



e-news @ Leigh & Bransford

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WELCOME BACK *** WELCOME BACK *** WELCOME BACK *** WELCOME BACK *** WELCOME BACK

Mr Bill, Welcome - It has been a great pleasure to welcome everyone back to school this week and to get back to something that feels more normal. I would like to thank you all for trying to stick to the staggered school day and for keeping your pupils off the trim trail as I requested. Your children will start coming home with different merit certificates from today that will reflect a stronger focus on our curriculum and our life skills.

Mr Bill, Road Safety - I have been contacted by the Leigh Sinton Community Group, who are hugely concerned about speeding in our community. This is particularly timely, as on Monday there was a serious accident by the old people's home just before school finishing time. There is no suggestion that our school community is any more likely to speed than the wider group of road users, however I would ask everyone to think about their speed and the safety of other road users. The Leigh Sinton Community Group are responsible for the anti-speeding scarecrow campaign and as a school, we will look for ways to support their work going forwards.

Mrs Beeching, Writing - On Wednesday it was International Literacy Day and we talked about this during our whole school assembly, sharing why reading and writing is so important to our daily lives. We talked about writing in particular, as it is a big focus for our school this year. I have asked the children to fill in a short questionnaire during school time to tell us how they feel about writing and how we can continue to make it better. The children were very excited to hear about two new developments. The first being a certificate each week dedicated to writing, each teacher will choose a writer of the week and they will receive a special writing certificate in merit assembly, which they will bring home. We will display their piece of writing in school in the foyer for one week and we would encourage you to come in and read their amazing writing. The second exciting thing they found out about was Dress as an adjective day. This will take place on Wednesday 22nd September and the children can dress up as any adjective. Some examples of ideas could be 'sleepy' where the children dress in their pyjamas, 'sparkly' where they dress with everything sparkly or 'strong' where they could dress in army clothes etc. The children will also need to attach a label to themselves indicating their chosen adjective. When the children come to school, they will share their adjective with the class and be encouraged to complete a piece of writing containing their adjective. Maybe you could share some ideas for their writing with them at home. There will be lots more writing-based activities to engage with throughout the year so watch this space for more information!

Attendance - This year we will begin to implement our attendance policy which can be found on our website. Attendance will be monitored half-termly and letters will be sent to you to share your child's attendance record. If your child's attendance falls below the threshold set in the policy, you will be contacted by school to discuss this. In Merit Assembly on a Friday, the children will be told the class with the highest attendance and that class will receive a class certificate, a sticker and an extra 5 minutes playtime. At the end of each half term children with high attendance will be given a certificate and a sticker to bring home. Please help us to keep our attendance great.

Fundraising, Nephi Attree – There is a fundraiser for our school conducted by Nephi who is the Dad of one of our children in Class 2. He is doing an insane 26.2 mile loaded march over the Malvern Hills with a 55lb loaded backpack on the 25th September 2021. Please donate to this amazing endurance task using the following link or the QR Code located on class doors. Good Luck Nephi!!
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/leighbransford>

Morrison's, Good to Grow – Morrison's are running a campaign called "It's good to grow"; we have registered and are awaiting our registration details. We will share these with you as soon as we have them. For each £10 a customer spends in store, they will receive one Grow Token, which they can donate to their chosen school (Leigh & Bransford please!) This applies between Monday 6th September and Sunday 24th October. Customers must have a My Morrison's Card that they collate the tokens on then proceed to go online to donate to the chosen school. From Monday 1st November, schools will then be able to order items from the list provided which include....

Garden tools, Protection, Propagation and growing, seed kits, watering and irrigation, raised beds, general equipment and compost.

Anthisan Sting/Bite cream – Currently we have to call a parent/carer when we need to administer this to a child, this wastes time especially when a child is in discomfort. Please can you contact the office and let them know if you DO NOT want this administered any time in the future, so we can act faster when administering First Aid when required.

*****Activity Dates for your Diary*****

22nd September - Dress as an adjective day

13th October – Harvest Assembly – In school

3rd November – Wellbeing Day.

10th November - Maths Day.

12th November - Children in Need – – non uniform donate a £1

6th December - Dress Rehearsal – Christmas Play

7th and 8th December Yr2/3 - PM Christmas

9th and 10th December FS/Yr1 - PM Christmas

13th December Year 4, 5, 6 Christmas Church Service 6pm (TBC)

*****Term Dates for your Diary*****

Autumn term – Monday 6th September 2021– Friday 17th December 2021

Autumn mid-term - Friday 22nd October 2021 – Monday 1st November 2021

Christmas Holiday – Friday 17th December 2021 – Wednesday 5th January 2022

Spring term – Wednesday 5th January 2022 – Friday 8th April 2022

Spring mid-term – Friday 18th February 2022 - Tuesday 1st March 2022

Easter – Friday 8th April 2022 – Monday 25th April 2022

Summer Term – Monday 25th April 2022 – Thursday 21st July 2022

Summer mid-term – Friday 27th May 2022 – Monday 6th June 2022

*****Bank Holidays*****

Good Friday - Friday 15th April 2022

Platinum Jubilee Holiday – Friday 3rd June 2022

Easter Monday – Monday 18th April 2022

Additional Bank Holiday – Friday 22nd July 2022 (Please see

Whitsun Bank Holiday – Thursday 2nd June 2022

amended Summer Term end date)

*****TED Days 2021-2022*****

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Monday 28th February 2022

Monday 27th June 2022

Celebrating our Successes and Achievements – Brave Briony

Class 1

Charlie – A great effort from Charlie trying new foods and new routines – Well done.

Mila – Showing confidence in class.

Class 2

George, Rafferty, Robyn and Sienna for great bravery all week.

Class 3

Leo – For settling in well to a new school.

Roshana & Freya – For showing excellent bravery and determination when tackling new tasks.

Class 4

Madison - For joining year 4 with a positive attitude.

Lucia – For being brave when stung by a bee.

Year 4 – For settling in so well to the new school year.

Class 5

Keira – For settling into a new school,

Daisy, Luke and Harry – Bravery and confidence in lessons, for trying new things and great contributions.

Class 6

Amber, Jess and Grace – A fantastic brave start to Class 6.



Weekly Attendance Class Certificates

Every week we will do our top three classes, the children will receive a sticker and 5 minutes extra break as a reward.

This week in equal first place - Classes 1, 4 and 6 – Congratulations!