

## *A message from Mrs. Hopley*



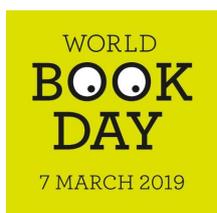
This half term has been a whirlwind in school! The children and staff have worked so hard and achieved so much. As you will have seen in the books coming home, we've revamped the teaching of phonics and spelling in school and although it's only been a few weeks, we are already seeing a difference in the reading and writing quality across the school. We have come away from the traditional spelling test at the end of the week to have a more robust method of teaching where children are continuously tested during sessions. This ensures they retain the words and know how to apply them into their independent writing. We will be offering all parents a workshop to come in and find out more about the way we are teaching phonics and spelling after half term – please keep an eye open for your invitation to these.

After half term there will be a couple of changes in staffing – Mrs Bates will be moving from year 4/5 to work in year 1 with Mrs Gilbert. Mr Wright will be stepping away from the teaching of year 1 (except on a Friday) to focus on his role as Deputy Head. As most of you will have spotted, Miss Baker is expecting a baby at the start of July – our first Lawley baby has been nicknamed 'Baby Beech' and we are all very excited about it! When Miss Baker goes on maternity leave, it is anticipated that Mr Wright will step into the year 2 class for the remainder of the year. We also welcome a new member of the Lawley Village family after half term. Miss Beeching will be working as the teaching assistant and cover supervisor in year 4/5 alongside Mr Betterton. She has a wealth of experience to bring to the school and she is very much looking forward to starting. I know you will make her feel very welcome.

After half term, year 3,4 and 5 will be holding their Easter performance of Alice In Wonderland, which they are very excited about. We also have year 2 performing in the 'Big Sing', with other schools in Telford – if you haven't already bought your tickets please do! Year 4/5 will be performing after Easter.

We are also going to be doing an official launch of our 11 B4 11 initiative after half term. Children have begun to take part in some events but we will be introducing you to it in more detail in the coming weeks – year 4 and 5 can start to look forward to a residential trip to Northern France next March!

Finally, I wish you all a pleasant week. Thank you for your ongoing support of the school, and more importantly of the work you do with the children at home to support their learning. I cannot emphasise enough how much difference it makes to their children's understanding when parents read, practice times tables and show an interest in what they are learning at home. We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.



### World Book Day 2019

World book day is on Thursday 7th March. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character!

### **Feature your business; advert in school!!**

Are you a business owner? Would you like to advertise your business in our main reception foyer? Very reasonable rates with lots of potential customers every day! Email office@lawleyvillageacademy.co.uk for



## Kwik Cricket Festival

Well done to those children who attended the kwik cricket festival on 12/02/2019 to compete with other Telford schools. We came 4th out of 10 which is absolutely fantastic!!

## Exotic Zoo are coming to Lawley Academy!!



During half term on Tuesday 19th February 11am - 12pm the Bourneville village trust have arranged for the Exotic Zoo to visit Lawley Academy where you will have the opportunity to get up close and personal with some of the zoos exotic animals. Places must be booked in advance and are £1 for BVT residents and £2 for all others. Email [events@bvt.org.uk](mailto:events@bvt.org.uk)



The children in Ash class were thrilled to welcome the Midlands Air Ambulance team into school this week. As part of our 'Street Detectives Topic' we have been learning about the people in our local community who help us, and hearing first hand about the amazing rescues carried out all over Shropshire really brought the topic to life. We learned about the 'Golden Hour' as well as becoming rescue pilots for a short while and are looking forward to raising funds to support the team by holding a mufti day next half term. Date to be confirmed.

## Diary Dates

### February

Half term - **Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February**

First day back - **Monday 25th February**

Year 3, 4 & 5 Roman Tours experience - **Wednesday 27th February**

### March

Year 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 cooking sessions - **4th, 5th, 11th and 12th March**

11 b4 11 launch – **Wednesday 6th March**

Year 2-5 spelling workshop (details to follow) - **Monday 11th March**

Reception - Year 2 parent phonics workshop - **Tuesday 12th March 2:30pm**

Parents evening - **Monday 18th March 4:30pm - 7pm**

- **Tuesday 19th March 3:30pm - 6pm**

Easter disco - **KS1 5pm - 6pm**

- **KS2 6:15pm - 7:15pm**

### April

Parents invited to music assembly (details to follow) - **Tuesday 9th April 9am**

Year 2 Big Sing Project - **Wednesday 10th April**

PD Day - **Friday 12th April**

Half term - **Monday 15th April - Friday 26th April**

First day back - **Monday 29th April**

### May

Year 5 Big Sing Project - **Wednesday 01st May**

**School closed** as we are being used as polling station - **Thursday 2nd May**

Bank holiday - **Monday 6th May**

Half term - **Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May**

### June

First day back - **Monday 3rd June**

### July

PD Day - **Friday 19th July**

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## Acorn Class - Rafael

Rafael has achieved so much this half term, making great friendships and working hard with a smile on his face every day. You are a pleasure to teach!



## Ash Class - Leo N

Leo comes into school with a smile everyday and is always eager to help his peers. He has shown an incredibly positive attitude to learning this term which has resulted in him producing some fantastic pieces of work. Leo has really persevered in his English this term, even when he has found the work challenging and as a result he has made excellent progress. Well done Leo we are very proud of you!



## Beech Class - Jason

Jason has worked very hard all half term and has produced some brilliant pieces of work! He comes into school every day with a fantastic attitude to his learning and he always tries his best. He works hard in all lessons and is a real role model for others. I have been extremely impressed with Jason's reading this half term, his comprehension has really developed and he is showing real confidence in his work. Well done Jason!



## Willow Class - Louie

Over the past few months, this young man has been working extremely hard in all curriculum areas. He settles down in lessons quickly and quietly and has produced some excellent pieces of work this half term. What has impressed the most, is his enthusiasm in English lessons to use adventurous vocabulary and use his intuition to use a dictionary and thesaurus to find exciting vocabulary. Louie is including adjectives, adverbs and similes to his writing which makes it exciting to read and I always look forward to reading it. In all subjects, Louie has excelled and I am so proud of what he has achieved. Well done Louie .



## Sycamore Class - Megan

Firstly, not only has her behaviour been exemplary all term, she constantly goes out of her way to help others including adults and children. Although she sometimes finds work difficult, she never gives up and is always determined to be the best she can in every single thing she does. This is reflected in her fantastic and well deserved progress across the whole curriculum. I can safely say Megan is reaching for the stars.