



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 5th July 2024

Headteacher Update

Dear Parents,

We have almost come to the end of the academic year. It doesn't feel like a year since I wrote the first newsletter in September! Below is a very brief update compared to my mammoth essay last week.

This week we had transition day where not only did our Year 6s move up to their new schools, but the whole school, from Reception to Year 5, moved up to visit their new teacher. I managed to walk around most classrooms and it was lovely to see happy children getting to know their teacher. We also welcomed our new Reception children and their parents to school; we're looking forward to them starting next year!

Next week, Trevor has stocked up on tissues because it's going to be a very emotional few days! We'll be holding an assembly to say goodbye to our staff leavers who will be very much missed. Then, on Tuesday, it'll be the turn of our Year 6s to say goodbye to the school.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the course of the year as we have navigated through the many changes. Your feedback has been very helpful to ensure Little Bowden provides your child with the best offer. I hope you all have a lovely summer break and I'll see you all when we return in August!

Many thanks

Mr Brannigan

Dates for your Diaries



- **Friday 5th July** - School Reports Out
- **Tuesday 9th July** - YR 6 Leavers Assembly
- **Tuesday 9th July** - Results KS2
- **TUESDAY 9th JULY** - END OF SUMMER TERM
- **Tuesday 28th August** - Back to school

Weekly Attendance

A photograph of an attendance sheet. The sheet has columns for dates in January (January 06, January 07, January 08, January 09, January 10, January 11, January 12) and rows for names (Charlotte, Emma, Hailey). Blue checkmarks are marked in the cells for each name across all dates. A yellow pen is resting on the sheet.

Remember: We do not authorise any holidays during term time. Exceptional circumstances can be granted by the Headteacher

This week's attendance is : 94.4 %

Our Target is 97%



Our star class for this week is: RJB : 99.09% WELL DONE

Attendance Update

Further to the new Government Guidelines relating to the issue of Penalty Notices coming in, please find an information leaflet advising you of the changes that will be **coming into force on 19th August**.

5 Consecutive Days of Term Time Leave. Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days, and for fewer days where this has happened before. 10 Sessions of Unauthorised Absence in a 10-week period. Penalty Notice fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of absence in a 10-week period

Per Parent, Per Child Penalty Notice fines will be issued to each parent, for each child who was absent. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave will result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days. Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days. (No option to pay at £80 level)

Third offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued. The case will proceed to the Magistrates' court. Magistrate's fines can be up to £2,500 per parent, per child

Class Updates

EYFS

This week the children watched in awe as the butterfly emerged from the chrysalis. The children have been doing observational drawings of butterflies and labelling them using their phonic knowledge. In maths, the children went on a shape hunt around the school. They have been revisiting 2D shape names and their properties. The children have also been learning how to carry a tray at dinner time, so that they are ready for year one!

Year 1

Year One enjoyed meeting their new teachers this week. They spent the day in their new classrooms and all came back saying they'd had a great day! In maths this week, we have finished off our work on money and started learning about position and direction.

Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed creating box cars in Design and Technology, consolidating maths through fun practical activities, meeting their new teachers for the transition day (they all did really well), daily 'read to me' time exploring new vocabulary and comprehension and the many times in the hall this week (especially for the exciting end-of-year gold awards and headteacher award!)

Year 2 had a wonderful time visiting their new classes on Tuesday and now can't wait to become grown up Year 3's! We have really enjoyed looking back over some of the work we have done this year and will be gradually sending books home over the next few days.

Year 3

In our English lessons we have written and published our own poem using Jim - a Cautionary Tale by Hilaire Belloc as our inspiration. We have also written a letter to our new teachers so that they can get to know us a little more before next year. In maths we have continued our statistics unit and learnt how to draw and interpret pictograms and also draw and interpret bar charts. In our science lesson we have observed different plants and learnt about how they have adapted to survive in different environments.

Year 4

Year 4 have been very excited about meeting their new teachers. They had a great transition day. They have also had a fun day at Twin Lakes. What a great way to end the year. The Year 4 team would like to wish everyone a great holiday and a big thank you and goodbye from Mr and Mrs Smithies.

Year 5

This week the Year 5's have been busy completing the rest of their summer term tests. Somehow the teachers have also managed to squeeze in some yoga lessons in P.E, coding in computers, volume in maths as well as desert climates in geography. In addition, the children have done some descriptive work on The Legend of Podkin One-Ear by Kieran Larwood in English. They definitely deserve a rest!

Year 6

We were pleased to hear the stories from our Year 6 children this week in regards to their transition days at secondary schools. It is such an exciting time and we are glad it has gone well for so many of our students. Our First Aid workshop on Thursday was amazing, children learnt vital skills needed in an emergency. We now look forward to our Leavers Assembly and celebrating the achievement of our Year 6's

Whole School Photograph



The whole school photograph is now ready and looks fantastic.

The price to parents for a 18x8" (inch) print with a mount is £28. They also have the option of having it framed for an extra £20.

To access the school photo go to: <https://swpschools.shootproof.com/LB24> Password: R4RUDFJ

Please put your child's name and class in the notes section for easy labelling.

You have till the 26TH JULY to order to receive FREE delivery to the school in September or collection from us at Harborough Innovation Centre in August. Please put in the notes section which you would prefer.

ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support)

I hope all the children have had a positive experience at school this year. A little update from myself, I'm Mrs TF and I work as an ELSA in school along with Mrs Carter as part of the inclusion team. Fun clubs have been in full swing this year supporting years 4, 5 & 6. Many ELSA sessions have taken place including friendships groups, Lego therapy, helping with anger, anxiety, managing emotions & bereavement support. I've had the pleasure of visiting reception for story time accompanied by

Dalton the dragon, a firm favourite! I shall be back next term to support the children in school and have some great ideas to support their wellbeing. It has been so lovely to see the children grow this year and I wish everyone a wonderful summer. See you next term.....

🌈❤️🌟 Mrs TF



Mrs Klimowicz's Channel Swim

Mrs Klimowicz is doing a channel swim on the 29th of July and is fundraising for Aspire.

If you wish to support her and donate please go to:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/emma-klimowicz-1704738158798>

Summer Reading Challenge

The start of this year's Summer Reading Challenge is on **Saturday 6th July!**

This year's Summer Reading Challenge is about getting CREATIVE. Music, junk-modelling, photography, dancing, story-writing...the possibilities are endless. The Summer Reading Challenge is led by The Reading Agency, and supported by 90% of UK Libraries. The Challenge is for children aged 4-12 (although there is a mini Under-4s Challenge too!). Join the Marvellous Makers in Leicestershire Libraries from 6 July to 7 September.

The theme will be **Marvellous Makers** which is about taking part, reading for fun and expressing your creativity.

There is a fantastic video made at Birstall Library to explain how to take part.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BPYvFVR2kwQ>

Go to your library this summer to sign up and get your Marvellous Makers collector's foldout poster! Read books and collect stickers and other rewards for your reading (watch out for the smelly stickers!) In Leicestershire Libraries, we encourage children to read 6 books and visit their local library 3 times. At the end, you will receive a certificate with your name on and a medal. Remember, you can read ANYTHING. Reading together counts too. It could be a chapter book, picture book, comic, graphic novel, fact book, eBook or audiobook

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenge>

There will also be FREE entry to Bosworth Battlefield and The 1620s House for children taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge.

Music Lessons



If your child wishes to continue with their music tuition in school or is interested in learning to play an instrument please see below details for all of the music teachers. Please get in touch with them directly to check on their availability

- Thom Costall (Guitar): harboroughguitarman@gmail.com
- Mike Shaw (Violin) : mikeshawviolin@gmail.com
- Tracey Foster-Joy (Clarinet / Saxophone / Flute) tracey.fosterjoy@enjoyingmusic.co.uk
- Jane Parker (Piano) janemparker99@yahoo.co.uk