

Leamore News



December 2019

Christmas Break

Monday 23rd December 2019 - Monday 6th January 2020

INSET DAYS- SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 6th January 2020

Tuesday 7th January 2020 - **First Day Back** – Normal Time



A message from Miss Francis

With September seeming like a distant memory, it has been a long and busy half term: an abundance of activities; visitors into school; educational visits outside of school and, of course, our visit to the pantomime have all helped to enrich our curriculum and engage our children - giving them a real desire to learn and ensuring they fulfil their potential.

Every member of the Leamore team continues to work extremely hard.

We have hosted three amazing Christmas productions which welcomed family and friends to watch fantastic acting, singing and dancing. It was great to see the confidence in our children and the smiles on their faces. Again, these events also enrich the curriculum and allow education to take place both inside and outside of the classroom.

The highlights for me this term have been:

- A remarkable improvement in our attendance - we have made so much progress and are proud to be setting an example for other schools across Walsall.
- Our children's consistent continuous display of exemplary behaviour and attitude. We were immensely proud when Ofsted commented on how wonderfully well behaved our pupils were and I often receive comments from others highlighting this too. More recently, however, this was exemplified when a member of the public rang to tell us how well behaved our Year 5 children were when travelling on public transport. This has become typical wherever our children go. Moreover, our children have an amazing attitude towards their learning. Subject Leaders have been working with children from each class over the term to identify their thoughts and feelings (Pupil Voice) in the respective areas and all have commented on how eloquently and passionately the pupils have spoken about their learning at Leamore - showing that they are learning more and remembering more. We are so proud of all of them!
- The generosity and thoughtfulness shown by our families in contributing to all of the charities we have supported this half-term has been astounding - thank you all for having such caring hearts to do so much good.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all well at this special time of the year and hope 2020 brings you more amazing experiences.

Merry Christmas to you all from everyone here at Leamore Primary School.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every School Day Counts

There are 171 Non School Days a Year (weekends, holidays, bank holidays and inset days)- That is 171 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs or other appointments.

194 DAYS FOR YOUR CHILDS EDUCATION EACH YEAR	8 DAYS ABSENCE	16 DAYS ABSENCE	20 DAYS ABSENCE. A TERM MISSED.	30 DAYS ABSENCE. A TERM MISSED	59 DAYS ABSENCE
	186 DAYS OF EDUCATION	178 DAYS OF EDUCATION	174 DAYS OF EDUCATION	164 DAYS OF EDUCATION	135 DAYS OF EDUCATION
100%	95.9%	92%	90%	80%	70%
Good- Best chance of success for your child. They are off to a flying start.	Worrying- Less chance of success for your child. It makes it harder for them to make progress.		Serious concern- This is not fair on your child. Court Action will be taken if no improvement is made.		

Thank you for your generosity.

Staff have been overwhelmed with your cards and gifts.



Autumn Term's Attendance

The class with the highest attendance this term and half-term is:

YEAR 3- 97.3%

2 nd Y6 – 96.9%	5 th Y5– 96.1%
3 rd Y4– 96.7%	6 th Y2 – 95.7%
4 th Y1 – 96.3%	7 th Recep– 95.3%

A message from our Chair of Governors Cath...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the hard working, dedicated staff and Governors at Leamore who work tirelessly to give our children a fabulous education. Whilst we really focus on delivering a challenging curriculum and enabling our children to succeed, we have also given priority this year to lots of other activities which enrich their school life. Some of these activities have been highlighted in this newsletter.

I attended both the Carol Concert and the Nativity this week which was lovely and the children did a great job! I thought the recorder group did especially well having only learned to play in the last 5 weeks. Music is a passion of mine and I love listening to all types of music and seeing live performances when I can. I have lost count of how many bands I have seen play live but my most memorable must be Foo Fighters in Las Vegas on new years eve 2 years ago!

I am so proud of how Leamore school has progressed this year and how positive everyone has been in embracing the changes we have introduced. Our strong links with Kings Hill school has enabled us to really learn from an Outstanding school and bring their best practices into Leamore.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas. Enjoy the festive break and let's see what more amazing things we can do in 2020!

Trips & Visitors

Y4 took part in a professional workshop with the cast of 'Up Up & Away'. They then watched the production at Forest Arts. "The show was devised to give children the opportunity to recognize and celebrate the differences they see in themselves and in others, something that is significant as they grow up in a world where normal no longer applies."



Year 5 had a fantastic morning at Walsall Leather Museum making plague doctor masks as part of their Black Death topic.

Dr Diane Davies, who is a Maya archaeologist, came to visit year 6 today. We were exceptionally lucky as she is the ONLY UK No1 expert on Maya civilisation. The children investigated and handled real life Maya artefacts; they thoroughly enjoyed it.



Year 4 visited the back to back houses in Birmingham as part of their topic lessons

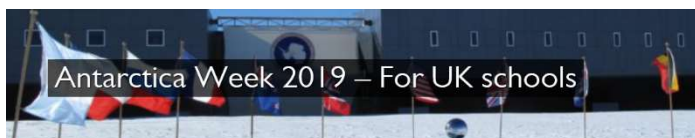
Church visits

Children in Years 1-5 visited St Johns church for a Christmas event. The children learnt how Christians celebrate Christmas, through the stages of advent. Looking at the Journey, Message, Announcement, Promise and Hope.



Year 2 Antarctic Experience

Year 2 had a great time hearing from Andy from the British Antarctic Survey. Leamore was chosen from 350 other schools to take part. The children loved it! Experts from BAS and around the UK spoke to us and inspired us to be scientists and engineers when we are older.



Receptions 1000 Stories & Nursery Starbooks

Thank you to all the parents who have attended our new Reading initiatives. We look forward to seeing you next half term for even more.



Thank you to all the parents
that came to watch our Early
Years Nativity and KS1
Concert

We are sure you will agree;
the children were fantastic.

BY MATTHEW NEWMAN



KS2 Carol Concert

Thank you to all those that
joined us at St Johns
Church for the KS2
Christmas Carol Concert



Our fundraising this
half term:

A big thank you to everyone
that wore spots.

You helped us raise an amazing
£169.45 for Children in Need.

A big thank you to everyone
that donated to Show
Racism the red card. We
raised £120.28



A big thank you to everyone that wore their Christmas
Jumper

You helped us raise an amazing £151.51 for Save the
Children



Save the Children®

A big thank you to everyone
that donated to McMillian
Coffee Morning.

We raised £89.14

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone that donated to 'Elf Day'.

We raised £145.83 for the Alzheimer's Charity.



Early Years

Children had a magical morning at their Christmas breakfast.

And it wouldn't have been Christmas without a visit from Santa!

Whole School Pantomime Trip

What a treat; it was a great morning of entertainment.



German Market.

This year we held our first Christmas German Market. Each class made an item to be sold.

Funds taken on the day were £257.13.



Online Safety Assembly.

Children in KS1 spoke about the different ways to stay safe when going online. They watched a video about a girl called Jesse who made sure she got permission from her parents before going online.

Remember...get permission.



LeamorePrimarySchool @LeamoreSchool · 22 Nov

Here at Leamore Primary school we were lucky enough to receive a visit from Eddie Hughes. He came along and took part in our UK Parliament Week event with children and parents! We even got the chance to appear in the Express and Star! #LPSSchoolCouncil #UKParliamentWeek



Anti- Bullying



Miss Cox, Mrs Kelly & Mrs Stacey @Leamore_Recep · 11 Nov

A class full of bucket fillers and odd sock wearers. Talking all about how we are kind to our friends.

#oddsocksday2019



Celebrating Anti-Bullying Week



World Science Day



To celebrate World Science Day, we were lucky enough to have a special visitor in assembly.

The Mad Scientist showed us some fabulous experiments, we really enjoyed it and learnt such a lot!

PTA

Since the relaunch of PTA, there has been a hive of activity. We cannot thank them enough for their hard work and commitment this term. They really have gone above and beyond. We are so excited to see their ideas become reality.

Look out for the details of the next meeting on the PTA minutes as we are always looking for new members.



Thank you.



We would like to say a big thank you to Cath Thompson, our chair of governors for gifting Leamore children with the fantastic opportunity to learn to play a tuned instrument. The children are really enthusiastic and ready to learn how to play a Ukulele.

Parents Eve Positive Comments.

Thank you to all the parents that took the time to complete the Parent Views. We were overwhelmed with your comments, which prove we are making rapid progress not only with the children, but with our community too.

- "Jack is really enjoying school, loves his lessons and his teachers"
- "Charlie loves school. he is always happy and excited for school days"
- "As a parent I'm really happy since Miss Francis has taken over"
- "Mrs Kelly has been an encouragement as she has supported our children for the last 5 years. She is fair, experienced and a lovely person. Miss Baker and Mrs Kelly make your first experience comforting and calm"
- "Miss Francis has done great, improving the school and look forward to the future with Mr Dwyer as deputy"



Spring 1

<u>Week Beginning</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Thursday Theme</u>
06/01/20	Y3	Aspire Promote positivity
13/01/20	Y2	Martin Luther King Day (20 th Jan)
20/01/20	Y4	Chinese New Year (25 th Jan)
27/01/20	Y5	Creativity/Creation
03/02/20	Y1	Safer internet day (11 th Feb)
10/02/20	Reception	Compassion (Caring for Others)

Spring 1

<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
1		
2		
3		
4		
5	1 st Feb – 8 th Feb	National Story Telling Week
5	7 th Feb	Number Day (NSPCC)
6	11 th Feb	Safer Internet Day