



# Lodge Farm Primary School Newsletter

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## School Events:

21.9.23 – National Fitness Day  
29.9.23 – Monster Phonics Day  
2.10.23 – World Space Week  
6.10.23 – School photographer  
10.10.12 – World Mental Health Day  
12.10.23 – Harvest Festival  
13.10.23 – Harvest Festival  
16.10.23 – National Recycling Week  
18.10.23 – Parents' Evening  
19.10.23 – Parents' Evening  
2.11.23 – Y3 Quiz Night  
6.11.23 – Y5 Bikeability  
6.11.23 – Y3 Celtic Harmony trip  
9.11.23 – Book Fair in school for 1 week  
10.11.23 – Armistice Day  
13.11.23 – Anti-bullying Week and Odd Socks Day  
16.11.23 – Y4 Bingo Night  
17.11.23 – Children in Need  
20.11.23 – Reverse Advent Calendar  
30.11.23 – Christmas decoration morning

**Please see the school website for term dates**

**Roald Dahl Day** Well... what an amazing effort made by the whole school! The children's costumes were amazing and they were so excited to see each other dressed up. The only trouble with Roald Dahl Day is that Miss Trunchbull makes an appearance... luckily no one ended up in the Chokey!

An assembly with Mrs Twit explained the reason behind Roald Dahl Day (13<sup>th</sup> September is his birthday!). The children had lots of fun carrying out their lunchtime scavenger hunt to find the pictures/questions and writing the answers down. Finally, we had our first Reading Bonanza of the year. The children chose which teacher's book they wanted to listen to and went to that classroom. A perfect way to end the day.

Our lovely teachers also dressed up. Please take a look on our Facebook page to see everyone.

Thank you for the wonderful writing competition entries! The winner will be announced next week. It's going to be very tough to pick just one!

## School Assemblies

We have made a change to the way we hold assemblies this year. We now have whole school assemblies! Reception and Nursery do not join us yet, but from Year 1 up to Year 6, everyone has been coming in together.

Our assemblies now follow this pattern:

Monday: Whole school assembly led by Mr Hodson, Mrs Smith or Mrs Simpson (SLT), based on school values

Tuesday: Whole school singing assembly with Mrs Smith

Wednesday: Class assembly

Thursday: Key Stage assembly led by teachers

Friday: Celebration assembly led by Mr Hodson



## Welcome to Mr Harris

Mr Harris is our new Site Manager so we would like to say a big welcome to him.

We know that he is happy to join the Lodge Farm team!

## Attendance

**The whole school attendance this week is 94.4%**

As a school, we are aiming for 97% attendance. Please be aware that if attendance drops, this begins to have a much larger impact on your child's education.

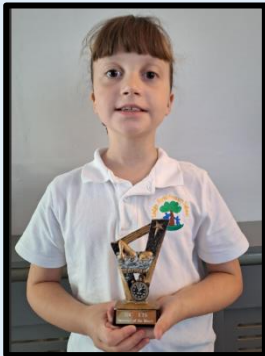
If you have any questions about this or would like any support in improving your child's attendance, please contact Alexa Simpson or Mary Bull

Year group	Attendance
Reception	95.5%
Year 1	92.7%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	93.2%
Year 4	93.3%
Year 5	96.4%
Year 6	94.6%

## Children's Achievements

Well done to Henry, who won Man of the Match at his first game on Saturday. What a fantastic achievement!

Well done to Eloise, who was awarded this trophy by Stevenage Swimming Club for Swimmer of the month. She's working really hard at her swimming and we're really proud of her!



## House Captains

Congratulations to our new House Captains. They have been selected and will begin their work with us next week.

We will be introducing them to the children in assembly next week and presenting them with their House Captain badges. What an honour!



## EYFS Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the EYFS coffee morning on Thursday. It was great to sit and chat and hear about the start of school experiences!

## Bottle Top Craft Afternoon

As per the email communication, this will now be taking place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 3:15-4:00pm. If you would like to attend with your child, please sign up via Gateway. You will need to collect your child from their classroom and then go to the Main Office to be signed in.

Clubs will continue as usual, please let the school know if your child will be attending the crafting instead!

The winning class of who collected the most bottle tops will be announced in the assembly on World Recycling Day (16<sup>th</sup> October).