



Lethbridge Primary School Newsletter

December

2021



Welcome to our latest newsletter

Dear All

Thank you all for your support of the School over this first part of the academic year. The Early Years nativity plays have been an absolute joy to attend. Well done to our very youngest children who did an amazing job telling the story of the little robin looking to find the baby Jesus to sing him a song. 😊

Year 1 and 2 children did an amazing job with their singing, dancing and storytelling. To see them being able to take part in this annual tradition after missing out last year was really heart-warming. You made us all so proud.

And our Key Stage Two children were able to attend our annual carol service at Christchurch after two years without this staple of the Lethbridge calendar. Again – what joy it brings to hear them singing those carols and speaking proudly from the lectern.

Lethbridge is a school full of people of all faiths and of none, yet the sound of children singing brings us all together to celebrate a time of family and community.

As a school we have again been taking part in the 'Spread The Happiness' event by writing Christmas messages for older people living in residential care. The children's messages really are heartwarming and their drawings will, I'm sure, bring a little bit of Christmas happiness to those who receive them.

Christmas lunch is on Thursday 16th December. Children are also invited to wear Christmas jumpers on this day. This is one of our favourite events of the year. The kitchen staff work really hard to get 500 Christmas dinners cooked and served on the day and it's always delicious.

We finish for the winter break at 1.30pm on Friday 17th December. Have a wonderful break and we will see you again in the new year.

Primary Steps with The Royal Ballet School

Our Year 3 children have now finished their sessions with The Royal Ballet School for this year and I am really pleased to announce that six children have been selected to continue their training with the Primary Steps programme. Congratulations to them all and well done to all the children who took part in the ballet lessons in school. What an amazing experience for all.

Free school meals

If your child is entitled to benefit –related free school meals you will receive a food shopping voucher of £60 value for the Christmas break for each child. You will receive a message about this soon with more details and asking you to choose which supermarket you would like your vouchers to be valid for.

If you think you might be entitled to benefits-related free school meals for your child please apply. I know that children in EYFS and Key Stage One receive a free meal at school because of their age but the benefits-related free school meals entitlement means you would also receive a food package provided by the school if your child has to self-isolate due to Covid 19 related reasons and you receive other items such as the Christmas holiday supermarket voucher. The school also receives additional money for each child who is registered as entitled to benefits-related free school meals which we can spend on things like phonics and maths interventions, our ELSA service and other services to enhance the quality of education and mental health and wellbeing of the children.

Please read the information here:

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20032/schools_and_education/408/free_school_meals

Bets wishes, Lisa Mayes

Dates for your diary:

January

4th – return to school
12th – year 3 trip to We the Curious
13th year 4 trip to We the Curious
13th – 5MRKK class assembly to parents 11.00am
20th – 2HF class assembly to parents 11.00am
24th – Nasal flu vaccinations for children
26th – Teacher Development Day – school closed to children
27th - 4JM class assembly to parents 11.00am
31st – Bollywood dance club performing at the Wyvern

February

1st – ExplorerDome sessions
3rd – 3JKCB class assembly to parents 11.00am
7th – Children's Mental Health Week
8th – Safer Internet Day
10th – 5TM class assembly to parents 11.00am
17th – 3EL class assembly to parents 11.00am

VALUE OF THE TERM:



CHILDREN'S HEALTH

We recognise that especially within the winter months, children are more susceptible to viral illnesses. Please see below as to where is available locally to receive medical advice and care for these common symptoms

- CONTINUOUS COUGH
- PERSISTENT FEVER
- LOSS OF TASTE OR SENSE OF SMELL

WINTER YOUNG PERSON'S AND CHILDREN'S CLINIC

DEDICATED ACUTE ILLNESS CLINIC FOR 2-17 YEAR OLDS

We are excited to announce a new service coming to Swindon, lead by an experienced team of GPs and Advanced Clinical Practitioners created to assess and treat conditions that are unable to be managed within the services listed below

 MONDAY - FRIDAY, 8AM TO 4:30PM

 01793 709505

 TAW HILL MEDICAL CENTRE, SN25 1UH

OPENING
6TH DECEMBER

OTHER SERVICES FOR CLINICAL ADVICE

NHS WEBSITES

www.nhs.uk/conditions

www.whenshouldiworry.com

<https://bswccg.nhs.uk/your-health/hospital-care/childrens-health>

PHARMACIES

The local pharmacies are a quick and convenient way of discussing your medical concerns and being given an appropriate management plan

111

A 24/7 triage service designed to help assess your current symptoms

<https://111.nhs.uk>



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