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# Parents Weekly Newsletter



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## WELCOME TO WEEK 12 OF THE PARENTS NEWSLETTER

There were some fantastic Christmas jumpers and festive accessories on Thursday! It was amazing to see all the children dressed ready for Christmas. As part of our celebrations, we had Outside the Box Productions perform the pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty'. It was an amazing performance and the children thoroughly enjoyed the panto experience!



### Flu Vaccinations

If your child has not had their flu vaccination, Vaccination UK will be attending on **12th December** for children who have not yet had it. If you filled out a consent form earlier this year when Vaccination UK attended in September, please **DO NOT** fill the form in again. Only those who have not given consent will need to click on the link below. More information is provided further down in the newsletter. **The link will close at midnight on Sunday 10th December.**

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/cambridgeshire>

### Year 4 Roman Day

We are having a Roman Centurian visiting us who will lead discussion, activities etc to help us gain some more understanding about Roman Britain. If the children would like to dress up as Romans for the day then a baggy T-Shirt and a belt, with leggings would be ideal for inside. If they want to bring in a small blanket to act as a cloak that would also add to the costume. Otherwise, they will be in school uniform.

### Reception Nativity

Reception parents are invited to come and watch their children in the Nativity on 13th December at 9.30. We are offering a creche for parents with young children during the performance. It will take place in the large hall, if parents would like to come to the main office gate.

### LOOKING AHEAD

**12th Dec** -Yr4 Roman Day  
**12th Dec**- Flu vaccination for those who have missed it previously  
**13th Dec**- Reception Nativity  
**14th Dec**- Winter Fair (more info to follow)  
**18th Dec**- Carol concert (more in to follow)  
**20th Dec**- Christmas parties  
**20th Dec**- **LAST DAY OF TERM**  
**8th Jan**- Spring Term starts

## 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](#)



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.

#### 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

Chat



#### 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** Orton Malborne



#### 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](mailto: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**

#### Did you know...

95% attendance means that your child has missed 9 days, nearly 2 weeks of their schooling.

There are 190 school days in the year, leaving 175 other days outside of Term time for family holidays and events

85% attendance means they have missed nearly 6 weeks- that is close to a half term of education missed!

90% attendance means they have missed 18 days- nearly 4 weeks.





If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals your child will likely be entitled to a place at one of the HAF clubs held across the city. Premier sports will be holding a HAF club at Leighton Primary School during the Christmas Break.

If you would like to book a place/places at the Leighton HAF for you child/children please follow the link below. Spaces are limited so please book as soon as possible.

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/8622-865784/>

If you are unable to gain a place at this HAF club or would like to see what other HAF clubs are available across the city please visit:

<https://fis.peterborough.gov.uk/kb5/peterborough/directory/family.page?familychannel=2-8>



We've noticed an increasing number of children not wearing their uniform to school. PE day is the only day when children are permitted to come to school out of uniform.

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing the school uniform (no hoodies etc.)

School staff will contact parents where children are found to not be wearing the uniform. Let staff know if you need some support with this - we have plenty of previously owned uniform that can be provided 'new to you'.

Leighton's policy is available on the school website.

'Leighton recognises that a consistent school uniform policy is vital to promote the ethos of the school and provide a sense of belonging and identity for all children, regardless of their protected characteristics or socio-economic circumstances.'

### Year 6 Duxford Trip

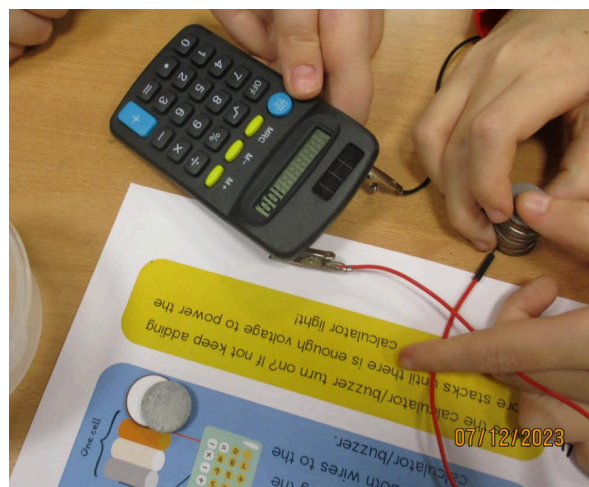
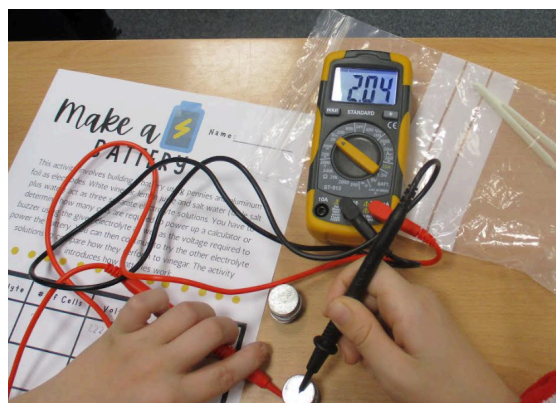
On Tuesday our Year 6s visited Duxford Imperial War Museum to enrich their learning about World War One and World War Two. All of the children were awe-struck by the exhibits which showcased an array of military vehicles and technology used by British, American and German armed forces throughout both wars. The trip enabled the children to learn lots of new information and fascinating facts about how tanks, airplanes and other vehicles were used to support the war effort on both fronts. Highlights included: seeing the WW2 Spitfire and Hurricane planes, B52 American Bomber and reenactment of the Battle of Britain operation centre at Duxford.



## Year 6 Science Workshop

Year 6 had a visit from some female scientists currently working at Cambridge University. They ran a Physics workshop with the children where they were challenged to try and power calculators and buzzers using only coins, cardboard and foil as the cell. The children also used voltage metres to measure the power of their cell. This all consolidated the learning they have been doing on Electricity this half term.

It was great to see Year 6 ending the session by asking the visitors some wonderful questions about their current research projects.



## Flu immunisation for pupils in school years Reception - Year 11

DEAR PARENT/CARER,

The flu vaccine is being offered at your child's school again this autumn/winter.

To give consent for your child to have the flu vaccine, please click here:

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/cambridgeshire>

Even if you do not wish for your child to have the vaccine, please complete the online form so that we can record your wishes.

### THE NASAL FLU VACCINE

- ✓ Protects your child from the flu
- ✓ Protects your family and friends from the flu (especially those who are elderly, young babies, or those who have serious health conditions)
- ✓ Is painless, quick and effective
- ✓ Is free
- ✓ The nasal flu vaccine is very effective at reducing the spread of flu



### THE IM FLU VACCINE

We also offer the flu vaccine as an injection, which is **gelatine-free**. Please see our Frequently Asked Questions for more information.

You only need to complete one consent form for each child. If you later change your mind, please call your local team. If your child has this immunisation elsewhere after you have submitted the consent form, you **MUST** inform Vaccination UK rather than the school.

We understand that you may have questions about the vaccine. For more information, please go to our website, where you can find a list of FAQ's, as well as details of our community catch up clinics. We also have some FAQ's enclosed below.

You can also find informational videos on our YouTube channel, including subtitled versions for other languages.

Yours Faithfully,  
Your Local Immunisation Team  
Vaccination UK



CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Immunisation Team  
Contact Details

[cambsandpeterborough@v-uk.co.uk](mailto:cambsandpeterborough@v-uk.co.uk)

01480 757098

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### USEFUL INFO

- ✓ We endeavour to come to your child's school twice. If they are absent or unable to be vaccinated at school, you will need to attend one of our community clinics for the vaccine. Details of these can be found on our website or you can contact the team above.

- ✗ **PLEASE NOTE** the flu vaccine will **NOT** be available to otherwise healthy children after December 15th at all, and so we urge you to return the consent form as soon as possible in case we are not able to visit your child's schools for a second visit this year.

- ✓ Your consent will remain in place for the entire flu season. If your child misses a first visit, you do not need to complete a second form.

### USEFUL LINKS

[www.schoolvaccination.uk/nasal-flu](http://www.schoolvaccination.uk/nasal-flu)  
[www.youtube.com/@vaccinationuk](https://www.youtube.com/@vaccinationuk)

### PRIVACY POLICY

Our 2023/24 policy can be viewed here:  
[www.schoolvaccination.uk/privacy-policy](https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/privacy-policy)  
For data protection queries, please contact:  
[dpo@vaccinationuk.co.uk](mailto:dpo@vaccinationuk.co.uk)

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

\*The consent form needs to be signed by a person with parental responsibility which includes:

- Mother: automatic
- Father: if married to the mother either when baby is born or marries subsequently
- Unmarried father: if name appears on birth certificate (since 1/12/03) or legally acquired
- Others: if parental responsibility is legally acquired
- Parental Responsibility Agreement: signed, properly witnessed and sent for registration to Principle Registry or the Family Division (High Court)
- Residence Order: granted by the Court

Please note that young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Are there any side effects of the vaccine?

Possible side effects are: decreased appetite, headache, a runny or blocked nose, and sometimes a raised temperature. These are common, but they pass quickly and can be treated with paracetamol or ibuprofen if you feel your child needs it.

### Are there any children who shouldn't have the nasal vaccine?

You should let us know if your child has any of the following:

- A very severe allergy to eggs, egg proteins, gentamicin or gelatine – it is important for us to know if your child has been admitted to hospital with a condition called anaphylaxis, triggered by these things.
- Are currently wheezy or have been wheezy in the past 72 hours with asthma. There is an alternative flu vaccine that we can talk to you about to ensure that your child is protected as soon as possible.
- Have a condition that severely weakens their immune system.

Also, children who have been vaccinated should avoid close contact with people with very severely weakened immune systems for around two weeks following vaccination (By severely weakened, we generally mean people who are isolating, such as those who have received some types of chemotherapy or people who have had a bone marrow transplant, for example). This is because there's an extremely remote chance that the vaccine virus may be passed to them.

Contact with other healthy children or adults does not need to be limited after having the vaccine.

### We do not eat pork products.

Can my child have a different flu vaccine?

Yes. There is a flu vaccine available, in the form of an injection.

The nasal flu vaccine is the best vaccine for children and young people under 18 years of age as it is more effective at stopping the spread of flu and it is painless, but it does have a highly processed form of gelatine (porcine gelatine), which is used in a range of many essential medicines. The gelatine helps to keep the vaccine viruses stable so that the vaccine provides the best protection against flu.

If your faith or beliefs mean you would prefer a vaccine that has no pork (porcine gelatine) in it, please complete the consent for the flu injection only. You do not need to complete a form for both.

## 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 Disney+

In 2019, media titan Disney launched its own streaming platform, intending to challenge the likes of Netflix and Amazon Prime. Giving (often exclusive) access to shows and movies – such as the legendary studio's animated classics and the revered Star Wars back catalogue – Disney+ has been a colossal success, proving popular with viewers of all ages.

Despite Disney's reputation for wholesome, child-friendly content, however, there's far more material available on their platform – some of which is aimed exclusively at adults. This could easily fly under the radar, given the company's general image. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide has useful tips to help your family sit back, relax and enjoy what Disney+ has to offer.



[https://nationalcollege.com/guides/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-disney?utm\\_campaign](https://nationalcollege.com/guides/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-disney?utm_campaign)

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