



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**FRIDAY 26th JANUARY 2024**

## **Headteacher Update**

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a great start to 2024! We have been very busy these last few weeks, so apologies for the lack of a newsletter last week.

You will notice that we are trying a new Newsletter format to communicate to parents. This is based on feedback that the old newsletter was difficult to read on phones, which seems to be the main device used to read them. We will continue to update and improve the newsletter on here as we start to get tech savvy and understand it a bit better.

We have two Coffee Mornings scheduled for this half term which give you the opportunity to hear updates from the school and ask questions about them. We hope you will be able to attend and find them useful to improve communication between home and school. Speaking of communication, just a reminder that we have a Facebook page now to showcase some events at school. Please, if you haven't already, indicate your preference on Arbor for whether you consent to your child's photo being online.

Next week we have a very special event in school. The Confucius Classroom will be coming into school to do activities related to the Chinese New Year. This will be a really great opportunity to enrich our Mandarin lessons so we are really looking forward to it!

Mr Brannigan

## Dates for your Diaries



- **Wednesday 31st January** - Chinese New Year - in school activities
- **Saturday 3rd February** - STEM conference at RSA
- **Week of 5th February** - Children's Mental Health Week
- **Wednesday 7th February** - Dress as you please, NON UNIFORM DAY - no donations needed. Part of Express Yourself with colours week for Children's Mental Health
- **Wednesday 7th February** - Coffee Morning
- **Monday 12th February** - EYFS Fireman visiting school
- **Wednesday 14th February** - Wear What You Love Day ( PTA )
- **Friday 16th February** - EYFS and Year 1 NHS Dental Check
- **Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February** – Half Term
- **Monday 26th February** - School Opens
- **Tuesday 12th March** - Year 4 Roman Day - in school
- **Tuesday 19th March** - Heights & Measures (Year 6 & EYFS)
- **Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th April** – Year 4 PGL Bawdsey Manor
- **Wednesday 13th March** - KS1 St Hugh's Church visit

- **Thursday 14th March** - KS2 St Nicholas' Church visit
- **Tuesday 30th April** – YR 3 New Walk & Mosque Visit
- **Sunday 12th May** - Youth China Test, Level 1

## Weekly Attendance



	January 06	January 07	January 08	January 09	January 10	January 11	January 12
ter	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Charlotte	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
mma	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hailey	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ter	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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

**This week's attendance is : 94.1%**

**Our Target is 97%**

Our star class for this week is : RJB - 98.64% WELL DONE



News and Notices







**PTA Race Night** - Friday 9th February under starters orders at 6pm!

Come and join us. £2.00 per entry per person.

Starts at 6:00 PM . Total of 6 Races and first Race is at 6:30 PM. 50p per bet.

### **PTA Movie Night**

Thank you to the PTA for organising the Movie Night. Reception children enjoyed a Julia Donaldson classic; KS1 enjoyed Secret Life of Pets 2; and KS2 enjoyed Elemental. Special thanks to local businesses who donated treats for the event. An incredible £540 was raised!

### **Coffee Morning**

There are two Coffee Mornings planned for this half term.

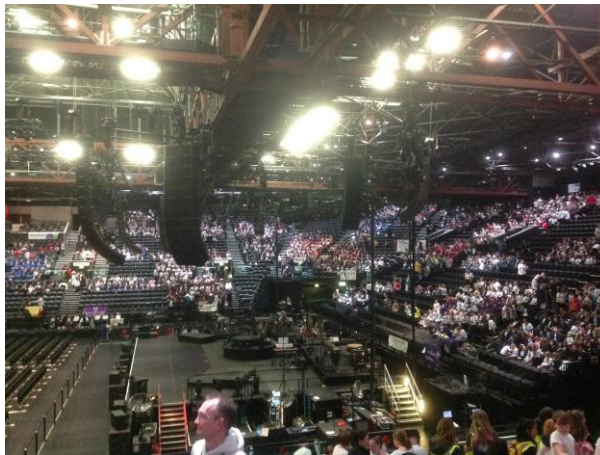
- 7th February - Headteacher Coffee Morning
- 8th March - Inclusion Coffee Morning



### **Photo permissions**

If you haven't already done so, please log into Arbor and update your photo permissions. We always love to shout about all the amazing things that happen at school but we can't always share the photos. If you're having problems, please email the office and we'll be happy to update them for you.





### **Young Voices**

What an amazing time our Young Voices singers had at the Birmingham Arena!

On Tues 23rd January a small group of 25 pupils attended Young Voices at Birmingham's Resorts World Arena to perform in a nearly 6,000 children's choir made up from schools up and down the country. The day was a complete success with the children doing themselves and the school proud. Everyone worked so hard learning lyrics (of which there were many) in the weeks beforehand and it showed, from their perseverance attending weekly workshops to their enthusiastic performance on the day. Afterwards the children were buzzing (if a little tired) and I know that this inspiring experience will stay with them for a long time.

Well done to all you star performers - you made Mr Eardley (Music Lead) and our school so proud!

## Sporting News



Please see below information regarding Sports clubs this term.

### Spring Term 23/24 Sports Clubs

Beginning Week Monday 15th January – Friday 22nd March

[sports@littlebowden.leics.sch.uk](mailto:sports@littlebowden.leics.sch.uk)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM 8:15 - 8:40	Tournament / Event Training  (invite only)	Year 5/6 LaCrosse - Mixed	Boxercise  Year 4-6	Year 3/4 Dodgeball - Mixed	Year 5/6 Hockey - Mixed
PM 3:20 – 4:15	Year 3-6  Multi Sports - Mixed	Archery/Curling   Year 4/5/6 Netball - Mixed	Year 3 Football - Mixed	Year 6 Boys Football	Year 5/6 Girls Football