



Forthcoming dates

Please do check the website regularly

Thursday 15th March Class Photographs

Friday 16th March Quiz Night
Leycett Cricket Club

Tuesday 20th March Class Trip to Potteries Museum

Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th March Parental Pupil Progress Meetings

Tuesday 20th March Reading Workshop 3:30pm
Rearranged

WB March 26th Road Safety awareness week

Tuesday 27th March Parents' Road Safety Talk 3:30pm

Wednesday 28th March Classes 3 and 4 visit to the climbing Centre at Kilnworx (This will be funded by the school)

Thursday 29th March End of Term

Tuesday 17th April School Re-opens

Wednesday 20th June Sports Day PM
Leycett Cricket Club

Wednesday 27th June Reserve Sports Day
Leycett CC

Wednesday 18th July Y6 Leavers' Evening at Madeley School



Winter certainly returned as we came back to school after the half term break. It really was a cold chill from the east! Although our local area didn't get large amounts of snow, it was certainly a challenging week for us all. Once again thanks to Mr Maydew for his observations of the site in the early hours and for ensuring paths were kept clear. We certainly did get through lots of grit.

The children showed excellent resilience and despite being kept indoors all day, coped very well with the loss of their playground. As always their behaviour was outstanding. In such adverse conditions, we will always try to keep the school open unless the local conditions are deemed unsafe, or if a significant proportion of our staff are unable to travel to work. We do try and make things easier for our parents by keeping the registers open longer in the mornings. However if you decide that for whatever reason, your child is unable to make the journey to school, this is recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Class Photographs

You will notice that we have arranged for our class photographs next week. We have decided to use an alternative company this time as we have been disappointed with the service from our previous provider and had received some negative feedback from parents. As it is a Thursday and Class 2 will be swimming, we will make sure they have theirs taken first.

Sports Day

In response to parental feedback, we have decided to trial holding our Sports Day at Leycett Cricket Club this year. Clearly this event is entirely weather dependent and will be cancelled in the event of rain or extreme heat. We do have a reserve date the following week, but we will be limited to these two dates due to transport and venue bookings. Let's hope it will be a lovely afternoon in the outdoors.

World Book Day

Thank you for supporting this year's theme. Your donations towards the Dogs' Trust were very generous. We shall look forward to our four legged visitor on the 27th March, so that can hand over our collection and find out more about the charity's good work.



As you will know, we have been exploring the notion of 'Reading for Pleasure' with the children this year. They have really excelled in this area and we have seen very positive changes in reading behaviours for many of the children. They are pushing themselves to choose new texts and are producing thoughtful, articulate responses in their diaries each week to reflect on their reading.

We also welcomed some secret readers to our classrooms who came to present positive male role models to the children. We really do need to continually encourage our boys in particular to enjoy reading and be inspired by their reading journeys. Thank you to Mr Bradshaw and Mr Edwards (the Hardy Family's uncle) who shared their favourite stories with children. If you would like to be a secret reader, please get in touch with Mrs Edwards via the school office.

You can view photographs of the children dressed up, together with our pupil voice on the blog page:

<http://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/blog/world-book-day-2018>

Online Safety



We have heard several of our children talking about the latest popular game. It combines Minecraft resource collecting and building with team based survival shooting games. The main action, in the Save The World mode, is shooting and attacking with weapons, but players can also build fortifications and work with teammates to defend survivors from waves of enemy monsters. This combines with exploration and resource gathering to play a little like Minecraft. It has been awarded the PEGI rating of 12 due to its violent content. Like any game with a fiercely competitive online mode, younger players can find that Fortnite makes them cross or angry when they lose. This is common in games like FIFA and

Rocket League, but even more in Fortnite because you only have one life and then you are out the game. You can find a Parents' Guide on this link:

<http://www.askaboutgames.com/parents-guide-to-fortnite-peg-12/>

Quality of Teaching and Learning

One of the many enjoyable aspects of my job as headteacher, is the opportunity to join the children in their lessons and observe their learning. This week, I joined Class 4 in their PSHE lesson. They were learning about how to keep themselves healthy and develop their understanding of viruses and bacteria. It was a fascinating lesson, in which the children had the opportunity to look at how illnesses are spread and if anti-biotics really do work for everything. I had an intriguing chat with one group of children about the cold and why we get so many! Apparently there are over 700 different viruses that cause us to have a cold. The children showed a superb articulation of their learning and how they know if they have been successful. They were talking about the Secrets of Success and I was particularly impressed with their understanding of mental health issues. Next week I am looking forward to spending time in Class 3.



Holiday Club

Thank you for such a prompt response to our survey regarding interest in a summer holiday club. The ParentMail system is certainly making this easier for all concerned. Your responses have been very useful and positive. I will now be taking things a step further with both the high school and ASM. I will update you as soon as I can.

Maths Calculations

At a recent meeting with the Y2 parents regarding the forthcoming SATS, we discussed the importance of formal methods. Children need to be able to calculate quickly and efficiently. I have attached our calculation policy to this newsletter so that you can support your child at home and be assured that you are reinforcing learning at school.



50 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR KIDS AFTER SCHOOL INSTEAD OF "HOW WAS YOUR DAY?"

- What made you smile today?
- Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
- What did you do that was creative?
- Who did you sit with at lunch?
- Was anyone in your class gone today?
- Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.
- Did you like your lunch?
- What was the hardest rule to follow today?
- If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?
- What made your teacher smile? What made her frown?
- If you could switch seats with anyone in class, who would it be? And why?
- What kind of person were you today?

[See full list at HerViewFromHome.com](#)

I came across this and thought as a parent myself it is an ideal prompt to talk about your child's day after school. I am sure you often get the same response as me when I ask "what did you do today?" They reply "nothing much!"

Mother's Day Lunch

Class 1 welcomed their mums or grandmothers to lunch today. Unfortunately we can only accommodate one class due to limited space. The children absolutely loved their special visitors and showed how they have come so far since September with their table manners and exploration of healthy foods. Today's delight was a roast dinner with cake and custard. All our visitors were very positive about their meals and appreciated seeing their child in this setting. Thank you to the Y6 children who helped. They were fantastic hosts. Look out for a blog next week.

We would like to wish all the special ladies in our children's lives a Happy Mother's Day on Sunday. We hope your day is filled with love, laughter and lots of hugs.



Personal Possessions

I would like to remind all our school community of the following:

The storage of any personal property or possessions or, where pupils bring in personal property or possessions onto the school premises it is at the pupil's and parent's own risk and the school will not be liable for any loss or damage to personal property or possessions.

Please do contact me if you would like my assistance at any time, Mrs. Procter



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