

Leamore News

(Autumn 1 2019)

OCTOBER BREAK DATES

Monday 28th October 2019 -
Friday 01st November 2019

WINTER BREAK DATES

Monday 23rd December 2019 -
Friday 03rd January 2020

BACK TO SCHOOL

Monday 06th January 2020
First Day Back – Normal Time

Attendance News

Half-Term Attendance Winners

The class with the highest attendance this half term:

YEAR 6

Classes over:

Y6 - 98.4%

Y5 - 98.1%, **Y3** - 97.8%,

Y4 - 97.5%, **R** - 96.5%,

Y1 - 96.4%, **Y2** - 96.2%,

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 CHILD'S 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.			

PTA Update

Our Children are thoroughly enjoying having their toast during morning breaks. Our PTA currently attend every morning to cook and prepare the toast for the children as we believe it makes a huge difference for many children. New research has also shown for the first time that children are twice as likely to score higher than average marks in assessments at age 11 if they have started the day with a healthy breakfast. However, eating unhealthy items such as sweets and crisps for breakfast - as one in five children do - does not have any positive spin-off in academic achievement.

Currently, school is providing this free of charge however this will be changing once Parent Pay is in operation. This is due to be set up and shared with parents before Christmas Half-term.

School Council



The newly elected School Council hosted their first event of the year. They invited parents to join them to help raise money for the amazing Macmillan charity. Keep your eyes peeled to find out how much they raised.

Trips and Visits

Year 5's Space Adventure



Our Year 5 pupils visited The National Space Centre in Leicester as part of their Space Topic. It was an education-packed day: they found out lots of interesting facts about the solar system; saw some amazing artefacts and took part in activities that allowed them to get a real feeling of what it is like in Space.

The highlight of their trip was the planetarium show - where children went on a 3D adventure through galaxies and constellations. It was an emotion-provoking experience that made learning about each planet they passed along the way so magical! Miss Clarke said that everyone had a fabulous day!

Year 1's Visit to Conkers

As part of our 'Into The Woods' topic, the children in Year 1 visited Conkers in Derbyshire.

It was a most enjoyable time with the children having the opportunity to explore different parts of the 120 acres of outdoor areas and taking a ride on the CONKERCHOO to get around.

The children really enjoyed taking part in an exciting orienteering activity where they had to work in teams to read a map to find hidden letters in the forest to crack a secret code! We all had a fantastic time and made some magical memories at Conkers!



Year 6's WW2 Experience



This half-term Year 6 have been learning about the life of a Leamore pupil in the times of WW2.

Our school is lucky enough to have an accessible air-raid shelter from WW2 and our pupils thoroughly enjoyed exploring it with their parents:

'I can't believe I never knew it was down there!' - Pupil

'It's crazy to think that people at our school didn't feel safe in the past.' - Pupil

'It is great that they get to experience things like this - much better than reading it in a book.' - Parent

Celebrations / Assemblies

Black History Month (Y6)

Year 6 led a fantastic assembly that highlighted the changes in attitudes towards racism in modern Britain. The assembly outlined the famous Black British and Americans that have helped our society become what it is today.

More information on racism or information on how to report racism can be found using the QR code below.



or by calling 0191 257 8519 and together - we can Give Racism the Red Card!

Mental Health & Wellbeing (Y3)

Mr Price's class shared an assembly giving excellent advice on how to help all of our school community look after their mental health. It highlighted the importance of talking and sharing our worries and concerns as, "We get by with a little help from our friends."



Scan the QR code for support contact numbers or call Samaritans on 116 123 [free] if you need to speak to someone.

Harvest Festival (Y1&2)

Year One and Two highlighted that, at this time of year, we need to be grateful for all of the crops and food that we have available. We also need to spare a thought for those less fortunate than ourselves and share any surplus we have to help make sure no-one goes hungry.



Walsall North is our Local food bank - scan the QR or call them on 07582 869895 to give or receive help.

Special Days / Charity Events

Show Racism the Red Card - Our children wore an item of red clothing to highlight their support for showing racism the red card. Thank you for all your donations - we raised £120.28.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - We held our annual coffee morning in support of Macmillan on 27/09/19. The School Council were brilliant hosts and would like to thank you for all your donations - we raised £58.51.

Congratulations

As recognised by all who are part of the Leamore family, our school has been on a journey of improvement over the past school year. Under the Interim Headship of Miss Francis, we have seen trusted faces return and, working as a team, the school has gone from strength to strength. In our recent Ofsted monitoring visit, it was recognised that there was a need for school to secure a permanent Senior Leadership Team (SLT). We hope you will join us in congratulating the following on their appointments this half term.



Mr G. Dwyer
(Deputy Headteacher)



Miss L. Francis
(Headteacher)



Miss S. Cox
(EYFS & Key Stage 1 Phase Leader)

A Message from Mr Dwyer (Deputy Headteacher)

Thank you for all of your support and hard work over the past half-term, it is amazing to see how well our children have returned and settled into their new classes!

I am overjoyed that, in my new role, I will have the opportunity to continue to help our school provide the best possible experiences and opportunities for our pupils - especially over what is such a magical half-term in primary schools. I look forward to working with you all in what lies ahead.

A Message from Miss Cox (EYFS & KS1 Phase Leader)

I am so pleased that my role has now extended to incorporate supporting KS1 too! - I look forward to working with all staff, children and parents within my phase.

I am also so, so proud of the children in Early Years as they have settled brilliantly into Leamore and school life and I am looking forward to the exciting year we have ahead.

Dates for your diary

World Science Day - Tuesday 12th December 2019
Children In Need (Spotty Day) - Friday 15th November 2019
UK Parliament Week event Friday 15th November 2019
Elf Day - Alzheimer's Society - Friday 6th December 2019
Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 13th December 2019
German Market Hall - Friday 13th December 2019
KS2 Carol Concert) - Monday 16th December 2019
EYFS & KS1 Nativity - Tuesday 17th December 2019

School assemblies

Monday 11th November - Year 3 Assembly (Remembrance)
Thursday 14th November - Year 6 Assembly (Anti-Bullying)
Thursday 21st November - Year 2 Assembly (Children In Need)
Thursday 28th November - Year 4 Assembly (Topic linked)
Monday 2nd December - Year 5 Assembly (St Andrew's Day)
Thursday 12th December - Year 1 Assembly
(The celebration of advent)