

# Newsletter

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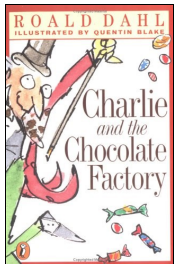
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## Dates for your diary

Tuesday 9th February	Chinese Lion Dance Performance & Workshops (Years 1, 2 & 5)
Wednesday 10th February	E-Safety Workshop for parents 2.40—3.15pm
Thursday 11th February	Year 3 Stone Age Trip to Telford (1st Group)
	Year 2 Swim
Friday 12th February	Year 3 Stone Age Trip to Telford (2nd Group)
	Valentine themed cake sale—3pm
	Last Day of Term
Monday 15th—Friday 19th February	Half Term
Monday 22nd February	Children return to school

## Roald Dahl Workshops

This year, Year 4 have been doing drama workshops with Hereford Courtyard Theatre. 4SC have been exploring Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, 4F have studied James and the Giant Peach and 4C have been working on George's Marvellous Medicine whilst 4P did Fantastic Mr Fox. We've all loved doing it and we've all worked very hard. We had a great time performing at the Hereford Courtyard!



Gracie Panniers 4F



## Thank you

A huge thank you to everyone who donated money for Text Santa on the last day of the Winter term, we raised nearly £300. There was a huge array of colourful Christmas jumpers worn even though the temperature outside meant T-Shirts would be more appropriate! This money will be used by Text Santa for distribution amongst the following charities—Macmillan Cancer Support, Make-a-Wish UK and Save the Children.



## Project Playgrounds

We are all very excited about the new playground markings we have recently commissioned from Project Playgrounds. These new markings provide a stimulating play environment for all our pupils and are already in full use. Markings include games such as Hopscotch, Noughts and Crosses, Piggy in the Middle, Four Square, Dart Board, Chess and an Activity Trail. In addition to the Games markings we have Alphabetical, Colour, Shapes, Number Squares, Number Lines, Times Tables, Geographical and Compass markings. Reception children now have their own road complete with pedestrian crossing, the road has been rather congested with Reception pupils riding the new bikes along it! You can see the photographs of our new markings on our school website at [www.leominsterprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.leominsterprimaryschool.co.uk), in addition the school website is now accessible in several languages, please use the "select language" button in the top right hand corner of the screen.

### Sporting News

We have had lots of sporting activities taking place since the start of term. Our Gifted and Talented Year 6 pupils have just taken part in Boxercise at Earl Mortimer College and will be having a session of Golf at The Grove on March 21st. A selection of children from Key Stage 1 will visit Earl Mortimer College on Tuesday 26th January for a ball skills festival, and prior to this on the 25th January will take part in the target festival. A Cross Country team competition takes place at St Richard's School, Bredenbury for our keen runners and there is a High 5 netball fun festival for Years 3 and 4 on March 17th. In addition to all the sports and after school clubs children have participated in, students from the Earl Mortimer College have been coming into school on a Thursday lunchtime and organising activities for Key Stage 1 pupils which have been greatly enjoyed. Pupils have participated in many sporting events and competitions over the past few months including, Athletics, Futsal and Football tournaments achieving very credible results. Very well done to the following Futsal teams for reaching the finals in the Winter Games—the Year 4 & 5 Girls Team, Year 4 & 5 Boys Team and the Year 6 Boys Team. Congratulations also to everyone who has taken part in representing the school and a big thank you to their coaches.

### University of Worcester Student

Hello, I have recently joined 2G for my last teaching practice as I am in my third year on the Primary Education Course at the University of Worcester. Being in such a large primary school was daunting at first, with so many faces and names to learn, but everyone has been very welcoming and I am settling in well. I am really enjoying working with the children on topics including 'Is it alive?', Fairy Tales and the work of Andy Goldsworthy and look forward to the rest of my time here at Leominster Primary School.

Jenny Weldon (Worcester University)

### Christmas Craft Morning in Nursery

We had a wonderful time during our Christmas Craft Morning, it was lovely to see so many parents and a great time was had by all. During a productive morning we made Reindeer Bags, Coloured, Decorated Biscuits and made Paper Chains which we then used to decorate our classrooms. To round off the Christmas festivities, Mr Trevor Hill brought some special visitors, Reindeer, to see us, the children were able to stroke the reindeer and ask lots of questions, they were a huge treat! Later during the last week of term, all Nursery and Reception children visited Santa's grotto where they met Santa and received a gift.

### Messy Church

The Leominster Messy Church Team will be having pancakes for Pancake Day on Tuesday February 9th at The Forbury Chapel, Church Street Leominster at 4.30-5.30pm. There will be pancake racing to start, so please bring frying pans for anyone who would like to race. Children must bring an adult with them. No charge but donations, pancakes and toppings are all very welcome. The next Messy Church will be Thursday March 3rd For information phone Kathy Bland 01568 610785.

### Buggy Jogging

An exciting new exercise group starts on Tuesday 9th February at 9.30am. Fun for you and your baby or toddler! Run by a qualified running fitness leader with FREE weekly sessions for beginners, Buggy Joggers should meet in the reception at Coningsby Children's Centre, Leominster. For further information please contact Zoe on 07870 397352 or email [zhooper@brightstripe.co.uk](mailto:zhooper@brightstripe.co.uk).



### Clubs

There are a number of lunchtime clubs taking place throughout the school, on Mondays there is a Book Club for Year 1 & 2 pupils run by Miss Nightingale and Mrs Rutterford and on Wednesdays there is an IT Club for Year 4 pupils run by Miss Cunnington. For those musical pupils amongst us Choir practice takes place on the following days:- Monday (Years 5 & 6), Tuesday (Years 3 & 4) and Wednesday (Year 2). Recorder practice for Years 3 & 4 is on a Thursday lunchtime with Mrs Firth.

### School Term Dates

<b>Half Term</b>	15th to 19th February 2016
Return to School	Monday 22nd February 2016
<b>Easter Holiday</b>	25th March to 8th April 2016
Return to School (Summer Term starts)	Monday 11th April 2016
<b>Half Term</b>	30th May to 3rd June 2016
Return to School	Monday 6th June 2016
Last day of Summer term	Wednesday 20th July 2016

### Collection of pupils

Please could you ensure that if older siblings are collecting pupils at the end of the school day or after school clubs finish that they wait outside the school building. Thank you.