



LAWEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parent Newsletter

Date : November 2018

Headteacher News:

Welcome back after the half term break. I hope you have had a lovely week off with your children and families.

Last half term we had a fantastic start to the academic year with your children showing a brilliant attitude towards learning and general behaviour. I feel very privileged to be working with such nice children who are eager and keen to succeed. As a reward to all those children who have worked hard and behaved well school has organised trips to the cinema which will take place this half term in school time.

As a school, we are continuing to work hard to develop children's love for reading and I would like to thank all parents who have attended the Tuesday reading afternoons in Early Years and KS1. These reading afternoons will continue throughout the year and we would like to encourage as many parents as possible to attend. All classes have also visited or will be visiting Wakefield One Library this term where they will have the opportunity to explore the library and choose a book to bring back to school. If your child is not already a member of Wakefield One Library we would encourage you to join and make use of this fantastic local facility.

At the end of last half term we had a visit from the Book People Book Bus. The children really enjoyed visiting the bus and we would like to thank all parents who supported this event by buying books. The total sales were £850, which means school receives £125 to spend on books for school.

A huge thank you goes out to all the parents who contributed food items for our harvest festival. The food contributions were gratefully received by the Community Awareness Programme (CAP) who help the homeless in Wakefield. Some of our School Councillors will be visiting CAP to see and supported the valuable work that they do.

It was fantastic to see so many parents at Parents Evening taking a keen interest in their children's education. Thank you to all parents who completed the questionnaire. The results were very positive and can be seen on our school website. However if you do have any concerns we have an open door policy and myself of Mrs Tomlinson are happy to discuss any issues.

There has continued to be a lot of parental involvement through homework projects which is wonderful to see. During parents evening a few parents asked about why school doesn't send more traditional homework such as maths and English worksheets. Research has shown that although such worksheets can be valuable at times e.g. SATs revision, at other times it has little impact and children gain much more through spending time with parents working on a joint project to develop language and social skills. The children are extremely proud of their work and we will be holding a celebration evening on Monday 10th December at 3:30pm where parents are welcome to come into school and look at their child's topic work.

National Anti-Bullying Week is taking place next week and the theme this year is 'Choose Respect'. In school we will be doing a number of activities throughout the week to promote the event. This will include getting involved in the National Odd Sock day on Monday, 12th November to show support for the Anti- Bullying Campaign. Please send your child to school in odd socks on Monday, 12th November.

Thank you to all the parents who attend our first parents' coffee morning last half term. Our next one will be held on Wednesday, 21st November at 9am. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible.

As our trip to Robinwood is fast approaching, we would like to invite parents to a meeting on Thursday, 6th December at 3:30pm to inform you about the residential and to give parents the opportunity to ask any questions.

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday, 16th November to support children in need. We are asking all children for a voluntary contribution of 50p to support this cause.

Last half term we were experiencing some problems with our dining room and kitchen equipment. These problems should all be resolved by the end of this week so full menus will be hopefully available from Monday, 12th November. Thank you for your patience and understanding with this matter.

As some parents may be aware Mr Callaghan is currently absent from school due to illness. Miss Tomsett, an experienced teacher, is teaching the class and will remain in post to provide consistency for the children until Mr Callaghan returns. We wish Mr Callaghan a speedy recovery and will keep you updated with any developments.

Finally, at the end of this term we will be sadly saying goodbye to Mr Rawlings. He is leaving Lawefield after many years of hard work and dedication to the school to spend more time with his family. He will be missed by staff and children alike and we wish him well for the future. We have already appointed a teacher to fill Mr Rawlings' position. Mrs Taylor will start in January and we look forward to welcoming her to Lawefield Primary.

This is a busy half term so I have included some of the key dates below and more will follow later in the term.

Key Dates:

- ❖ Monday 12th November – Odd Sock Day
- ❖ Wednesday 14th November – School Councillors to visit CAP
- ❖ Friday 16th November – Children in Need – Non-uniform day
- ❖ Wednesday 21st November – Parents' coffee morning
- ❖ Thursday 6th December – Robinwood parents meeting
- ❖ Monday 10th December - Work celebration Evening
- ❖ Thursday 13th December – School Christmas Fair

Friday Assemblies for the half term will be:

Friday 16th November – Star Maths Assembly
Friday 23rd November – Year 5 Class Assembly
Friday 30th November – Star Reader Assembly
Friday 7th December – Year 4 Class Assembly
Friday 14th December – Star Writer Assembly
Friday 21st December – Special Certificate Assembly

All parents are welcome to attend our Friday Assemblies that start at 9.10am. If your child is awarded the star maths, reader or star writer award a text message will be sent to you the previous day in the hope you will be able to attend and celebrate this achievement with your child.

Miss J Beetham