



Leo's News

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Latest News and Information from Linslade Lower School

What a lovely start to the term!

It has been wonderful to see the children in school over the week. I have enjoyed hearing about their holidays and seeing how much they have grown. Please check the web site for information about dates for the term. Mrs Farlam



Meet the teacher

Here are the times for the Meet the Teacher meetings that will take place next week from 3.40 pm– 4.15 pm

Monday– Beech Class (Year 4)

Tuesday Cherry Class (Year 3)

Wednesday– Mulberry Class (Year 2)

Thursday– Oak Class (Year 1) and Pear Class (Nursery)

Friday Apple Class (Reception)



The meetings will take place in your child's classroom to enable parents to see the learning environment. The slides will be on the class pages on the web site if you are unable to join. The aim of the meeting is to let you know about the curriculum, the school day and ways you can support your child at home. There will be an opportunity for questions at the end of the meeting. Children are welcome to attend with their adult.

Free school meals ...

Have your circumstances changed? You could be entitled to free school meals.

From September 2026, all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit attending maintained schools and academies will be entitled to receive a free meal. This includes pupils in school-based nurseries and maintained nursery schools, if they attend for lunch.

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals please take a look at the central Bedfordshire website and make an application.

<https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals>

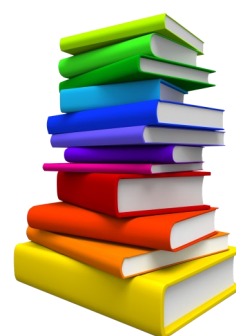


Homework

From Friday 11th homework bulletins will be sent home to families via email. All children receive a homework book to record learning. There will be spelling/phonics and reading activities every week. Then the teachers will choose another activity that will appeal to the children and link to the learning completed in school or to pre learn a new concept. These activities will range from maths, topic research, art, cooking etc. Children can bring their books in for the teachers to see. The teachers will stamp or tick the work and give a Leo point if it is completed well. Children do not have to give homework in on a set day. The home work is optional and we understand that some families want to do activities at home, while others prefer not to. We understand that family time is precious.

Reading books

Reading books have been sent home during next week. The books can go home each night and should be brought into school each day. Children can change their book when required. **Please hear your child read at least three times a week.** Parents should sign the reading record book when they have heard their child read. Independent readers have their own book to record reading. More information will be given to families at the Meet the Teacher Meetings.



Children in Reception Class do not have reading books as yet. Staff will be sending home some phonic activities to support their early reading skills at home.

Circle Groups

Every other Wednesday (starting Wednesday 23rd September) the children from Years 1 to 4 meet in mixed age groups for their circle group meeting. At the meeting they discuss a variety of topics related to their experience in school e.g. improving the environment, fundraising, friendships, what they like learning, what it means to be a citizen etc. A year 4 pupil chairs the meeting and another keeps notes. The main points from each groups discussion are fed back by the chair and note taker to Mrs Farlam. We then use this information to make improvements across the school.

We do this so that every child in school has the opportunity to voice their opinion and contribute to the school community. This is the way we run our school council so that every child has a opportunity to take part. They have to listen to and respect a variety of opinions though not necessarily agree with them. We believe this contributes to citizenship in their future lives, it supports our citizenship driver and it supports British values.

Value of the Half Term

The value of the half term is RESPECT. At Linslade Lower School we believe this is;

Knowing I am unique and valuable to others.

Liking who you are.



PTA Update

We hope you all had a lovely summer break. As the kids head back to school this week that means the PTA fundraising is back in full swing. In order for this to happen we need to fill a slot in our committee. Becky will be stepping down as secretary after volunteering for the past year. Thank you Becky for your time and hard work.

If you feel you can help support your school and help run the events we plan and setup throughout the year please let myself or Rich Poole know.

The main responsibility of the secretary is

- Arrange meetings (both zoom and in-person)
- Take minutes of meetings
- Maintain Dropbox
- Newsletter (team effort)
- Help with events and planning



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