



Leagrave Primary School

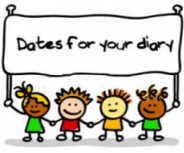
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NEWSLETTER

1st December 2023



Christmas WOW Event

**Tuesday 12th
December
All Day**

Christmas Dinner

**Tuesday 12th
December**

**Book via your child's
Scopay account**

Last Day of Term

**Friday 15th
December**



All staff at
Leagrave Primary
School would like
to say happy
birthday to:

**Khadijah P Butterfly
Tayyibah A Honeybee
Azhaan M Honeybee**

Riley D 1W

Abu Bakr A 1W

Rumana H 1W

Brax O 2A

Emily W 2A

Mohammed Ibrahim K 2K

Emanuell K 3B

Ja'Nae J 4D

Melisa C 4MB

Jake W 4KB

Minsah R 4KB

Zakariya I 5C

Ishaq A 5R

Qergo P 5W

Umar I 5R

Emily S 5R

Sayma A 6E

Kassim M 6E

Fabian C 6M

Headteacher's Corner

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we now enter December there will be many festive events taking place over the next two weeks. This week, you will have received a 'Christmas Events Diary Dates' so that you can keep up to date with what is going on.

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our Virtual Parents' Evening last Wednesday. Staff really do appreciate the chance to connect with parents. Please do not underestimate the importance of working together - home and school - for the benefit of your child.

With Christmas just around the corner, Leagrave Lunches will be serving our school Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 12th December. Please ensure you have booked a dinner via your child's Scopay account. Our Christmas menu is detailed on page 6 of this newsletter.



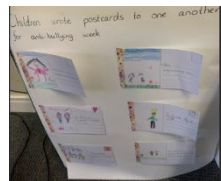
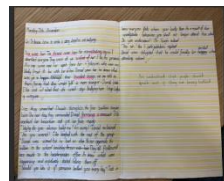
Kind regards,
Mrs E Gillespie
(Headteacher)

Anti-Bullying Week

During Anti-Bullying Week it was great to see lots of children celebrating 'being unique' by wearing odd socks!

Children learnt about the different forms of bullying and its impact on others. In classes, children shared their views on how to treat others respectfully and how to be a kind friend. A wide variety of work outcomes were produced across the school.

Please do take the time to visit our website and watch our new Anti-Bullying animation with your child.



Christmas Performances

Nursery Christmas Crafts and Songs

**Thursday 7th December 10.15am
and 2.00pm**

Butterfly Class

Thursday 7th December 2.30pm

Honeybee Class

Wednesday 6th December 2.30pm

1ST Nativity

Monday 4th December 2.15pm

1W Nativity

Tuesday 5th December 2.15pm

Year 2 Nativity

Monday 11th December 9.30am and 2.15pm



Leagrave
Primary School



ATTENDANCE WINNERS



A big congratulations to the following classes:

5W

Attendance Winners for week commencing 13th November.

4MB

Attendance Winners for week commencing 20th November.



Who will be the next class to come out on top? The competition is on!

Let's talk about...

SPEED



66

Slow traffic makes it safer for us to walk and cycle to school

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Every day, six children are killed or seriously injured on UK roads

25% of parents say traffic is too fast for their children to walk or cycle to school*

Whoever you are, however you travel, we need to talk about speed.

*Brake (2022) www.brake.org.uk/what-do-parents-think-about-their-childrens-journeys-to-school



Join the conversation
www.brake.org.uk/RoadSafetyWeek
#RoadSafetyWeek

ROAD SAFETY WEEK



Road Safety Week 19th - 25th November

Road Safety Week is a nationwide campaign that focuses on raising awareness about road safety issues, including the prevention of accidents, injuries, and fatalities on the road. It emphasizes the importance of responsible driving, pedestrian safety, and the need for improved road infrastructure.

Strangers Way is becoming increasingly busier and busier with the new houses being built and the opening of the new Lady Zia Wernher site. Please take care when driving down the road as there are many little feet making their way to school. We often see parents mounting the path with vehicles without looking for little people first. Pathways are for people and not cars!

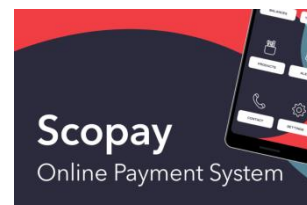
Any members of the public who have concerns about parking on Strangers Way during drop off and pick up times should notify the school, but should also log their concerns with the following:
Civil Enforcement Agency: Tel: 01582 548523
Email: civilenforcement@luton.gov.uk

School Uniform

Please can we remind parents about our school uniform policy. We appreciate it can get cold this time of year but thermal sportswear tops under school shirts is not part of our school uniform. Our classrooms are heated and the school shirt underneath the school jumper should be more than adequate.

Scopay Accounts

Please ensure that your child's Scopay account is up to date by the end of term



School Closures Due to Severe Weather

There may be an occasion where the school must close the school due to severe weather conditions. If this is the case, we will endeavour to text or email each family in good time, so please ensure we have up to date contact details for you.

In the event of a school closure, appropriate learning activities will be available via Google Classroom.

Parents can also check the following websites for updates: www.leagraveprimary.co.uk, www.luton.gov.uk/schoolclosures.

The local radio will also report on school closures.





Did we mention...you're a Star!



Miss Brooks would like to say a HUGE well done to Alyssia in (6B) for writing an excellent poem in her spare time with the theme of 'power'. Alyssia has included a range of skills in her poem that have recently been taught, including lots of figurative language and high-level vocabulary! Well done, Alyssia - Miss Brooks thoroughly enjoyed reading your poem about the storm!

I am the tempest, the raging storm,
Born of thunder and lightning's warmth.
With furious winds, I sweep and howl,
Unleashing chaos, with each gust I prowl.

I am the fury that darkens the sky,
A force untamed, a wild outcry.
With torrential rain, I shall descend,
Drenching the earth, where my power extends.

I gather clouds, like an artist's brush,
Painting rain without a rush.
In shades of grey and silver trapping light,

I dance across the sky, a fearsome sight.

I am the symphony, the thunder's roar,
Clashing and booming, forevermore.
The world quakes beneath my mighty reign,
As I leave human beings in awe and pain.

I am the biggest threat ever known,
Toppling trees, claiming all I own.
I obliterate buildings with my might
Causing chaos, lightening up the night

I tear down walls, of stagnant despair,
Awakening life, with a gust of fresh air.
Beating everything in my path
And annihilating land with no care.

But heed the warning, my power untamed,
For in my wake, destruction is claimed.
Respect the forces, that nature weaves,
Embrace harmony, and not chaos cleaves.

I rage on with might,
I'm waging a ferocious fight,
My crackling lightning bolts fierce and bold,
It's a dance of chaos, so uncontrolled.

I am the ultimate
I will strike you with my power
Like a warrior and his sword
In my relentless hands, you will fall
I am the inescapable, the atrocious, the devil
I am the calamitous storm.



HSBC Maths Workshop

On Friday 17th and Friday 24th, Year 6 and Year 5 had the opportunity to attend a Maths workshop organised by HSBC. They were taught skills that would support them to make decisions around money and understand how finances impact the world around them in order to support their future wellbeing and mental health.

During the workshop, they had the opportunity to compare financial products and understand the impact of their spending decisions. The final session focussed on the children developing money management skills - budgeting, saving and navigating key life stages. The workshop supported Year 5 and Year 6 for life outside and beyond Leagrave Primary School.



The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country.

We want to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting.

This is your chance to tell key policymakers what is important to you ahead of the general election. Take part now and ensure your needs are reflected in the decisions that will affect you in years to come.

Scan the QR code to take part



CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition



Well-being Corner

Key dates

Road Safety Week 19th – 25th November

Tips for Winter Well-being

Tip 1: Keep to a daily routine - with shorter, colder days, it can feel harder to keep our normal activities going. We usually feel better if we're up and dressed, eating at regular mealtimes and going to bed at the same time.

Tip 2: Stay connected - a friendly natter by phone, online or meeting friends is a way that can help us feel connected.

Tip 3: Do things you enjoy - in the bad weather, it is even more important to take time to enjoy ourselves each day. It can also be fun to try something new, get creative or dust off an old hobby.

Tip 4: Get outside for some sunlight and exercise - try to get outside for at least 20 minutes of exercise each day, which may just be a quick walk.

Tip 5: Look after your physical health - keep warm - Public Health England recommends that indoor temperatures should be between 18 and 21°. Eat well - eat regular, nourishing, hot meals including plenty of vegetables. Stay hydrated - drink 6 to 8 glasses of fluid each day and have regular hot drinks on cold days. Sleep well - if you're struggling to get a good night's sleep, check out NHS Get Help Sleeping guide.

Tip 6: Make a plan - make a plan to celebrate something special to you or even just catch up with a friend.

Tip 7: Relax and unwind - Take some time each day to relax. Find what works for you, whether that's watching the bird table, caring for your plants, going for a run, or getting up and moving to your favourite festive tunes.

Tip 8: Write it down - keeping a journal can be a great way to explore and organise our thoughts. It can help us plan our day, express gratitude and understand our worries and feelings

It's 'Do Good December'. Look at the calendar below and see how many things you can achieve to develop a positive attitude. Try this at home and let your teachers know how it went.



December Kindness 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 4. Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about	 5. Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely	 6. Leave a positive message for someone else to find	 7. Give kind comments to as many people as possible today	1. Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others	2. Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are	3. Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment
11. Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank	12. Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	13. See how many different people you can smile at today	14. Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one	8. Do something helpful for a friend or family member	9. Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead	10. Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them
18. Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving	19. Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated	20. Help others by giving away something that you don't need	21. Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you	15. Say hello to your neighbour and brighten up their day	16. Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to	17. Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you
25. Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself	26. Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature	27. Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat	28. Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy	22. Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed	23. Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness	24. Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh
				29. Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	30. Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why	31. Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2024

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS Happier · Kinder · Together



Merry
CHRISTMAS
Happy New Year!



Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 15th December

All children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper. Donations of £1 per child. There will be prizes for the most creative jumper in Nursery & YR, Yr1-3 and Yr4-6.

There will also be the opportunity to purchase tickets for the 'Sweet Treat Raffle' - all prizes donated by staff. Tickets will be 50p each with a 4 ticket maximum. All money raised on the day will be donated to Action Aid.

Christmas WOW Event - Tuesday 12th December

On Tuesday 12th December we are hosting our annual Christmas Wow Event. A day of activities have been planned, one of which will be face painting. Please let your class teacher know if you do not want your child to take part in this activity. Remember to ask your child what exciting things they have been up to that day.

Class Parties - Friday 15th December

Children are invited to bring in party clothes to change into.



Christmas Menu 2023

Tuesday 12th December

**Roast Turkey Breast
(Halal option available)**

or

Sage & Onion Quorn Roast

All served with:

**Stuffing Balls, Roast Potatoes,
Sausages in Blankets, Brussel Sprouts,
Carrots and Peas**

Finished with:

**Chocolate Yule Log
Served with Custard/Cream**

or

Fruit Salad



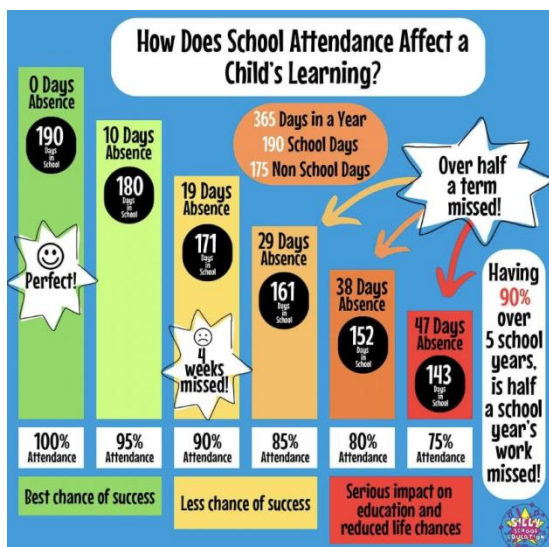
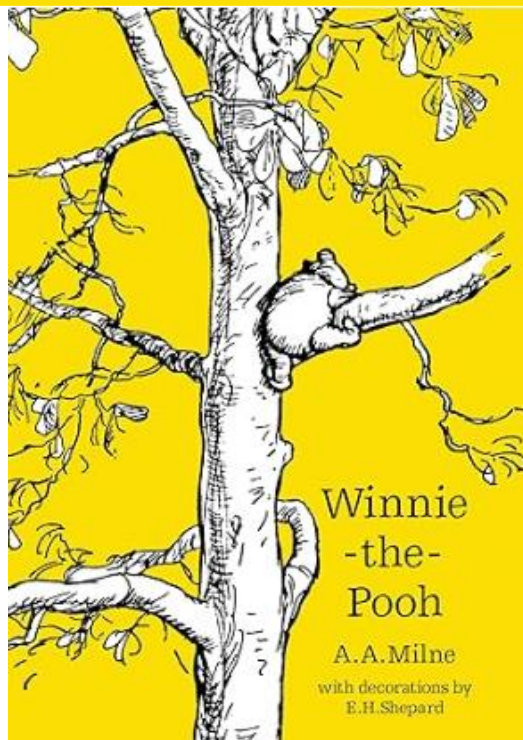
*Merry Christmas to all our Leagrave
Families from Leagrave Lunches*

Bookworm Corner

"Sometimes the smallest things take up the most room in your heart"

We all have that book. The one we treasure the most, the one that fuelled our love of reading. For me, that book has to be A.A. Milne's Winnie the Pooh. Both as a child and now all grown up, I love reading tales about the magical Hundred Acre Wood and its wonderful inhabitants; Winnie the Pooh, Christopher Robin, Piglet, Eeyore, Owl, Rabbit, Kanga and Roo. Together they get up to all sorts of adventures in Hundred Acre Wood, from nearly catching Heffalumps and Woozles, to an expedition to the North Pole. There's never a dull moment! Each chapter has its own unique story, that are not only bursting with joy and warmth, but are also filled with wisdom, teaching us valuable lessons about friendship, loyalty, love, and the world around us. Therefore, Winnie the Pooh will never be just a "silly old bear" to me, and he and his stories will continue to capture my heart and mind always.

(Mrs R Hobbs)



Being in school every day, is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and their wider development.

Persistent absence and lateness will affect a child's achievement and progress in school. Comprehensive research shows that there is a direct link between a child's level of school attendance and their level of school attainment.

As a parent it is your legal responsibility to ensure your child receives a suitable full time education. It is your responsibility that your child attends school each day and is on time.

It is important to set the expectation of good attendance right from the beginning of school, so that children grow up with 'good habits'.

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Times Tables Rock Stars is an excellent resource that we have available for children to practise their times tables online! It is a fun and exciting way for children to become fluent at their times tables. When playing, children are able to take part in challenges and can also challenge themselves to beat their previous scores! It is an expectation that your child is practising their times tables daily at home.

ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



Attendance: 20th November 2023 - 1st December 2023

	Attendance	Class	Attendance
Honeybee	97%	4KB	96%
Butterfly	92%	4MB	99%
1ST	93%	5C	98%
1W	94%	5R	99%
2A	98%	5W	97%
2K	95%	6B	98%
3A	97%	6E	97%
3B	96%	6M	96%
4D	98%	Whole School	96%

Our whole school attendance target is **97%**. Please try to ensure that your child comes to school every day, and on time!