

Autumn Term 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to another exciting year in Lower KS2. We are very much looking forward to working and learning with you all 😊

The Year 3 and 4 teachers are:

3KH: Miss Humphries

4AD: Miss Davies

3MP: Miss Plaquin

4JK/CB: Mrs Kyle and Mrs Battye

This Term's Topic: Changing Childhoods

In this History topic, children will be investigating the changes in children's lives through time, learning how children's spare time, health and work have changed. They explore the most crucial change – work – in more detail, learning about a day in the life of a working child and the significance of Lord Shaftesbury and his impact.

Our termly Values focus:

Term 1 Respect	Term 2 Friendship	Term 3 Tolerance	Term 4 Courage	Term 5 Responsibility	Term 6 Honesty
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P.E.

Please ensure that children come in to school on P.E. days in the correct Lethbridge P.E. kit. The Lethbridge PE kit is the following:

- Velcro or lace-up trainers
- Socks
- Black shorts
- Plain white t-shirt
- In colder weather, a plain dark sweatshirt or fleece and dark tracksuit trousers with no logos may be worn.
- Football kits are not allowed.

Year 3 P.E will be on **Wednesday afternoons**

Year 4 P.E will be on **Tuesdays afternoons**

Primary Steps Dance for Year 3

We are thrilled that Year 3 are working once again with The Royal School of Ballet and Swindon Dance in Term 1. These sessions are provided free of charge and all children will attend as part of the national P.E. curriculum.

Year 3 should wear school P.E. kit for the Primary Steps Dance sessions:

- Monday 16th September
- Monday 23rd September
- Monday 30th September
- Monday 7th October
- Monday 14th October

Practical things you need to know

Please do not bring in pencil cases, toys or nick-nacks from home. School will provide all pencils etc in individual pencil cases.

Please do ensure that your child wears correct named uniform, including proper shoes. This also applies to P.E kit, which must be worn into school on PE, sports club and ballet days. Information about the uniform is here: <https://lethbridgeschool.org.uk/schoolUniform.php>

Do Bring:

- Water bottle – no squash or juice please
- Healthy snack – no chocolate, sweets or crisps please at break
- Lunch (packed or school dinner)
- A bag with a reading book from home for the first few days– during the first week reading levels will be assessed and a suitable book chosen in discussion with a member of staff

Entrances and Exits

Staff will collect your children from the KS2 playground in the morning. Please encourage children to line up sensibly and be ready ☺ Staff will bring the children down from classes at the end of the day. We would be grateful if parents did not collect around the back stairs as it becomes very congested and we will come all the way out onto the KS2 playground.

Start of Day	Where	Time
Years 3 and 4	Children will line up to be collected from KS2 playground Year 3 and 4 will walk up the back stairs with staff	8.40am

End of day	Where	Time
Years 3 and 4	Staff will walk the children downstairs to meet parents on the KS2 playground Year 4 and 3KH will walk down the back stairs 3MP will use the main stairs	3.15pm Friday – 1.35pm

Parents should not come up the stairs please at any time

The back stairs' door is automatically locked and unlocked at the start and end of the day so if your child is late to school, please enter through the school office in order to be registered.

If you have a query or concern and would like to speak in person with your class teacher, please direct all communication through the school office: Tel 535033 or email

admin@lethbridge.bluekitetrust.org A quick meeting after school can readily be arranged.

Homework Expectations and Reading

Years 3 and 4 will be expected to complete a times tables homework and spelling homework each week, in addition to daily reading (please sign reading records). Homework will be set on Thursday and collected in by the following Tuesday.

Prizes/stickers for reads are awarded as each child accumulates multiples of 25 home reads. Some children reach 300 over the year and the progress they make in other areas certainly tallies with how much reading they do!

If your child has a phonics- matched reading book, they will also have a second 'love of reading' book. Though most children will have moved off the colour scheme by the end of Year 4 and may be choosing their own books even in early Year 3, from school or from home, we do keep a close eye on these

choices to ensure good progress in vocabulary and comprehension. We tend to call these 'chapter reads' rather than 'free readers'.

We hope that both you and the children enjoy the new topic and have a great year. See you on the playground!

Best wishes

The Year 3/4 Team