

# LEOMINSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

## RECEPTION AUTUMN NEWSLETTER



Dear parents,

Welcome to Leominster Primary School. We are delighted to welcome you and your child into our Reception classes. It was great to see so many of you at our coffee afternoon and to see all the children start school last Friday. The children have made an excellent start to their new school and are keen to get involved with school life. They have settled well, are following routines and enjoying making new friends. The children have been enthusiastic and have enjoyed taking part in lots of activities. To promote your child's independence, please can we now ask you to say goodbye to your child in the morning at their classroom door. If you do need to speak to their teacher, they are always standing at the door available for you to pass on any messages. If you wish to speak to your teacher at the end of the day, can we please ask you to wait until the teacher has seen out all the children and then they can be free to talk to you. Please can we also ask for pushchairs to not enter the classroom.

Below is a list of staff working in Reception:

Teachers:, Mrs Bristow, Miss Elliott, Mrs Gunnell and Miss Preece

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Pugh, Ms Cawley, Mrs Nicholls, Miss Field

SEN support Assistants: Mrs Lloyd, Miss Davies and Miss Jackson      EAL support Assistant: Ms Kwietniewska

### Organisation

The children are trying really hard with organising their belongings in school. It would be really helpful if you could regularly check all your child's uniform / PE kit / lunchbox / book bag is clearly named. It is the only way that we can know who it belongs to. The children spend time learning outside too and have wonderful activities prepared for them. Please ensure your child is always dressed appropriately for all weather situations.

Please ensure your child has their PE bag. Any forms or letters should be put in their book bags and we check their bags daily. We do recommend that your child has a purple school book bag, to ensure all letters get home to parents. Your child will need their book bag every day.

### Our Learning

We will be planning from the children's interests throughout the year. This term our topics are Autumn / Harvest and Ourselves. The children will be exploring all areas of learning through this topic. At this stage of the year our priority is getting to know the children well so we can plan activities and they will enjoy learning. Every Friday your teacher will set up a class challenge. This will be displayed on the classroom window next to the letters and numbers of the week. Can the challenge please be completed by the following week.

### Individual Profiles

Each child will soon have an online individual profile on Tapestry. Hopefully you came to our induction evening last July and saw the benefits of the profile. It is a fantastic way to view your child's school life and achievements. As a parent / carer, you are aware of your child's interests and strengths. We would like to include your contributions in their profiles and so we welcome any photographs, certificates, wow moments or comments. If you have signed up for this, you will soon receive an email to activate your account. Please see below, dates for your diary at the end of this newsletter, inviting you to attend a drop in tapestry information session.

## Phonics / Reading

We use the Read Write Inc programme to teach reading. The children will be learning to say, blend and remember sounds. These skills are building blocks to reading. You will be invited in this term to our Phonics workshop for parents so that you can learn how we teach phonics and how you can support your child at home. Reading scheme books will follow later, when your child is ready to use their new skills to begin reading some phrases and sentences. Until then, enjoy sharing our bedtime books. Please look at 'How to support your child with reading' which was given at your home visit. During the term, we will also be inviting you along to 'story time'.

## Session times

Our doors open at 8:45 am so that our school day starts promptly at 8.50am. School finishes at 3.15pm. We would like to remind you of the importance of attendance and punctuality and ask that you make every effort to bring your child to school every day and collect them on time. If you are late in the morning you will need to go to the front desk at Reception where the admin staff will see you. Please telephone the school in the morning if your child is going to be absent from school. Please Telephone **01568616919**.

Please can I kindly remind you that when you are waiting for the school doors to open, stand behind the pencils and the sheltered area. Can children not play with the toys under the shelter because the area is often set up for the day.

## Meeting with your Teacher

If you need to talk to the class teacher, they are available at the end of each day. Sometimes they may not be able to talk as they have other commitments after school, but you can always make an appointment. If you wish to make an appointment with me, please contact the school office. See dates for your diary below to find out when we will hold our first Parent / Carers Teacher meeting.

## Website

Please visit our website regularly  
[www.leominsterprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.leominsterprimaryschool.co.uk)

Here you will find lots of useful school information and once on the Reception page, you will find letters, photos of what the children have been up to, useful dates, information about our curriculum, how to support your child and much, much more!

*Many Thanks*

*Mrs Lynch  
Deputy Head*

## Dates for your Diary

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Reception slideshow – parents welcome at 3pm  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Wear what you want day for Little Princess Trust (Please note Reception and Nursery are the Thursday and the rest of school Friday)  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Open morning for Parents / carers of children starting Reception in 2019  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Break up for Half - Term

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Back to school  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Teacher / Parent meeting  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Teacher / Parent meeting  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm– Reception Christmas Craft session – Parents / carers welcome

### **Christmas Play:**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Class RB  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Class RPG  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> - December Class RE  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Break up for Christmas

### Dates to be confirmed:

Tooth Fairy visit  
Town Library visit

