Friday Newsletter

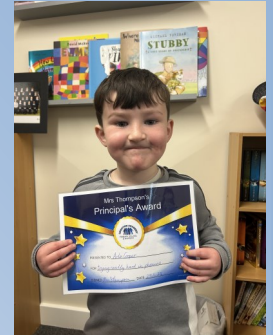**LEIGHTON ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY**

Friday 29th November 2024

Principal's Messages:

This week's awards

Well done to Arlo Cooper who was nominated for Principal's Award this week by Mr Jones for trying really hard in phonics which is reflected in his great progress in reading and writing.

This week's 'Stronger Together' awards went to 2S and 5S for excellent examples of working hard and being kind.

Christmas Update

Please see below the Christmas events that will be taking place in school over the coming weeks:

Friday 6th December - 3.30pm	Christmas Fayre
Friday 13th December	Reception Reindeer Stay & Play - information has been sent to parents
Monday 16th December - 9.30am and 2.30pm Tuesday 17th December - 9.30am	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance for parents Please book your tickets on Arbor (maximum 2 per child)
Tuesday 17th December - 2.30pm	Rocksteady Concert in the school hall
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day (Jumpers to be worn alongside school uniform)
Friday 20th December	Christmas Discos - children can come to school in party clothes School closes for the Christmas break

Design Technology Club

Matthew from ANSA joined our DT club to help the children to make Christmas decorations out of recyclable materials. The children made gingerbread houses using cardboard. Next week, we will be making stars out of plastic bottles.

Also, ANSA are running a competition where we can win money for our school. Please see the flyer attached. Entries can be sent to Mrs Smith and she will direct them to ANSA. The closing date 20th December.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Thompson

School Meals

If your child is not entitled to a free school meal, please log onto their Arbor account to pay for their meal in advance of their order.

School meals are £2.35 per day

<u> ADVANCED WARNING - FROM MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 2025, SCHOOL MEALS WILL BE CHARGED AT £2.45 **</u>**

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Red Option	**Tomato Pasta Bake**	**Spaghetti Bolognese**	**Roast Turkey with Mash Potato & Gravy**	**Chicken Curry with 50/50 Rice**	**Sausage and Chips**
Yellow Option	**Macaroni Cheese**	**Meat Free Sausage Ragu with Pasta**	**Quorn Pie with Mash Potato & Gravy**	**Vegetarian Meatballs with Pasta**	**Cheese & Bean Bake with Chips**
Green Option	**Jacket Potato**	**Jacket Potato**	**Jacket Potato**	**Jacket Potato**	**Jacket Potato**
Orange Option	**Sandwich Selection**	**Sandwich Selection**	**Sandwich Selection**	**Sandwich Selection**	**Sandwich Selection**
Desserts	Chocolate Crunch	Ginger Biscuit	Chocolate & Orange Muffins	Fruit Sponge & Custard	Fruit in Jelly
	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Seasonal Vegetables and Salad Bar					

Attendance Matters

Here are our attendance figures for this week

Our school target:	96%	
Overall school attendance this week:	93.87%	
Overall school attendance this year:	94.1%	
RB – 84.81%	2S – 99.25%	5F – 97.13%
RD – 95.04%	3J – 92.34%	5S – 90.32%
1J – 85.51%	3P – 98.21%	6E – 94.07%
1L – 87.96%	4S – 96.95%	6H – 92.96%
2P – 99.26% ⭐	4W – 90.64%	

For more information regarding attendance and punctuality; including term time absences and our policies, please see our webpage:
http://www.leightonacademy.com

Friends of Leighton

Christmas Fair

Fri 6th December 3.20pm-5pm

SANTA'S GROTTO, TOMBOLA, RAFFLE, FAMILY GAMES, FOOD & DRINKS, TATTOOS, CHRISTMAS CRAFTS.

FAMILY FUN FOR ALL!

Cakes & Bakes
DONATIONS WANTED!

To be used on the cake stand at our Xmas Fair

Bake it or Fake it, we won't judge!

😊 PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS INTO SCHOOL ON THE MORNING OF THE FAIR - FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER - INCLUDING A LIST OF INGREDIENTS FOR ANY HOME BAKED GOODIES PLEASE 😊

THANK YOU LEIGHTON ACADEMY BAKERS 💗

Primary Schools Christmas Competition!

Our friend 'Phil the Bin' needs *your* help to promote RECYCLING in Cheshire East, by transforming *your* recycling into EPIC Christmas decorations!

Here's what you need to do:
Simply make a Christmas-themed item using something that would usually be recycled and send us a photo of it.
IT'S THAT EASY!

The best entries will win one of these amazing prizes:
1st prize £200!   Runners-up x 2 £75!

To enter scan the QR code:

Enter by 20 December 2024

Please send any entries into Mrs Smith at school

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FRIENDS OF LEIGHTON
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2024

Prize 1 - Booze Bundle
Prize 2 - Lego Up House & Light Box
Prize 3 - Lego Dobby & Light Box
Prize 4 - Deluxe Family Games Bundle
Prize 5 - Pamper Hamper
Prize 6 - Prosecco & Chocolates
Prize 7 - Family Games Bundle
Prize 8 - Xmas Baking Bundle
Prize 9 - Xmas Craft Bundle
Prize 10 - Squishmallow & Light Box
Prize 11 - Fidget Toys Set & Light Box
Prize 12 - Christmas Sweet Treats

TICKETS £1 EACH
PREORDER ON ARBOR (FRI 3.30PM 22.11.24 TO WED 3PM 04.12.24) OR BUY AT THE XMAS FAIR ON FRI 06.12.24

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about
WHATSAPP

...MSG ME...

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE RESTRICTION 13+

With more than two billion active users, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. The UK's Online Safey Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging, but for the time being, this controversial feature remains.

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency' – plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. Therefore, if a child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that the child might be added to a group chat or community (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

CHAT LOCK

In 2023, WhatsApp introduced a feature that lets users keep their chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind their phone's passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. They subsequently developed an additional feature – 'Secret Code' – where users set a unique password for their locked chats. Unfortunately, this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversions and content they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

ONLINE

COMMUNITIES AND GROUPS

A community is a collection of related groups on WhatsApp. They can consist of thousands of users. Communities can often be used by scammers to target large groups, hoping someone clicks on their link or responds to their requests. In communities and groups, there are multiple ongoing conversations, which results in pressure to respond. Members – even if they are not each other's contacts – will be able to see any messages sent into the group.

'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The ability to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate material or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this disappearing content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing protection of privacy.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original ... and might not be entirely factual, either.

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child is safe while out, for example. However, anyone in a user's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Educators

YPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage children to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider whether it sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change a child's WhatsApp settings to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval. You can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except ...'. Additionally, if a child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

DISCUSS GROUP CHATS

Make children aware that there could be members of a group that they don't know well and that words can be misinterpreted. Encourage them to leave a good impression, to avoid joining in if conversations turn towards bullying, and to respond to such situations in an appropriate way. Make sure they know that it's OK to leave a group chat if it makes them uncomfortable – or for any reason, in fact.

THINK BEFORE SHARING

Help children understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content that a user posts to be shared more widely, even publicly on social media. Encourage children to consider how an impulsive message or forwarding might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Check in with the child about how they're using WhatsApp, making sure they know you only have their safety at heart. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of content they've stored in there, who they're talking to, and why they want to keep these chats hidden. Also, if children send any 'view once' content, it could be helpful to ask them why.

Meet Our Expert

...HEY OSC

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