. Despite our best efforts this clothing is often unclaimed. To avoid this please ensure that **all** items of your child's uniform (and PE kit) are clearly labelled with their full name.

Monies - A reminder that all school meals should be paid for in advance. I would also ask that all payments for trips, clubs, music lessons etc are kept up to date.

Data Collection forms - Each year we collect essential data from you (i.e. contact details etc). We call this a data collection form. This information is kept in confidence and helps ensure the school is run smoothly each day. Up to date contact details are especially important in case of an accident or emergency. If you haven't already done so, please return your data collection form to the school office.