9th October 2015

Headteacher’s Comment
I am currently in the process of showing perspective parents and children around Larchwood for Reception September 2016 intake. I have already had quite a few visitors and I’ve got four more booked in for next week. Why so many, so early? Simple reason, we are popular!!

When I joined Larchwood we had spaces in all year groups and quite a few of them as well but that is no longer. We are now full in Year 2, 4 and 5 (and have waiting lists!). There are very minimal places left in the other year groups as well. As you can imagine, I am very pleased about this as our local, but also wider community, see us as a credible school of choice.

Parking
Parents who follow us on Twitter, will have seen a tweet in regards to a school piloting a scheme where they have the authorisation to issue parking tickets. Would I welcome that here? Well, the pilot school can delegate this power to parents who could carry out a parking patrol on their behalf. From the countless messages I have received from parents in the last two weeks, I don’t think I would have any problem finding volunteers for this role.

As you know, I welcome you into the school in the mornings and say goodbye at the end of the day. Being outside, I also get to see the parking issues that are being reported to me on a regular basis. I have to say that I look at some parents parking and think "really!" It’s the lack of consideration to others which is bewildering but more importantly it puts our children’s safety at risk. Without wanting to sound like a broken record in regards to this subject, it has to stop. If it doesn’t, a child may get seriously hurt or worse.

From here on, if you see parents inconsiderately parking, could you say something to them please? Not in a confrontational way but from the perspective of child safety. I will continue to speak to them, but if may simply feed up with this situation. My next step is to contact Essex County Council to see if we could run the parking ticket system here in Brentwood.

Reading at Home
The table below shows results from Monday 5th – Friday 9th October 2015 (percentages are rounded)

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Percentage of children reading 3 or more times a week
- RJ – 84% this week, up from 76% last week. An improvement but would like to see higher still.
- RB – 88%, the same as last week. Missed your target of being in the 90’s.
- Year 1 – 91%, which looks good but last week you were 100%.
- Year 2 – 91%, up from 83% last week. Keep it going and we will soon see 100%. Well done.
- Year 3 – 88%, a huge increase from 72% last week 😊 Next week, I am sure we will see 90’s.
- Year 4 – 98%, so close to your 100% target! Well done, maybe next week we will see it.
- Year 5 – 90%, a big improvement from 76%. Keep it up please 😊 Go for it!
- Year 6 – 100% again! Role models for the school. Next week maybe 100% reading 5 times!
Lodging Urgently Required
A Larchwood student and parent urgently require lodging in the area. They need to move out of their current situation by the end of the month. If they can’t find anything before then they will need to leave the area, and they would prefer to stay and remain part of the Larchwood community. They need two rooms with beds and broadband internet access. The parent is employed in a professional role. They would be looking to stay until the start of the Christmas holidays, with the possibility of an extension if it is working out. If you know of anyone in the area who has spare rooms and would be interested in renting them out, please call or text 07742 419292 by Friday 16th of October.

Weekly Attendance – week commencing 5th October 2015

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Weekly
1st – RB
2nd – Year 1
3rd – Year 4

Yearly Attendance

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Yearly
1st – Year 3
2nd – Year 4
3rd – Year 2

Stars of the Week
Reception (Miss Juby) – Joshua
Reception (Mrs Baker) – Carla
Year 1 – Jay
Year 2 – Teddy
Year 3 – Ella
Year 4 – Temple-Rai
Year 5 – Jimmy
Year 6 – James