



e-news @ Leigh & Bransford Primary School

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Mr Bill, Thanks! - On behalf of all the pupils at Leigh and Bransford, I would like to extend our thanks to The Friends for donating funds to purchase an additional 12 netbooks and a charging trolley. This will be a real boost to the teaching of computing at school as well as being a vital research and learning support resource. The netbooks have been ordered and we look forward to getting them into pupil use ASAP.

Mr Bill, Christmas Cards – We are getting a lot of questions about the possibility of sending Christmas cards or small gifts to classmates and teachers this year. We are able to do this but we will need to arrange it in a Covid safe way. As with anything moving between households now, we will quarantine any items for at least 48 hours in school (or 72 hours for plastics) before passing them on. Therefore if your child is wanting to send Christmas cards to their friends this year then we can offer the following arrangement. Cards etc can be brought into school Monday 7th December until Friday 11th December. These items will be quarantined and sent out towards the end of the following week. Please send them into school via their respective classrooms. **Please note that this arrangement is only to be used within class bubbles.**

Office 365 Home Access for Pupils – Everyone that has come forward should now up and running.....any more for any more?

Parent's Evening – These have successfully been completed, if you require any further feedback from your respective teachers then please do contact them via DoJo.

Christmas Jumper Day – This year it will be on 11th December so you can get your best festive jumpers on! It is in conjunction with Save the Children. The suggested donation to wear your jumper is £1, you can donate online using the link below. Please no cash into school. ****THIS IS NEXT FRIDAY****

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/donate/single/donation-eventpay-00080> suggested donation of £1

West Mercia Police, Safer Schools – The Safer Schools dept have been in touch asking if we could “remind parents to follow social distancing and avoid gathering in groups” at drop off and pick up.

Class 2, Samuel Pepys – Please pay your £2.50 online using P4S. We have only had a few of these payments back so far.

Christmas Mugs – Still to follow!

The Villages Nursery & Preschool – As many of you know this is in Leigh Sinton by the Memorial Hall, they have asked us to let you guys know they currently have spaces.

In the case of illness - It is inevitable that during the coming week's members of the school community will exhibit potential Covid symptoms, with that in mind I would like to let you know the following procedure.

· If your child is displaying Covid symptoms then please do not send them (or any sibling) to school but do let us know by 8.30 am by contacting the school office. (Symptoms are any of - a continuous cough, a temperature above 37.8c or a loss/change in the sense of taste or smell.)

· Anyone who is displaying these symptoms should arrange to be tested by visiting: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/> If you are struggling to get a test then please phone the school office on 01886 832342 and we will endeavour to assist you.

· Please note that anyone displaying Covid symptoms should be isolating at home for 14 days from onset of symptoms, or until a negative test is received. The rest of the household should isolate at home for 14 days.

We will supply work for pupils who are self-isolating.

Newsletter Class Focus – Next week it is Miss Radford and Class 3

Dates for your Diary

Christmas – Friday 18th December 2020-Monday 4th January 2021

Spring mid Term – Friday 12th February 2021-Monday 22nd February 2021

Easter – Thursday 1st April 2021 – Monday 19th April 2021

Summer mid Term – Friday 28th May 2021 – Monday 7th June 2021

End of Term – Wednesday 21st July 2021

Bank Holidays

Good Friday – Friday 2nd April 2021

Easter Monday – Monday 5th April 2021

May Day – Monday 3rd May

Whitsun Bank Holiday – Monday 31st May

TED Days

Monday 4th January 2021, Thursday 6th May 2021, Friday 25th June 2021

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We have a great money saving deal for parents when it comes to your home energy bills too! We have signed up with Octopus Energy, who are a *Which?* recommended Energy Supplier for the last 3 years in a row! If you switch to Octopus using the schools link below, not only will you receive £50 off your bill from Octopus but they will also donate £50 to the school for each new customer who signs up at no cost to you.

You can't say fairer than that, what are you waiting for.....
<https://f-o-leigh-bransford-p-s.octopus.energy/>

Friday 11th December Sweet Sale - Will take place next Friday. A pre-packed bag of sweets will cost 50p. As these need to be quarantined in advance, we will only be preparing enough for each child to buy just 1 bag. If there are bags leftover once every child in the class has had the opportunity to buy one, children can buy another bag for siblings etc.

Design A Christmas Cake - We are inviting children to create their own cake design. The winning design will be recreated by the Gorgeous Little Cake Company and presented to the winner on Pyjama Day (18th December). Designs can be made on any piece of paper and you are not limited to a Big Cake -you could design cupcakes or brownies too!!! Please hand entries to the office by Monday 14th December. 50p per entry.

Christmas Raffle - Don't forget to buy your ticket for our raffle. To enter please text **LBXMAS20** to **70970**. Tickets cost £5. The raffle will be drawn on Monday 14th December.

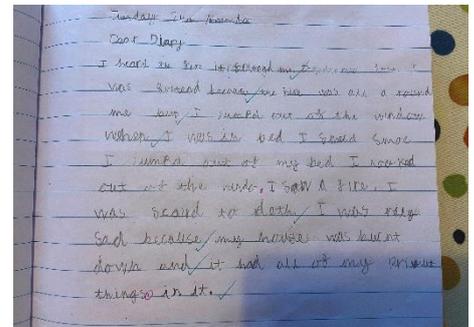
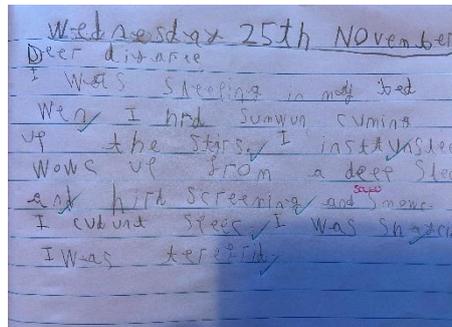
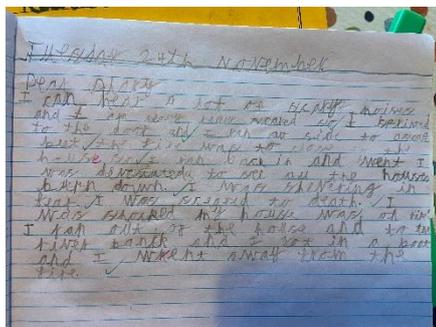
Pyjama Day -Friday 18th December - As a treat on Pyjama day, the Friends have arranged for the children to watch an online pantomime -Sleeping Beauty in their classrooms. If you would also like to purchase the panto to watch at home with your family this can be done through the following link <https://www.universe.com/flbs>.

Classroom Focus – Mrs Tedds and Class 2

It was a delight this week to finally talk to lots of parents and luckily teams was very successful (mostly!). This half terms topic is 'A look back in Time' where the children have been learning all about the Great Fire of London. This is forming the base for most of their Literacy, History and Art work. They have used their paint mixing skills to produce some effective pictures of the landscape of London when the fire happened adding pastels.



They have been learning all about time adverbials to structure their writing and conjunctions to join sentences and add detail. They applied these when writing a diary entry as a child in the Great Fire of London. We had some fantastic descriptive pieces which were shared on parents evening.



In Maths the children are becoming more independent with their thinking and choosing base 10, number squares or number lines to help them with their maths activities when they need it. They have been using what they have learnt so far with addition and subtraction to add up coin values, totals of amounts and finding the change.

Class 2 enjoyed a very focused 'Anti bullying' week and we have a focus on relationships in PSHE. The children have been thinking lots about being kind, showing you care and giving compliments. They learnt about filling other people's 'buckets' and we have enjoyed reading about how this has continued at home.

The RE topic has been learning all about Judaism and how they celebrate God. We have made our own Torah scrolls with their prayer inside called The Shema and we have made our own Kippah head covering. We will be having a day in the last week where we follow a day in the life of a Jew by having 'Shabbat'. I hope they tell you all about it.



Class 2 have more exciting things to come with a teams meeting with Samuel Pepys and a maid from Pudding Lane Bakery to tell us all about what life was like in that moment in history and answer our questions that we are desperate to have answered.

The children are also going to enjoy a fire at forest school, toasting marshmallows and enjoying Christmas songs around the fire! Phew! Enjoy the run up to Christmas everyone

The Best Bits - Celebrating Our Achievements and Successes



Reception

Ellie, Phoebe and Isla – Problem solving skills in maths.

Matty – For effort and determination in your work this week.



Class 1

Zach – Positive attitude towards independent learning.

Roman – Fantastic writing, applying and using adjectives in sentences.

Eva, George and Monty – super work ethic towards maths challenges.

Toby – For your fantastic work ethic.

Sophie – Brilliant number ordering.

Monty – Super problem solving in maths.



Class 2

All of Class 2 – Excellent progress in phonics and achievements in the phonics screening test.



Class 3

George – Excellent contributions to whole class discussions.

Oliver – Using amazing vocabulary in his writing.

Lucia – Using amazing vocabulary in her writing.



Class 4

Harry - Always looking for ways to improve all of his work.

Max W and Evie - For great explaining in maths.

Daisy - For great research and note taking about Malala.



Class 5

Rory, Darcy and Sammy – Excellent progress in spellings.



Class 6

Max , Rosie, Beth and Joshua – Excellent effort in maths.

