

Leeming RAF Primary School Newsletter



Wednesday 15th June 2016

Dear Parents,

Apologies for the slight delay in getting this newsletter out, things have been so busy that there's not been a moment to catch you all up on the events of the last month or so!

Since May's newsletter, the children have been beavering away with lots of projects and work for their topics. Mrs. Halliwell's class are embarking on a 6 week homework mission to grow their own plant as part of their studies in Science. Chloe has told me all about how she's going to plant her seeds, so I'll be watching their progress with interest! My wife and I never seem to be able to keep plants alive, so I think I'll have much to learn from the children... Meanwhile, in Reception, the Ladybirds and Bumblebees have been being true to their class names as they've been studying the topic mini-beasts! I was down there the other day and there were some deep excavations in the digging area; as each new creepy-crawly was discovered the children were cross referencing with their lists of bugs and getting out the magnifying glasses for a closer look. Key Stage One have begun a new topic on the Olympics; rings are appearing in the displays and the children are already filling their heads full of interesting facts! Odilon told me this afternoon that the five rings represent the five continents, which he then listed, and Ryan explained all about the evolution of the games over the years, and the numbers of sports that they now feature (28, in case you were wondering!).

In other news, I had an odd experience in Nightingales class today – I walked in to find a number of children sticking their tongues out at Mrs. Boyd; she was quite pleased with this however, and was, in fact taking photos for their 'tongue twisters' display in Literacy! In Miss Johnson's class, the pupils are preparing their class assembly which has been rescheduled for Thursday 23rd June, but they've told me that this is top secret so I can't write about it. Sorry. Years 5 and 6 have been busy practicing their end of year play, there's been some lovely singing coming from the hall this afternoon, so I'm looking forward to seeing this come together.

Hawks and Eagles have also just been off adventuring up Roseberry Topping. They had a great day, although it was baking hot! The children trooped on through the sunshine though, all making it to the top, enjoying a well-earned rest and some lovely views.



Friends of School – please see the stand in the foyer for some information on school friends with options of how you could become involved. The group raise lots of money to enrich the provision we can make for our pupils, so please do consider volunteering! In addition, keep an eye out for information about the upcoming school summer fair, and Fathers' day sale. Many thanks to all who have already donated for this, there are some exciting looking pressies sitting in the staff room awaiting purchase!



Medical Appointments – if your child has to be taken out of school for a full session for a medical appointment please provide the office with an appointment slip or similar. Please also provide advance notice of these appointments. We had a number of children who were taken out without notice for the last afternoon of half term for appointments which we had not received prior notice of, and for which we were given no medical information. Good attendance is really important in the school, and we would ask you to support us in this by, wherever possible, scheduling appointments for after school time. Many thanks.

Start and End of Day – a couple of requests around picking up and dropping off children. We would really appreciate it if younger children on bikes, scooters and ride-ons would be closely and carefully accompanied by an adult. There have been a number of 'near misses' recently with children whizzing around the playground and risking injury to themselves and others.

Similarly, when leaving at the end of the day, please ensure that you have your child / children close to you as you exit, rather than letting them run ahead or around within the early years area. We endeavour to hold them at the gate, but as you will know, this is a very busy time of day. We would not want a child leaving without a parent unless this has been previously agreed and they leave with the other pupils via the front entrance. Thank you.

Grateful Thanks – a huge thank you to Mrs. Davies, Grace's mum for her wonderful work in painting all our outdoor area for early years. She has made a huge difference, really brightening up the shed, fences, wendy-house and all the equipment. It is so appreciated. Mrs. Davies was out there in baking sunshine, brush in hand, and has done a great job. The children love it!

Parent Helpers and Volunteers – another brief thank you message here. I'm very aware that so many of you are often in school volunteering, whether it be reading with children, working in classes, running the library, attending trips etc. and I just wanted to offer the appreciation of the school and staff for all this work. We have a wonderful school here, but there is so much to achieve every day, and all the help that is offered is really gratefully received and assists in the smooth running of Leeming. Many thanks to all.

Dates for the Diary: [see separate list for full term]

Monday 13th – Healthy living week, sponsored skip!

Tues and Weds 14th / 15th – New parents' drop in sessions; 09:30-10:30

Tues-Thurs 14th-16th – School Friends Fathers' Day Sale

Friday 17th – Mr. Fenn's Class Assembly

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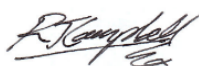
Thursday 23rd – Bedale area rounders tournament

Friday 24th – Mrs. Lewis' class assembly

And Finally...

Leo was working with Mrs. Davies earlier, and explained to her that he was going to do an "Ostrich inspection" on her... I think he was going for an 'Ofsted inspection' – but personally, I'd much rather go for the bird variety!

Best regards,



Rob Campbell



Our lovely repainted EYFS area in use!