



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher's Comment:

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of the first half term of the year. It seems to have flown by and has been really successful. This was evident in the two parent consultation evenings we have had this week. These meetings are always really positive and provide an excellent way to work together to help our children continue to achieve well.

The two-week half term always comes at a really good time of the year. The autumn term is the longest of the three and after seven weeks children and staff appreciate the break. It is so successful that it is now being adopted by the other schools in the Trust.

As we are now off school for two weeks and with the days becoming shorter, I spoke to the children about making sure they are safe when they are out and about. This is especially true when children are crossing roads as they will be harder to see in the dark. It is also important to reiterate this to the older children who may be out on their own or with friends. As well as reminders about road safety, please remind the children about other dangers there may be.

Next half term is another busy one as you will see from the diary dates at the end of News and Views. After half term we are lucky to be joined by Mr Weston who has been seconded from Kelveldon Hatch for the rest of the academic year. He is a very experienced teacher and will be adding to our teaching capacity while he is here.

Finally, some great news. Mrs Belle, one of our assistant headteachers gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Amaya, who was born recently. I'm sure you will join me wishing the whole family congratulations.

Have a great half term and see you on Monday 6th November.

Uniform Update

Thank you to all the parents who have completed the uniform consultation which closed today. We will use the results to help inform us of any changes to our policy and to help us choose our new supplier. The good news from looking at the early results is that generally parents are happy with the uniform policy. It is also clear what parents want from a new supplier. As you know Pauls are closing in December and they have informed us that they currently have 50% off all Larchwood clothing that they have in stock should you need anything. Please check with them before ordering.

The LPPA continue to run a pre-loved uniform shop. They have now set up an email address so that parents can contact them should they require uniform or wish to donate. They can be contacted via larchwoodpreloveduniform@yahoo.com. If you do need any help with uniform, please contact them.

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Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Partner	Design	Construct	Autograph	Predict	Analyse	Economy



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Finley in 2C for showing the value of responsibility.



Stars of the Week

RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B
Jaxon	Otto	Tania	Emily H	Olivia	Omar	Skylar
3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R
Grace W	Mason	Mackenzie	Kayden	Emmy	All of 6C	All of 6R

Reading at Home



Well done to the 6 classes and in particular 3C who have won the trophy for the most children reading 5 times. Please keep up with the reading over half term.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 16 th October to Friday 20 th October			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RM	0 (0%)	9 (31%)	20 (69%)	100%
RT	6 (23%)	6 (23%)	14 (54%)	77%
1A	1 (4%)	3 (10%)	25 (86%)	96%
1P	0 (0%)	5 (17%)	25 (83%)	100%
2C	1 (3%)	6 (21%)	22 (76%)	97%
2G	2 (7%)	11 (37%)	17 (56%)	93%
3B	2 (7%)	4 (14%)	23 (79%)	93%
3C	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	27 (100%)	100%
4LC	0 (0%)	6 (22%)	22 (78%)	100%
4T	5 (18%)	7 (25%)	16 (57%)	82%
5L	5 (18%)	1 (4%)	24 (80%)	84%
5P	2 (7%)	4 (14%)	22 (79%)	93%
6C	0 (0%)	2 (6%)	27 (94%)	100%
6R	0 (0%)	3 (11%)	23 (88%)	100%
Total				94%



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Diary Dates

Below are some of the important dates coming up in the next half term:

Friday 20 th October	Break up for 2-week half term.
Monday 6 th November	Back to school
Monday 6 th November	KS2 Democracy workshop
Friday 1 st December	LPPA Christmas market
Wednesday 6 th December	Reception Nativity
Thursday 7 th December	Reception Nativity
Tuesday 12 th December	LPPA pop up Christmas shop
Wednesday 13 th December	LPPA pop up Christmas shop
Wednesday 13 th December	Year 1 sing-a-long
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas sing-a-long 2C, 3B, 4T, 5L, 6C
Friday 15 th December	Reports sent home Years 1 - 6
Monday 18 th December	Christmas sing-a-long 2G, 3C, 4LC, 5P, 6R
Monday 18 th December	Christmas jumper day and Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 19 th December	LPPA Christmas discos
Wednesday 20 th December	Break up



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 16th October

Class	RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	92.7%	93%	97.9%	98.7%	93.3%	97.3%	95.8%	
Class	3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R	95.3%
Attendance	96%	91.4%	93%	97.7%	95.7%	100%	91%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
6C	1P	1A



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 6th September 2023

Class	RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	97.6%	94.5%	95.8%	97%	97.3%	97.1%	96.5%	
Class	3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R	96.4%
Attendance	96.3%	95.9%	95.7%	96.2%	96.8%	97.8%	94.8%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
6C	RM	2C



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