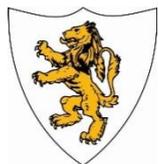


Values: Respect, Kindness, **Cooperation**, Peace, Aspiration, Responsibility,  
Friendship, Courage, Honesty, Resilience, Self Belief



## Larkhill Primary School Newsletter Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all had a lovely half term. This is one of the busiest terms and so with this in mind, our value this month is **COOPERATION** and next month will be **PEACE**.

### Staffing news

We are sorry to inform you that Mrs Miller and Mrs Grafton (Archer Class- Year 1) will both be leaving us at Christmas. We will miss them hugely and thank them for all their hard work. The post is being advertised and we will keep you updated.

We would also like to congratulate Mrs Cupples ( Woodhenge- year 4), who is expecting a baby in March. We wish her all the best and look forward to meeting the new arrival. This maternity cover post has also been advertised and we will keep you updated.

### Arriving at school

The 8.30 'soft start' has been really successful and the children seem to enjoy a less busy start to the day. Please can I remind you that gates are not open until 8.30 and parents and children are not allowed on site until this time.

### Playground

We are in the process of making improvements to the equipment and resources available in the playground. We are very excited that we are going to be buying into the Scrapstore Playpod scheme. The playpod provides a purpose built storage shed and a wide range of safe, scrap building materials for children to use. All staff also receive training in how to use the materials for a wide range of activities.

Unfortunately, the wooden activity trail had to be removed and we are currently looking at other options to replace this equipment. The seating area under the blue sail is also due to be fixed and we aim to have this area functioning again once the warmer weather returns and the grass is dry. We are also in the process of training a new team of play leaders who will be leading play and sport activities at lunch time.

### Cold weather

Please ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day and now as it is getting colder, it is a good idea to have a hat and gloves.

### School Closures

As we are approaching the season of unpredictable cold weather, this is a reminder of our school closure procedures. In the event of snow, please listen to Spire FM and check their website. We will also send out text messages and update our school Facebook page.

### Applications for Reception Places 2020



If you have a child due to start school in September 2020, please ensure you have completed the online application to Wiltshire Council by January 15<sup>th</sup> 2020.

### **Fusion for Parents**

Mrs Fletcher will be starting our Fusion Course again on Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. Fusion is a series of sessions set up to help parents at home with strategies around behaviour. She will be sending out a separate letter.

### **PTA and Xmas Fayre**

Sadly, no new parents attended the annual PTA AGM, which means we are currently not able to run a fully functioning PTA. Mrs Allan and Mrs Denby and other volunteers have kindly offered to help with events that are already planned. However, we still do not have enough parents to form a full PTA. If you would like to help please let us know. You do not need to commit to helping at every event, it may be that you just help at 1 event per year. Your child will be talking to you soon about each class having a PTA representative.

With all of this in mind, we have had to adapt our plans for a Christmas Fayre. This year, all classes will be making Christmas craft and we would like to invite you to come in to look at your children's work, buy Christmas crafts and also enjoy carols, mulled wine and mince pies. ( see below for date)

### **Writing workshop**

The Reception writing workshop on Nov 13<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled and will be rescheduled.

### **Dates**

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Nov-** Remembrance Service for pupils only. Bugler- Sgt Saxon will be performing the Last post.

**Mon 11-15<sup>th</sup> Nov-** National Anti-Bullying Week. Schools across the country do sessions to help children to recognise bullying and what to do if you feel you or someone else is being bullied

**Weds 13<sup>th</sup> Nov-** Writing Workshop cancelled- New date TBC

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov-** Jo Wicks Big Morning Move for Children in Need ( Not non-uniform). Please provide a donation.

**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Nov-** Sarum bake off

**Weds 27<sup>th</sup>-** Stonehenge Class trip

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup>-** Woodhenge Class trip

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup>-** Danebury Class Trip and Year 5 and 6 Class trip

**Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Dec-** Xmas Disco with Disco Dion ( not Xmas Fayre)

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec-** KS1 panto trip

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec-** Silbury Bake off

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec-** Xmas Jumper day and Xmas meal

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec-** FS/KS1 nativity (TBC)

**Weds 18<sup>th</sup> Dec-** KS2 Panto trip and FS/KS1 Nativity ( TBC)

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec-** Christmas Craft and Carols for Parents. Time to be confirmed asap. Provisional time of 2.30 start for Craft and carols at 4.00

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup>- LAST DAY OF TERM – 1.00 Finish.**

*Please note that from January, we are aiming to be 'paperless'. This is to reduce the environmental impact of using vast amounts of paper and to reduce the cost of printing and copying. There will be times that we may need to send something by paper, but overall we are hoping that all newsletters, letters, class information etc will be emailed, added to the website and to the Facebook page. Consent for trips/events will largely be through Parent Pay. Many thanks for your support in this.*

Many thanks

Mrs Emily Taylor  
Head Teacher

