



## e-news @ Leigh and Bransford

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Class 1 is not for the faint hearted this week that is for sure!

**Paperless Newsletter** – Were we in your text messages again today? We have tweaked the text system so the Newsletter should be wider reaching, improvements to follow again next week. As ever, any questions, suggestions or if we can help with this... come and see us. We hope it is more efficient.

**Christmas Play 2019** – Today you should receive your Christmas play letter including a ticket request slip, attached should be any lines your child may have and an outfit request. We hope this should be all the information you need, nonetheless we are always here to answer any questions you may have.

**Christmas Jumper Day** – We are supporting Save The Children and running Christmas Jumper Day on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** in exchange for a £1, you are welcome to wear your own clothes alongside your Christmas jumper. If you do not have a Christmas jumper you are welcome to wear your favourite jumper instead.

**Christmas Jumper Stall** – Have you got any unwanted Christmas jumpers? We thought we could run a preloved Christmas jumper stall at the Friends Christmas Fayre in preparation for Christmas Jumper Day on the 13<sup>th</sup> December. If you do have any, we would be most grateful, please drop them into the office. £2 - £3 per jumper and any funds will go towards the school.

**Scarlet Fever** – We have had a few confirmed cases of this, nothing to worry about but please be aware of this if your child is ill. There should be 24 hours between your child starting antibiotics and their return to school. Get well everyone!

**School Website** - We are very keen to improve our website and to make it more useful for you. We are interested in your views so please follow the link & complete a very short survey. <https://forms.gle/qYNTXtADxVQxTKDb8>

**Eco Zone - Second Hand Clothes Fashion Show** - The eco club would like to organise a second hand fashion show (date tbc) as part of our recycling scheme at school. If you have any clothes that you are able to donate, please can you bring them in to school on Mondays over the next few weeks. The fashion show will be followed by a clothing sale of all of the donations including the clothes chosen by the models to wear. Over the next few weeks we will be asking for models too! **Clothes Recycling Bin** – Please use it! The clothes bin will raise funds towards our new eco area and Starlight Children's Charity.

**Reception, Mr Powney** - We have been busy preparing for the Christmas play this week by learning new songs and dances! In maths we have been looking at subitising and using this skill to play different games and in literacy we are continuing to work on our set one sounds. We have also been looking at the seasonal changes that are beginning to happen and explored changes of state with some ice! We even had a go at making some snow!



**Class 1, Miss Knight** - This week we have had a very exciting time. We have started learning songs and practising for the Nativity. We have also had lots of fun in our science lesson investigating 'poo'. We have had to find out whether it belonged to a carnivore, herbivore or an omnivore and then match it up to the animal that had done it!



**Class 2, Mrs Tedds & Miss Gilmore** - The children have enjoyed finding out more about Antarctica this week and were inspired to write after watching video clips of the 'desert' and the animals that live there. We went to forest school and enjoyed becoming photographers using the iPads for capturing photos that represent Autumn. We learnt what a close up, medium shot and long shot are. In maths we have been learning about the division sign and how we can use our times tables to help with division.



**Class 3, Miss Radford** – This week in Class 3 we have started to make our diya lamps ready for our Diwali day next week. The children have been making them out of salt dough, involving lots of weighing, measuring and watching impatiently as they cook in the oven! Finished pictures to follow next week...



**Class 4, Miss Albutt** - This half term in science Class 4 have been exploring sound. The children have been learning about how sounds are made, recognising that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear. This week the children investigated the variety of sounds found around school and discussed how the sound waves vary dependent on the pitch and volume of the sound created.



**Class 5, Mrs Sage** - In our learning this week, we have been learning how to critique art work in an appropriate manner - using good observational skills and giving positive feedback and next steps to our peers. We looked closely at everyone's Henry Matisse collages and then wrote on post-it notes in their art books our feedback. During our PSHE lessons we have been learning about the importance of a balance between good physical & mental health. We have been learning strategies to cope ourselves when going through a difficult time, and in order to help others too.



Our strategies include: Giving our time to be with someone who is struggling, accepting others feelings, asking for support for ourselves or friends from a trusted adult and physically engaging in an active way to improve our wellbeing. All of these strategies will help to create an open and honest dialogue whereby we are able to ask/seek out help if needed.



**Class 6, Miss Hutchinson** - This week we had a wonderful time partaking in the Robotics challenge! We were lucky enough to have an engineer come into school to teach us how to: design, make and program a robot to follow a set instructions. This enabled the children to develop construction and programming skills. Class six demonstrated excellent team skills working together to complete challenging tasks with their robots. Unfortunately, due to bad weather this session was cut short. Class six will be looking forward to developing their programming skills further when they return to complete the session.



### School dates for your diary

Christmas Holidays – School closes Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December & reopens Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

Christmas Play – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Carol Concert – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. 6pm – 7pm @ Leigh Church.

TED Day – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – For polling.

**Friend Zone – It is aaalllll go here this week!**

**Non Uniform Day** – This is on the 29th November in exchange for chocolate...glorious chocolate! Any shape or size we will take it off your hands!

**Christmas Cards** – They have arrived! They should be coming home over the next few days.

**Christmas Fete** – This yuletide extravaganza will be straight after school on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, Santa will of course be making an appearance and we will be booking time slots for him to see your children from Monday. The sheet will be on the wall in reception for you to book.

**Christmas Hamper** - As usual we will have our Leigh and Bransford Christmas Hamper as a raffle prize and your contributions would be greatly appreciated. Mince pies, chutneys, bottles, Christmas cake, nuts, fudge, biscuits for cheese, Irish cream etc. There will be a sheet on the wall in reception for you to put your names by anything you can donate. Donations by the 2nd to the office would be brilliant.

**Do your teddy's need a new home?** - We would love them! We will be offering the "adopt a teddy" stall. Donations by the 2nd would be helpful. Please hand to the office or any member of the Friends Committee.

**Thank you** – Finally & most importantly, thank you all so much for your support since the start of the school year. You have raised and donated an amazing **£2962!!!** That is unbelievable for a school of our size.

**Saving the best until last - Celebrating Our Success!!**

Isla P & Roman K – Fantastic effort with Christmas play rehearsal.

Georgiana P – An improvement in writing.

Jamie MM - For effort in improving presentation.

Jack M – Becoming more confident with writing and carrying on his learning at home.

Joshua M – All round hard work in everything he does.

Teo S – Good progress in all areas.

Hannah P – Being persistent with her writing & never giving up.

George S – Being persistent with his literacy work.

Erin M – Effort in editing & improving her writing.

Charles B – Exceptional effort in learning.

Joshua P – Creative work in art.

Bryn L - For a continuing improved attitude towards all learning

