



NEWSLETTER



LEA C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



Our value for this half term is 'Tolerance & Understanding'



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SAFEGUARDING



- Please take care when arriving and leaving the Village Hall car-park in the mornings and in the afternoon. There have been a few reports recently of cars travelling far too quickly in the car-park and at the junction and the safety of children being put at risk. It can be a very busy time so please take extra care and travel **DEAD SLOW**. Also, please be aware there are always children around at drop off/pick up and we would ask that any discussions between parents/carers should be kept at a quiet level and without the use of inappropriate language. Thank you.
- We had a very informative Safer Internet Day, thank you to Oak Class for leading off our day so well (see report). Please see the booklet from the NSPCC on helping parents keep your children safe when using the internet.
- Rainbow and Chestnut Class had a visit from Barbara Isle, Herefordshire's Road Safety Officer, last week. The children found out all about keeping safe when in the car and when walking by the road. The motto they learnt to use when crossing the road was 'STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, THINK'. Our Junior Road Safety officers will follow up these sessions this week with a visit to the classes too.

Some of our children in Years R and 1 have said that they do not use a car seat for some of the time, which is a worry as it is illegal!

Please remember the current law (which changed in 2006) states:

All children travelling in a car must use the correct car seat appropriate to their weight or height, until they are either:

135cm in height or 12 years in age - whichever they reach first.

For further information and guidance please see:

<http://www.childcarseats.org.uk>

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

16th Chinese New Year
19th – 23rd
HALF TERM

26th Back to school

MARCH

1st World Book Day
(see letter)
2nd Chestnuts Cake Sale
8th High 5 Netball Y3 & 4
8th School Nurse (TBC)
Y5 & 6 PSHE
11th Mothering Sunday
12th Science Week
13th Hearing Tests Y1



BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair that we held in school on Monday and Tuesday this week. We have made over £200 in commission, which means that we can buy lots of lovely new books for our Library! Well done to all the children who entered our Book Fair competition; the quality of all the entries was outstanding! The winners in each class were: Molly, Alex, Nicole, Wilson and Yona. They each won a £5 voucher to spend on a book. All the entries will be displayed in the Library.

VILLAGE LITTER PICK



This Weekend
17^h & 18th February
@ 10.00am

Any help is appreciated,
no matter how small.



Revered David Howell Chair of Governors Personal Profile

I was born in Ipswich, Suffolk, in 1961. I went to school at Castle Hill Primary and Westbourne High School. Before becoming a vicar I worked in the Hotel and Catering Industry as a chef. I did my apprenticeship in Suffolk before moving to London, finishing at the Mayfair Hotel. It was when I was living in London that I became a Christian, helping the homeless at St Botolph's church in the East End.

I was a member of the Society of St Francis for three years, working with disabled people in a L'arche community in Liverpool. I then worked as a Care Assistant in Huddersfield. It was here that I met my wife Annette who was a speech and Language Therapist. We have three children, Daniel, Jacob and Rebecca.

I trained for Ordination at Mirfield in Yorkshire before becoming a Curate on a large housing estate in Leicester. I moved to Herefordshire in 1994, working in the Parish of Greater Whitbourne which is near Bromyard and on the border with Worcester. I was there for 19 years. We moved to Weston-Under-Penyard in 2016.

I have enjoyed being a school governor and working with the teaching staff at the school. In the future I would like to develop the links with the church and the local community. I think the relationship we have with Gorsley School has strengthened our school and improved standards. I hope that together both schools can develop a strong partnership for the future.

RE DAY

The joint school RE day celebrating "Our Wonderful World" was a great success. Children from Goodrich, Weston, Whitchurch, Gorsley and ourselves joined together to learn about Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Islam and Humanism. There was an amazing buzz around all of the schools involved. With over 600 children involved in the day it gave the children an opportunity to work with other children of the same age and make new friends.



OFSTED & PARENT VIEW

As you may be aware, Lea School, and Pre School is now due for its next Ofsted.

We would ask you all to fill in your views of the school at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>.

As always if you have any concerns about your child's education please in the first instance speak to the class teacher.



SAFER INTERNET DAY

On Tuesday 6th February, children in Oak Class, performed three separate plays during morning assembly to promote Safer Internet Day 2018. The themes of the plays were create, share and respect and all the children involved did a brilliant job of making others aware of the pitfalls of the internet and how to use it safely.

EXTENDED LEARNING FOR KEY STAGE 2 CHILDREN



For the last few weeks we have been trialing KS2 children's morning lessons running through until 12:10pm. We have taken this measure as it has come to our attention that our KS2 children were not meeting the recommended minimum taught hours.

The trial has been going well and recently we have been using that extra 10 minutes per day to practice our number sense and mental maths skills. We have decided to continue with this.

HEAD LICE

We have spoken to the children about doing their bit to stop the spread of nits around school. (Keeping longer hair tied back and using the comb issued in the autumn term regularly). Please can parents stay vigilant and help us to keep the number of outbreaks to a minimum.

Remember if you are struggling to make the conditioning and combing method effective, there may be opportunity for you to get treatments on prescription from the GP.



Thank you for your help with this matter.