

Parents Weekly Newsletter



Achieving & Growing Together



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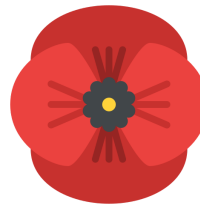


WELCOME TO WEEK 08 OF THE PARENTS NEWSLETTER

We have had a lovely week this week (apart from the weather). The children have been working hard and been learning about Remembrance Day and what the colours of the traditional poppy represent:

Red petals are for the blood of those who gave their lives;
Black is for those mourning loved ones who did not return home;
Green is for hope for the future.

The green leaf is worn at 11 o'clock, to demonstrate the end of the war on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month and is worn on the left side over your heart.



Breakfast and Lighthouse Crew

Please be reminded that if you wish for your child to attend the Breakfast or Lighthouse Crew WAC clubs you need to **book and pay on ParentPay** to ensure a place.

Attendance & Lates

We are seeing an increase in the number of children who are arriving late. This means the children are missing out on the start of the day and can often remain unsettled. If you feel you would benefit from support in getting your child to school on time or with attendance concerns please contact the school office who will direct you to the relevant member of the team.

Children coming to school without an adult

We have noticed an increase in the number of children coming to school without a responsible adult. Year 6 who have permission are able to come to school on their own. **NO OTHER CHILDREN SHOULD BE COMING TO SCHOOL ON THEIR OWN**

LOOKING AHEAD

13th Nov- Remembrance/ Armistice Day

14th Nov- Year 5 West Stow Trip

17th Nov- Children in Need

22nd Nov- Whole School Photos (info to follow)

To avoid children being disappointed and missing out on events, please bear in mind that payments after the set deadlines on ParentPay will NOT be accepted.

ATTENDANCE

Going to school regularly is important for your child's future.

School starts: 8.45am

School ends: 3.15pm

All pupils are required to be in school **everyday by 8:45am** ready to learn.

Parents are legally responsible for making sure that children go to school.



SCHOOL DINNERS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please check your ParentPay accounts if you wish to book a school dinner for your child. If your account is in debt you will not be able to book a lunch until the account has been cleared.

 [Lunch Menu 2023-2024](#)



Cold Weather

With the cold weather now upon us, please remember to bring in jumpers, coats and appropriate footwear.



Child Absence

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school you will need to telephone the attendance line 01733 232949 option 1



Wrap Around Care Club

If your child attends the club and you need to contact Mrs Rose during the session please contact her on the clubs number -

07541644794

If you are in receipt of any childcare benefits please use our registration number 110743 to claim help towards the payments.



Additional Information for additional information about the school please check out our [website](#) or visit our Facebook page - **Leighton Primary School**

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Updating Contact Details

If you wish to add a contact for your child, you can add this yourself through the **Arbor Parent Portal App**.

Alternatively you can email officeadmin@leightonprimary.net with the child's name, year and class and the details of the contact collecting them including full name, age and contact number. Without these details, your child will not be released. In emergencies please call the office on 01733 232949.

Please note office hours are between 8.30- 15.30

Year 1 and Year 2 Cinema Trip

Year 1 and Year 2 had a fantastic time going to Cineworld to watch Epic Tails, where a fearless mouse and cat go on an adventure to save Yolcos; a city in Ancient Greece. The children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the cinema and we are sure they will have lots to tell you about the movie.



Lunches



If you have any questions or concerns about the quality and quantity of the meals provided by the catering company who supplies lunches at Leighton, please see the below email address:

<mailto:Mychildslunch@ccpltd.biz>

Parents Evening- Miss Guilfoyle- Year 5 Manta Ray

A reminder to parents of children in Miss Guilfoyle's class. Parents evening will now be taking place on **15th November by telephone appointments only**.

Children in Need

On 17th November, Leighton is taking part in Children in Need's **Be SPOTacular**. For a donation of **£2.00**, children can come to school wearing something spotty, dotty and spectacular on the day!



We are also asking all classes to take part in Joe Wicks' Bearpee Challenge of 1000 Bearpees throughout the week. With every class and our after school clubs doing some Bearpees everyday, we know we can smash that goal. **We are splitting the donation between school and Children in Need- £2.00 per child. £1.00 to school and £1.00 to Children in Need.**

New After School Clubs

Please see below the new after school clubs for this term

Monday- YDP Football KS1 ONLY

Tuesday-YDP Dodgeball

Tuesday- Cookery Club KS2 ONLY

Wednesday- YDP Boxercise

Wednesday- Lego Club KS2 ONLY

Thursday- YDP Gymnastics

Friday- YDP Football KS2 ONLY

Please book and pay for a place via ParentPay. Some clubs may have limited spaces.

Young Carers

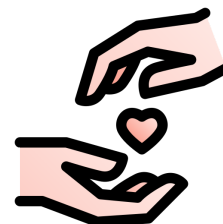
We are trying to gain an understanding of which children in our school may be Young Carers.

The definition of a Young Carer is:

- A young carer is someone 18 years old or under who provides care, assistance or support to another family member who is disabled, physically or mentally ill or has a substance misuse problem.

The responsibility of a young carer is wide and varied. It can include but is not limited to:

- Practical tasks, such as cooking, housework and shopping.
- Physical care, like helping someone out of bed.
- Emotional support, including talking to someone who is distressed.
- Personal care, such as helping someone dress.
- Managing the family budget and collecting prescriptions.
- Helping to give medicine.
- Helping someone communicate.
- Looking after brothers and sisters/helping look after brothers and sisters.



If you feel that your child may be a Young Carer, please contact your child's class teacher via Dojo or email Julie Aubert at jaubert@leightonprimary.net

If we are aware of children who are Young Carers we can ensure the correct support in school is accessible and available to the children.

Safeguarding

Please remember to sign up to the National Online Safety page to be able to find more factsheets like these to help keep your children safe online. If you download the National Online Safety app on your mobile phones or ipads/tablets then create an account adding Leighton Primary School in the relevant section.

A free online safety guide looking at Microtransactions.

Microtransactions figure in the business model of many game and app developers, allowing them to bring in ongoing revenue as users continue to pay for extra features and content; even software that's initially free to download can be monetised in this way. It's a system which has featured in many of younger gamers' perennial favourite franchises, from Fortnite to FIFA.

As well as encouraging regular spending, however, microtransactions – especially the increasingly common use of loot boxes – have also been scrutinised for what many argue is a resemblance to gambling, with the potential to foster addictive behaviours. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide tells parents and carers what they need to know about microtransactions.



https://nationalcollege.com/guides/microtransactions?utm_campaign=WakeUpWednesday

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SCHOOL CLUBS WEEKLY DIARY	YDP - Football KS1 ONLY	YDP- Dodgeball Cookery Club	YDP- Boxercise Mrs Haley- Lego club	YDP Gymnastics	YDP Football KS2 ONLY