

# LEOMINSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

## RECEPTION SPRING NEWSLETTER



### Highlights from last term ...



Reception thoroughly enjoyed their outing to the Town Library, Christmas Craft Afternoon, visit from the emergency vehicles and our Nativity Production.

Dear parents

Welcome back after the Christmas holiday. I hope you had a great break. The children have all returned with smiling faces, eager to be at school! We had a fantastic first term. There were so many highlights, including our visits from the fire engine, ambulance, police car and tractor. The children loved sitting in their vehicles! We welcomed visitors in the classroom to discuss their jobs. This included Mr Mamak, our Head Teacher, Paul the vicar, Mrs Evans from the school office and Mr Pugh the builder. The children asked our visitors great questions to find out more! We also visited the Town Library and of course we can't forget our superstars in Reception who performed in our Nativity productions. Thank you to all Parents / Grandparents who came to our Christmas Craft afternoon. It certainly got us into the Christmas spirit! The children had a lovely Christmas party that was made very special with the arrival of Father Christmas in our Grotto. We hope the children have enjoyed their presents and have now settled down to some regular routines. This week, your child has thoroughly enjoyed our world religion themed week. A big thank you to our visitor Mrs Brown who talked about christianity.

### Our Learning



As you are aware we plan for your children through chosen topics initiated by child's interests and although we have a topic chosen by the teacher at the beginning of each half term, e.g. at the moment it is winter and the Polar Regions, the remainder of the half term, planning is based upon children's interests. We want to plan activities that they will enjoy learning about. Keep a look out in the classroom window what our topic is so that you can support your child at home.

Please remember that every Friday your child will bring home a learning challenge. They will also have a word book which will include sounds and tricky words that they have been learning. Please practise these at home as much as you can. Please remember to support your child with their reading at home regularly. We consider reading to be of great importance and the key to all other aspects of learning as it impacts on everything a child does. We encourage your child to read at least three times a week at home.

Last term it was fantastic that so many of you came to join in with our story session time every Friday at 3pm. We will start this again on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January. If you have not attended before, please do come along. It is a fantastic opportunity to listen to a story with your child read by their teacher. It will give you an insight in the types of questions you can ask your child to support their learning of reading. There will also be opportunities to share stories with your children. We will look forward to seeing you on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January.

## **Organisation**

The children are coping really well with organising their belongings in school. It would be really helpful if you could regularly check all your child's clothing / 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. Coats, hats and gloves this time of year are advised!

Please ensure your child has their PE bag in school for the whole half term. Any forms or letters should be put in their book bags and we check their bags daily.

Please could you encourage at home your child to get dressed / undressed independently. This will help your child a lot in school. Also if you are not doing it already, encourage your child to organise themselves in school first thing in the morning e.g. walking through the classroom on their own and hanging up their coat and putting their book bag in the book bag box, ready to choose an activity at a table.

## **Reminders**

### **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. Remember though that your child will be marked as late! Please telephone the school in the morning if your child is going to be absent from school.

### **Tapestry**

We have really enjoyed your on-line learning journey contributions of your child's achievements – Thank you. If you are still not activated, please come and see your class teacher. It really is a fantastic opportunity to share all their learning and to see what they are doing in school.

### **Future events**

Reception are holding a themed week 'China' during the week of 4<sup>th</sup> February. During this week, we are having a Chinese New Year workshop with Glen Parry. We would like to invite Reception parents into school at 2.40pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February to come and watch your child's performance. If you have any artefacts or photographs about China, please bring them in.

Reception and KS1 are watching the production of The Wizard of Oz in school on 29<sup>th</sup> January. We are going to have a Wizard of Oz themed day and we are asking if your child can please come to school dressed as a wizard of Oz character.

## **Dates for your Diary**

Dates	Events
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> January and every Friday after this date	Our door opens to you at 3pm to come and join in with story time
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Wizard of Oz production in school – children to come into school dressed as a character from the Wizard of Oz
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception and Nursery Chinese New Year workshop – Reception Parents invited at 2.40pm to watch their child's performances
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Non uniform day / valentines cake sale – In aid of Little Princess Trust
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	World book day – arrangements to be confirmed
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents welcome at 2.30pm to watch our Easter Bonnet Parade

Yours sincerely  
Mrs Lynch (Deputy Head)

