Linslade Lower School

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School Improvement Plan

We are really proud of our school and strive to constantly improve what we do. This year our School Improvement Plan focusses of three areas- fluency in Maths, enhancing provision in Reception and Nursery and improving play and lunchtime experiences for pupils. We will be supported by our improvement advisor, Michelle Geddis and Central Beds Council. The governors receive regular reports on our progress and monitor the developments through the year. I have attached the improvement plan with this email for more information.

Playtime Surveys



As part of our school improvement we want to develop the experience pupils have at playtime.
We have designed two surveys. One for parents about your playtime experience when you were a school and one for pupils to complete at home about what they like and dislike.
Please use the links to complete the surveys. One pupil and one parent will be selected at random to win a small as a thank you for completing the survey.

The closing date for responses is Friday 20th November.

PUPIL SURVEY-

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeQVP1weOmwkRyouDP5Le-eoU73EQ6UEiOGgwpdZMZ2p_UIMA/viewform?usp=header

PARENT SUVEY-
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSclazhm9rr-ZGo8EFdPCm8LcJ7AUutgDUP5pQXlirpyd7zZJg/viewform?usp=header

Music Mark

We have been awarded the Music Mark by Inspiring Music to celebrate the value that we place on music in our school and for dedication & improvement. They have recognised that we understand the importance of music education and are committed to finding ways to embed consistent and inclusive provision. Well done everyone!

Mental Health Support Team

Mental Health Support Teams (MHST) offer early intervention, low intensity, mental health support within schools for children and young people with mild to moderate mental health difficulties. The purpose of the MHST is to improve the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people.

Specific support for families can be given. This includes support for concerns including mild-moderate anxiety or worries and friendship issues through 6-8 sessions of low intensity Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (LI-CBT), counselling sessions, themed group work or information workshops.

There are three main ways children and families can access support from the team-

When a school staff member notices a child or young person is struggling with day-to-day worries.

When a parent informs a school staff member about their concerns.

When a young person asks for support for themselves.

If you feel you and your child would benefit from this please contact me on

hfarlam@linsladelower.beds.sch.uk and I can organise the support.

Dates for the term

24th November 3.00pm	Years 1-4 English Book Look
26th November 9.30am	Reception 2027 tour
26th November through the day	EYFS Open Day
8th December 9.30am	EYFS Christmas Show to parents
9th December 9.30am	KS1 Christmas Show to parents
9th December 2.00pm	KS2 Christmas Celebration at St Barnabas
10th December 2.00pm	Year 4 Carol Concert at All Saints
12th December 12.00-3.00pm	PTA Christmas Fair
14th December 2.00pm	EYFS Christmas Party
15th December 2.00pm	KS1 Christmas Party
16th December 11.45-1.15pm	Christmas lunch
16th December 2.00pm	KS2 Christmas Party
18th December all day	Christmas Jumper Day
18th December 3.30pm	Christmas holidays start
4th January 2027	INSET Day
5th January 2027	Children return to school

Reminders

Children need a named water bottle (filled with water) in school every day.

Reading records, reading books and book bags should be in school every day.

Please ensure that long hair is tied up for school every day.

Children need to have a coat in school each day. We go outside to play in all weathers (unless it is heavy rain).

Ensure that all food in snacks and lunch boxes is NUT FREE.

Thank you

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing, please speak to a member of the school's Safeguarding Team. Mrs Farlam and Mrs Hogg are happy to help. You can also contact the Central Beds Council Integrated Front Door on 0300 300 8585, who you can talk to about your concerns. They will give you advice or may investigate the circumstances. All child protection calls are treated in confidence and you don't need to give your details. Everyone has a responsibility to protect children from harm.

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Xmas at the Farmhouse

21st November to 28th November 2026

A festive collection of art, designer crafts, Xmas decs and gifts.

ALL WORK IS FOR SALE.

No appointment necessary & free entry.

Brises Farmhouse
41 Nearton End
Swanbourne
Bucks
MK17 OSL

Open Thursdays to Sundays
11am-4pm
(closed Monday - Wednesday)

See a selection of work for sale online at:

www.obsidianart.co.uk






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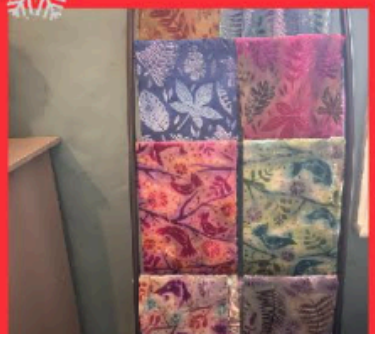
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Rotary
Leighton
Linslade
MAKE A LANTERN!
Be part of Leighton Buzzard's Christmas Eve Parade
WORKSHOP DATES
28 & 29 November
5 & 6 December
12 & 13 December
Salvation Army Hall, Lammas Walk
Saturdays 10 am - 3pm | Sundays 1pm - 5pm
£8.90 per lantern kit
Plus £0.90 booking fee
JOIN A WORKSHOP OR MAKE IT AT HOME!
Scan to book or order your kit
wegottickets.com/f/26885/
CHRISTMAS EVE - THURSDAY 24 DECEMBER
Festivities from 5.30 pm | Lantern Parade at 6.30 pm
Worshops: under-16s accompanied by an adult
Enquiries: lanterns@leightonlinsladerotary.com
The Rotary Club of Leighton Linslade Charitable Incorporated Organisation is a registered charity in England and Wales (Charity Number 1214684)