



## e-news@ Leigh & Bransford Primary School

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### **Colder weather**

As Autumn arrives we would like to remind you to send your child to school with a warm coat that is labelled with their name.

### **Absence and lateness**

Please note that if you are more than 10 minutes late for your allotted start time then please bring your child to the office as they will need to be signed in as they will have missed registration in class and this will count as a "late" registration. Please also make sure that if your child is absent, you phone or email the office to let us know why. Please see reminders of start times below.

Class R	8.50 – 3.10
Class 1	9.00 – 3.20
Class 2	8.55 – 3.15
Class 3	8.50 – 3.10
Class 4	9.00 – 3.20
Class 5	8.55 – 3.15
Class 6	8.50 – 3.10

### **Medicines in school policy**

Following Department of Education guidance, we are making a change to our 'Medicines administered in School' procedures. If your child is prescribed with medication by a GP, we are happy to administer once a day during school hours, if they are deemed well enough to attend school whilst on the course of medication. There is now a consent form to be completed by the parent/carer, which must be completed when handing in medication to the School Office or staff member in morning club. **Medication must not be sent in with your child under any circumstances.** Unfortunately, we will no longer be able to hold non-prescribed

medicines in school, however if your child needs some in the day, we are happy for you to visit school to administer during the day.

### **Parental communication**

When emailing the School Office, could you kindly include your child's full name and class/year group. In particular, we are receiving a large number of ASC/collection/bus communications etc. where the child's name is omitted and the instruction is unclear. Many thanks for your support.

### **Academisation**

Further to the consultation process about joining a multi-academy trust that the school ran last May, I would like to further update you about progress to date. After the school completed its due diligence checks we put in an application to the DfE to join The Mercian Educational Trust (MET). During this period the MET also completed their due diligence which included checking the quality of teaching and learning, the school estate and any legal issues related to the site. I am delighted to let you know that last week the DfE contacted our governing body to let us know that our application has been successful. This means that we can now continue the exciting process of conversion and the benefits that it will bring for our pupils. This will not be complete until further checks and legal processes have been completed and a funding agreement agreed and put in place.

I will continue to update you on developments as they occur and in the meantime I am available to answer any questions you may have. Dafydd Lawday (CEO of MET) is planning to come to school to meet you in the near future also. Additionally, I would like to let you know that the school is already benefitting from closer links with MET schools, with staff collaboration happening at a variety of levels, safeguarding support, Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) support along with high level school improvement support which is already showing impact for our pupils. We also are forming plans for our pupils to benefit from greater interaction with pupils in the other schools.

### **Headteacher's Awards (awarded today)**

Class R - Sebastiano for effort with all subjects and a positive learning attitude.

Class 1 - Theo for settling in very well and for following the routines successfully.

Class 2 – Joey for quickly settling in and working really hard.

Class 3 - Lara for always being always eager to learn and challenge herself across all areas of learning. She is also constantly going above and beyond to support her classmates and ensure they feel happy and safe in school.

Class 4 - Edey for ALWAYS having a great attitude to ALL areas of school life, a wonderful role model.

Class 5 - Seth W for being a fantastic ambassador for our school, he upholds our school values and constantly shows kindness to others. Seth is extremely respectful around the school to adults and children alike and is honest and trustworthy. He demonstrates a growth mindset in his learning and has a 'Can do' attitude, not allowing any hurdles to stay in his

way. He speaks compassionately about world issues and embraces peoples' differences - accepting everyone for who they are.

Class 6 - Maddy for an incredible work ethic, growth mindset and setting a great example to her peers. She has shown a lot of independence and maturity throughout September.

### Before and after school care

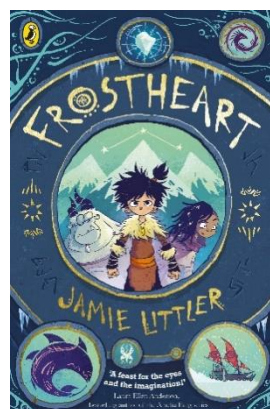
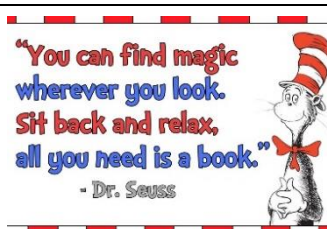
I would like to give you an update regarding providing additional capacity in morning and after school clubs to include reception pupils. I believe that there is enough interest to make it an affordable and viable proposition and I am currently looking for staff to cover the clubs. I will write to those of you who expressed an interest when I know more. In the meantime, please feel free to speak to me on the gate.

More generally and going forwards, I am in discussions with an external provider who could offer a more extensive service from 7.30am – 6pm to include more activities and food. Some of you have told me that you would really value this if it was available. However, before anything is changed I would like to gather your views. Please follow this link to give me your feedback: [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=jyUd4BSOYE-qQZV\\_3XZmsOSGpEF58PZHrZ90L0XrHKhUNjFISk4yTDhXSVhNM0dJMjU1VjZQV0w5VS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=jyUd4BSOYE-qQZV_3XZmsOSGpEF58PZHrZ90L0XrHKhUNjFISk4yTDhXSVhNM0dJMjU1VjZQV0w5VS4u)

## The Reading Corner

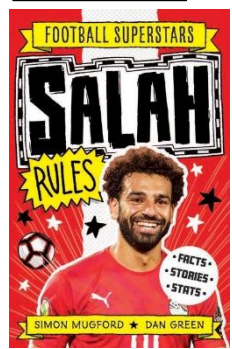
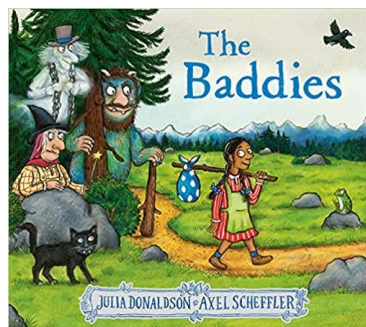
Recommendations made by the Reading Ambassadors and Mrs Tedds.

We will try and recommend books for a range of ages.



Years 4-6

Years R-3  
NEW Julia Donaldson



Years 2-6



## Extra-curricular Clubs

We have a range of exciting clubs on offer this term – please refer to the table below

<b>Mondays</b>	<p><b>Tennis</b> – Empower Active Clubs and Provision (Years 3-6)</p> <p>Booking link to follow</p> <p><a href="https://empoweractive.co.uk/about-empower-active-team/">https://empoweractive.co.uk/about-empower-active-team/</a></p>
<b>Mondays</b>	<p><b>Creative Art</b> – (All classes) Creation Station</p> <p>Natalie from Creation Station will be in school on Monday next week to do an assembly for the children for them to find out more. Please use this link to book: <a href="https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/3159">https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/3159</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.thecreationstation.co.uk/locations/the-malverns">https://www.thecreationstation.co.uk/locations/the-malverns</a></p>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<p><b>Multi-skills</b> – KS1 Empower Active Clubs and Provision (Year R-2)</p> <p>Booking link to follow</p> <p><a href="https://empoweractive.co.uk/about-empower-active-team/">https://empoweractive.co.uk/about-empower-active-team/</a></p>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<p><b>Musical Theatre</b> – Please see the letter from Mrs Tedds (Year 5 and 6)</p>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<p><b>Taekwondo</b> - Malvern Martial Arts – Taekwondo (All classes)</p> <p>Basic Taekwondo skills and applications including Korean terminology, blocking, punching &amp; kicking techniques. The aim is to teach children the importance of fitness, self-control plus the ethics of true Martial Arts and its applications in a safe and controlled environment.</p> <p>Martial Arts is a character building life skill which pacifies the more aggressive whilst building self-confidence in the more timid.</p> <p>For further information, contact Pauline – 07958 306760</p>
<b>Thursdays</b>	<p><b>Football</b> – Supastrikers (Year 3-6)</p> <p>Dear Parents/ Carers</p> <p>We are pleased to confirm that SupaStrikers will be running an after school football club at Leigh and Bransford Primary on Thursday afternoons. This club is for Key Stage 2 pupils which will run from Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.</p> <p>These sessions will be led by qualified and DBS checked coaches who have had great wealth of experience both playing and coaching the game. The sessions will cover a range of skills through fun based activities, ensuring the children remain engaged and more importantly have fun whilst they learn. This will give</p>

	<p>the children an understanding of the fundamentals of how to play the game in a safe and controlled environment. The children will also participate in small sided matches and competitions throughout the term.</p> <p>The Autumn term sessions will run from <b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b></p> <p>To book please click on the following link and complete the registration process <a href="#">Leigh &amp; Bransford Primary Autumn Term 2022 (Thu 3rd Nov 2022 - Thu 8th Dec 2022)   SupaStrikers Worcestershire 2   Powered by ClassForKids (class4kids.co.uk)</a></p> <p>If you have any queries, please get in touch. Kind Regards</p> <p>Steven Philpott-Petrou <b>Director/ Head Coach</b></p> <p><b><i>SUPASTRIKERS WORCESTERSHIRE LTD</i></b> <b>Facebook: @supastrikersworcestershire</b> <b>Instagram: supastrikers_worcestershire</b></p>
<b>TBC</b>	<b>Eco club</b> – Mrs Collard will be running a lunchtime eco club.

### The children's highlights so far...

Class R	<p>We have been dancing to music in PE (Olivia)</p> <p>We have been listening to Mr Loveday to follow instructions (Teddy)</p>
Class 1	<p>I liked listening to the story with Mr Gumpy in it (Isla)</p> <p>I have enjoyed learning about rhythm in music by clapping (Bertie)</p>
Class 2	<p>We have been making 3D sculptures of people in Art. (Phoebe)</p> <p>In Geography, we followed a map to go blackberry picking and then made an apple and blackberry crumble, it was yummy. (Amelia)</p>
Class 3	<p>I have enjoyed starting our French lessons. (Alfie)</p> <p>We have been writing the story of Aladdin. (Martha)</p>
Class 4	<p>I have really enjoyed making electric circuits with wires and batteries. (Georgie)</p> <p>We have been doing hockey in PE. We have been taught how to hold the stick and control the ball. (Charlie)</p>
Class 5	<p>I have enjoyed maths because we have been doing Roman Numerals and I am quite good at it. (Amy)</p> <p>We have learnt about Nelson Mandela and why black and white people are equal. (Jack M)</p>
Class 6	<p>I have enjoyed doing Maths this week. We have learnt about negative numbers and rounding, it's quite fascinating.' (Luke)</p> <p>I have liked doing Art. We have painted lots of different textures and we had to mimic a painting by Claude Monet. (Ava)</p>

## Key School Diary Dates (Autumn)

<b>October 2022</b>	
Friday 21st	Last day of Autumn half term
Monday 24th to Friday 28th	Half term break
Monday 31st	School re-opens
<b>November 2022</b>	
Monday 7th	Parent's evening until 5.30pm - in person (info to follow)
Tuesday 8th	Parent's evening until 5.30pm - MS Teams (info to follow)
Wednesday 9th	Parent's evening until 7pm – in person (info to follow)
<b>December 2022</b>	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Play, Years 2 & 3, 2pm start
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Play, Reception & Year 1, 2pm start
Friday 9th	Christmas Jumper Day, bring £1 for 'Save the Children'
Tuesday 13th	Christmas lunch
Thursday 15th	Christmas party - info to follow

### \*\*\*TED Days 2022-2023\*\*\*

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2023

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023