



Lodge Farm Primary

School Newsletter

Friday 22nd September 2023

School Events:

- 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 Y1 (9:15am)
- 13.10.23 – Harvest Festival Y2 (9:15am)
- 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

KS1 Harvest Festival

We are pleased to confirm that we will be holding a Key Stage One Harvest Festival this year on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th October, where the children in Year One and Year Two will be performing a selection of harvest-themed songs for you to enjoy. The assemblies will start at 9:15am on both days and are expected to last approximately 20 minutes. Due to limited space available, all children will be issued with two tickets and we are asking that Year One families please attend on the Thursday and Year Two families on the Friday.

Over the next few weeks, the children will be finding out more about where our food comes from, how we can show thankfulness for what we have and ways that we can help others. This year, we will be collecting food items to support the work carried out by a local charity, the 'Foodshed'. The Foodshed collects items and creates food parcels for families and individuals from Stevenage and the surrounding villages who need a helping hand. We are therefore asking if you are able to make any food donations for the charity, to please send them into school before our Harvest festivals. Any long-life items such as tinned vegetables, soup, jams and spreads, tinned spaghetti, tinned tomatoes, tinned potatoes, instant noodles, tins of meat, biscuits, crisps, cereals etc would be gratefully received. Please note, the charity are unable to accept any items with alcohol in.

Thank you for your support!

Monster Phonics Day

On Friday 29th September, we would like the children to dress up as one of the phonics monsters and the day will be spent immersed in some fun phonics activities linked to our phonics objectives.

Please do not buy a costume. You could simply ask your child to dress up in the colour of their favourite monster!



HARVEST WISHLIST

Tinned Vegetables
Soup
Jams/Spreads
Tinned Spaghetti
Instant Noodles
Tinned Tomatoes
Tinned Potatoes
Biscuits
Crisps
Sweets/Chocolate



Fitness Day

On Thursday, we celebrated National Fitness Day. The day started with a whole school assembly led by Mr Tuck and Miss Orlandi where we spoke about what fitness is and how we keep our bodies fit and healthy. Following this, each class completed a fitness activity led by their teacher. All of the children impressed us with their enthusiasm throughout the day.

Attendance

The whole school attendance this week is 94.9%

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	97.6%
Year 1	93.3%
Year 2	93.5%
Year 3	94.2%
Year 4	94.4%
Year 5	97.4%
Year 6	94.3%

Children's Achievements

Well done to **Vinny, Frankie and Lacey**, who found a baby pigeon on the school run and wanted to save him. They found a box to carefully put him in and took him to the vets. This is just the sort of caring attitude we love to see in our children, so thank you for being such good examples to others.

Congratulations to **Ethan**, who participated in his first ever nationals karate competition and managed to win 2nd place in his age category. What an achievement for your first competition! Well done!



Roald Dahl Writing Competition

It was very difficult to make a decision on who should win Marvin the Marvellous Crocodile, but well done to Ava on her lovely story: Poppy and the 100 Crabs.

All the entries were fantastic. Every child who entered received a bookmark, a certificate and their own Wonka chocolate bar. As you can see here, they look delicious! Keep a look out for any future competitions, we love seeing all the effort that goes into each entry.