



February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

### SPRING TERM UPDATE

The weeks really seem to be flying and I can't believe that March is just around the corner. The last half term was a busy one and I am anticipating this half term to be no different.

#### WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR THIS TERM...

Last half term we have had:

- Chinese New Year, the children tasted some Chinese food from the school kitchen.
- Reception have had the Raptor Foundation in school and the children got to see small birds of prey!
- All year groups participated in Safer Internet Day on the 8th February.
- Some of our children with a special educational need represented Leighton at a sporting event and proudly walked away with Bronze medals. We are very proud of them.
- End of January Year 1 had a Lego Day and a Harry Potter Book night!
- There was a National Storytelling week where the children were able to read to their adults.
- POSH came into school and led an assembly.
- The children had a go at some of the sports represented at the Winter Olympics and had a chance to hear from some of the Phantoms players.

#### ATTENDANCE

We appreciate that parents leave messages for Mrs Green on the absence line (option 1) on the school phones and would like to ask that when leaving this message could you please provide more detailed information including, name and class of child along with their exact symptoms.

#### WINTER OLYMPICS LEIGHTON STYLE



We had our own opening ceremony for the Leighton's Winter Olympics. Each class and the school office were randomly allocated a country. We are closely tracking the medal table. The winning class will be rewarded with a special prize - watch this space. Peterborough Phantoms have visited school to talk to the children about Ice Hockey.

## CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Just before half term the children spent the week learning about their own mental health, the theme was 'GROWING TOGETHER'. The website has lots of useful resources. [CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 2022](#).



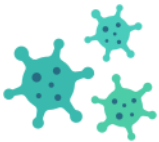
## BREAKFAST CLUB

We are always having requests for breakfast club places. Our breakfast club is very popular and is over subscribed. We maintain a waiting list. Please contact [officeadmin@leightonprimary.net](mailto:officeadmin@leightonprimary.net) to add your child's name to the waiting list. Please be aware that if your child does not attend regularly there is a risk of the space being allocated to another child on the waiting list.



## COVID19 - WHAT IS EXPECTED TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE UPDATED INFORMATION

The guidance seems to be changing regularly at the moment. Please bear with us as we do our best to keep you informed of changes and guidance.



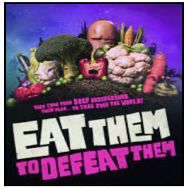
- From **24th February**, the **legal requirement to self-isolate if you have coronavirus will end**
- From **24th February**, **daily testing for close contacts will also end**, as will the **requirement for unvaccinated close contacts to self-isolate**

We are waiting for further information and should have this by early next week.

The general measures to prevent covid being spread remain until the 1<sup>st</sup> April. Individuals can still reduce the risk of catching and passing on COVID-19 by:

1. Getting vaccinated;
2. Letting fresh air in if meeting indoors, or meeting outside;
3. Wearing a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces, especially where you come into contact with people you do not usually meet, when rates of transmission are high
4. Trying to stay at home if you are unwell;
5. Taking a test if you have COVID-19 symptoms, and staying at home and avoiding contact with other people if you test positive;
6. Washing your hands and following advice to 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'

## EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM



This term we are taking part in the 'Eat Them to Defeat Them' initiative to encourage children to taste different vegetables. Over the next few weeks all the children will have the opportunity to try familiar vegetables in different forms. Coombes, our school caterers are joining in too as part of the Caterers Challenge. Click on the link in the title for more information.

## UPCOMING EVENTS NEXT HALF TERM

- 28th February 2022 - start of 'Eat Them To Defeat Them'
- 1st March - Pancake Day
- 3rd March - World Book Day
- 18th March - Red Nose Day/World Recycling Day
- 21st March - Shakespeare & Poetry Day

## A few of the exciting things that are happening in classes are;

- Reception classes will be receiving chicks in an incubator and also taking a trip to learn how to grow their own vegetables.
- Year 4 will be having a very exciting virtual workshop with the London Transport Museum.
- Year 5 will be having Scientists in school from the Malaise Fly trap, the children are very eager to see what will unfold!
- Leighton is involved in the Harry Potter Relay in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the publication of the Philosopher's Stone by J.K. Rowling.

Best wishes

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For and on behalf of Leighton Primary School

