

# Newsletter

Autumn Term 2015

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## NOVEMBER



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### Dates for your diary

Monday 9th November	- After School Clubs start - 2.45pm—6S Class Assembly 'Diwali'
Tuesday 10th November	- Reception Open Day for new parents - 2.30pm—4P Class Assembly
Thursday 12th November	- Year 3 & 4 Parental Engagement Workshop - Scholastic Book Fair in school for one week -6.00pm (Year 6 parents) York Parent's Meeting - Year 4 swimming commences (8 weeks)
Wednesday 18th November	- Trevor Hill visiting Nursery
Thursday 19th November	- Year 5 & 6 English Workshop for parents - 6.30pm (Year 4 parents) Red Ridge Parent's Meeting
Monday 23rd November	- Nasal Flu Vaccinations for Year 1 & 2 pupils
Saturday 28th November	- 3—4pm Festival of Light (Leominster) followed by the Switching on of the Christmas Lights (Year 3 & 4 Choir) ( <i>letter to follow</i> )
Monday 30th November	- 1.30pm—1N Class Assembly
Thursday 3rd December	- 6.00—8.00pm Heartstart Training for Parents -Year 3 Hereford Courtyard Pantomime Trip
Monday 7th December	- 2.15pm Years 1 & 2 "Christmas around the world"
Tuesday 8th December	- Christmas Lunch for Reception, and Years 1 & 2 pupils -2.30pm Mrs Keeble's Reception Class—Nativity Play -6.00pm Pyramid Carol Service at the Priory Church (Year 2 Choir, Year 5 & 6 Choir) (letter to follow)
Wednesday 9th December	- Nursery Christmas Craft Morning -2.30pm Miss Allford's Reception Class—Nativity Play
Thursday 10th December	- Christmas Lunch for Years 3,4,5 & 6 -2.30pm Miss Elliot's Reception Class—Nativity Play
Tuesday 15th December	- 2.15pm—Carol Service at the Priory Church (Reception, Years 1 & 2) -6.00pm—Carol Service at the Priory Church (Years 3,4,5,& 6)
Wednesday 16th December	- Nursery Christmas Party
Friday 18th December	- Term Ends

### Reception Open Morning -10th November

Do you have a child born between 1st September 2011—31st August 2012? We are holding our Reception Open Morning on Tuesday 10th November 9.30—11.00am. Meet the staff, pupils and enjoy a 'stay and play' session with your child. We really look forward to meeting with you!



### Free Heartstart Course

We have a FREE Heartstart Course which will take place in school on **Thursday 3rd December between 6 - 8pm**.

To book a place on a FREE two hour heartstart course (CPR etc) please email us on: [admin@lps.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lps.hereford.sch.uk) or call Mrs Helen Rees on 616919.





### Macmillan Cake Sale

A big thank you to everyone who made, bought or ate cakes at our cake sale. We raised 379.18 which will go to Macmillan Cancer Support.

### Coningsby Children's Centre

Coningsby Children's Centre in Leominster offers a wide range of services to parents with young families. These include:- Midwife Clinic, Antenatal support sessions, Baby Massage, Child dental health advice, Return to work support and advice and Health Visitor Drop in Sessions. We have a list of clinics and times in school or you can contact them direct on 01432 383340.



### Messy Church

Messy Church at Leominster Priory will be on the theme of Light on Thursday Nov 12th 4-6pm. We will be glowing in the dark! Please bring empty jars (labels removed). Everyone is welcome - children need to bring an adult. There is no charge but donations are always welcome. They finish with a hot meal for everyone.

### Post Box

You may have noticed that we have a post box in the foyer of the school office. This can be used for forms that you wish to hand into the school office. The post box is emptied daily and distributed accordingly.



### Homework

After the consultation meeting earlier this term we are re-thinking the way we do homework. The new homework arrangements will be coming out soon.

### Leaves

The leaves that have fallen around the school grounds are cleared on a regular basis, however some areas of the school grounds may be slippery as a result, please take care when arriving or leaving the school.

### Parental Workshops

A number of parents have said that they have found the Parental Workshops very enjoyable and helpful. Please look out for when they are happening and come along! They will let you know about what your child is studying at school and give you ideas about how to support them.

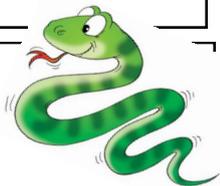
### School Lunch Orders

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.

Christmas Lunch Orders need to be placed on a separate order form (*to follow*) by 1st December at the latest. ***Even if your child receives Free School Meals or is eligible for a Key Stage 1 Free Meal you still need to complete the Christmas Lunch order form by this date. Thank you.***

### Trips, Visits and Special Events

Many of the children have enjoyed various activities since returning to school in September. Year 6 visited Bircher Common on a beautiful autumnal day in September, whilst Year 4 enjoyed a trip to Queenswood. Year 5 ventured a little further afield to Elan Valley (part of the Cambrian mountains) to look at the geographical scenery and obtain information to write a non-chronological report on the dams. Year 3 children have been undergoing pedestrian training both in and out of the school. In addition Year 3 children also received a visit from Tropical.Inc a mobile zoo, children had the amazing opportunity to get up close to a variety of exotic animals and learn about their environment. Skunks, Owls, Snakes and Tarantulas were a few of the animals on display although everyone's favourite was the Meerkat! Reception children visited Tillington Farm where they had a walk in the orchards before each child picked an apple which was made into apple juice. This was then followed by a cooking session where all the children made a delicious apple and honey wedge cake! We have had visits by Concern Universal a charity raising awareness of poverty throughout the world, Hygiene Heroes workshops teaching the importance of correct handwashing and the NSPCC who held an assembly for Years 5 & 6, part of a Government National Initiative. We stepped back to the Victorian era in October when Year 1 children dressed as Victorians, and were able to play with an assortment of Victorian toys as well as baking Victorian cakes. Year 3 parents were invited to our Harvest Festival in October and we have received a big thank-you from the Leominster Food Bank manager for all the items donated. Year 4 pupils have enjoyed Roald Dahl Workshops this week and these continue into next week, whilst Year 5 pupils will enjoy a visit by a local Potter next week. Marches Veterinary Group visited school along with their black Labrador in addition to visits by parents who came into school to talk about their job, we hope some of the visitors have provided the inspiration for the children to write about 'My Dream Job' a competition being run by the Royal Mail. The winning writer will receive £1000 in addition to £1000 for their school! Trips continue in December with Year 3 children visiting the Hereford Courtyard to watch the panto 'Beauty and the Beast'.



### Attendance

Well done to all children who have been here every day since we started back after half-term. The weekly result is on the board. Ask your children where their class is positioned in the space race!