

Newsletter

Autumn Term 2015

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Timings of the school day

A reminder of the timings of the school day.

Reception, Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2), Key Stage 2 children (Years 3–6) need to be in class at 8.50am. Arrivals between 8.50am and 9.00am through the front entrance will be marked as late and children arriving after 9.00am will receive an unauthorised late mark unless a valid reason can be provided.

Nursery children start a little later at 9.00am and if staying the whole day need collecting at 3.00pm.

At the end of the school day Reception and Key Stage 1 children (Years 1 & 2) need to be collected at 3.15pm, whilst Key Stage 2 children (Years 3–6) need collecting at the slightly later time of 3.20pm.

Breakfast Club (which must be pre-booked) starts at 7.45am.
Drop-off (which must be pre-booked) starts at 8.30am.

School Lunch Orders

Just a reminder that school lunches need to be ordered a week in advance. Forms should be handed into the school office by 9.30am on Tuesday mornings.

Harvest Festival

Key Stage 2 children (Years 3–6) will have received a letter about our Harvest Festival Service which takes place on Thursday 22nd October. We would be grateful for items of non-perishable foods such as tinned goods, pasta, rice, beans, coffee etc. for our Harvest Festival, these goods will be donated to the Leominster Food Bank.

Year 3 parents and guardians are invited to attend the Harvest Festival on Thursday 22nd October at 2.30pm in the school hall.



Summer Fayre

Our thanks to the PTA for organising such a great Summer Fayre at the end of last term! It takes a lot of work to put it on and the PTA officers, volunteers and staff pulled out all the stops to make sure that the children and families had a really enjoyable time. Thank you to everyone who organised it before the day and to everyone who ran stalls on the day!

Headteacher's Consultation

At the parent consultation meeting in September parents expressed the view that rather than giving out regular homework at set times, they would like homework to be given out on a more flexible basis and that the homework should address the areas that their child found hard in lessons. In other words, to only give out homework when the children need it. Parents also said that while they found the end of year reports good, they need more information about progress during the year so that they can support their children's learning.

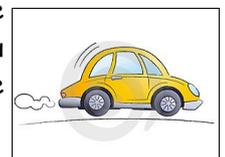
We shall now review our homework requirements and consider ways to be more informative about progress across the year and shall hold a meeting for parents next half term to go through a new homework approach and to outline the ways we will communicate progress information to parents.

Traffic

We would like to remind everyone that vehicles are not allowed onto school premises after 8.30am so please drop your child off as directed by the staff on duty at the turning circle at the front of the school.

At the end of the day cars are not to be parked in the bottom car park unless there are exceptional circumstances that have been agreed with the school. We hope that you understand that your child's safety is paramount.

Please make sure that your child stays on the pavement and off the road at all times as you walk to and from the school.



Assemblies

Over the course of the school year parents will be invited to a class assembly. A letter will be sent out inviting you to an assembly and details will also be placed on the school website—www.leominsterprimaryschool.co.uk, we hope to see you there!

Every Day Counts!

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Positive attendance is going to be a focus this term and throughout the year. Obviously we fully understand children are ill from time to time, but if they are fit and well we expect to see them each and every day. To celebrate the classes with good and improved attendance there will be a chance to win in house rewards each term with the overall class winner having an afternoon treat out of school at the end of the school year. We also want to recognise individual attendance and each term there will be prizes for those children with good attendance and improved attendance. More information to follow in the Attendance Newsletter.

Lost Property

There will be a weekly display of Lost Property on a Friday afternoon in the school hall. Items that are named will be returned by the Year 6 monitors to their owners. Any unnamed items will be available to collect on a Friday afternoon at the end of the school day in the hall.



Gardening Club

Some of you may have noticed that an area of the school grounds is slowly changing. A group of children are now working hard, along with the kind support of parents and volunteers, to create a productive garden. As it becomes established we are hoping to grow a variety of fruits and vegetables, as well as flowers. We already have some fruit bushes in situ and we are now looking forward to stocking our raised beds with winter vegetables. The children in the gardening club are very excited about the prospect of helping to develop the garden; planting, growing and caring for all the plants within it.



Holiday Dates

Here is a reminder of the school holiday dates.

	Autumn Term 2015	Spring Term 2016	Summer Term 2016
Term Starts	Monday 7 th September	Tuesday 5 th January	Monday 11 th April
Half Term	26 - 30 October	15 - 19 February	30 th May - 3 rd June
Term Ends	Friday 18 th December	Thursday 24 th March	Wednesday 20 th July

	Autumn Term 2016	Spring Term 2017	Summer Term 2017
Term Starts	Wednesday 7 th September	Wednesday 4 th January	Monday 24 th April
Half Term	24 - 28 th October	13 - 17 February	29 th May - 2 nd June
Term Ends	Friday 16 th December	Friday 7 th April	Friday 21 st July

Playground Leaders

32 of our year 6 pupils have recently volunteered to become playground leaders. They will be responsible for organising equipment and supervising a variety of games during lunchtimes so that all our children can enjoy more structured forms of play. They will also be a friendly face and a helping hand for those children who need reassurance or encouragement to join in playground games. We wish them luck in their new role!