



Lodge Farm Primary School

Learning in Mind, Community at Heart

Friday 13th September 2024

Dear parents/carers,

We have had a good first full week back and the children are settling into their new classes well. We all enjoyed our bird pie and wormy spaghetti on Tuesday, and many children were keen to read 'The Twits Next Door' after reading about the trick Mr Twit played on Mrs Twit!

We have also had lots of visitors in school as parents have attended our parent information meetings. Year 5 and 6 meetings took place this week and thank you to those who were able to attend. For those parents who were not, please be assured that the presentations shared in the meetings will be sent to you.

Reception, Year 2 and Year 3 parents are all invited to attend their meetings next week. Please see the dates box to the right for the exact dates and times. These meetings are a great way to see what your child will be learning this year, meet their teachers and hear about the structure of the day.

We hope that you have found/will find them useful – please do let us know as we are always eager to receive feedback. This helps us decide which initiatives to continue next year.

You will have received information on the new clubs that will be starting next week. Please do let Mrs Simpson know if your children have any particular interests as we could look into forming a club based around this in the future wherever possible!

Some changes to Year on a Page dates

The downside of planning things in advance is that sometimes things change! We have had to make a couple of small changes to upcoming dates. These are outlined below. Changes will be marked in red on the newsletter dates box to the right.

- Outdoor Learning Day will now take place in May
- Harvest Festival for Y1 parents will take place on 2.10.24 at 9:15am
- Harvest Festival for EYFS parents will take place on 3.10.24 at 9:15am
- Harvest Festival for Y2 parents will take place on 4.10.24 at 9:15am
- KS1 Christmas Production will take place on Thursday 5th December (Year 1 parents) and Friday 6th December (Year 2 parents)
- Christmas Concert on 13.12.24 will be performed by KS2 only

School Events:

16.9.24 – Reception Phonics Meeting for parents (2-3pm)

17.9.24 – Y2 Parent Information Meeting (9am)

18.9.24 – Y3 Parent Information Meeting (9am)

18.9.24 – National Fitness Day

20.9.24 – Jeans for Genes Day

2.10.24 – KS1 Harvest Festival (Y1 parents) at 9:15am

3.10.24 – EYFS Harvest Festival at 9:15am

4.10.24 – KS1 Harvest Festival (Y2 parents) at 9:15am

7.10.24 – World Mental Health Day

14.10.24 – Parent's Evening

15.10.24 – School Photographer

16.10.24 – Parent's Evening

31.10.24 – Secondary Application Deadline

7.11.24 – Book Fair (until 12.11.24)

11.11.24 – Flu Vaccinations

12.11.24 – Odd Socks Day (Anti-bullying Week)

15.11.24 – Children in Need

18.11.24 – UK Parliament Week

18.11.24 – Reverse Advent Calendar

Please see the school website for term dates.

Jeans for Genes Day

We will be taking part in this year's 'Jeans for Genes Day' on Friday 20th September. 1 in 25 children has a genetic disorder that makes their life difficult. That's one in every class. Simply by wearing our jeans and donating, we will change the lives of these children.

All children and staff are invited to wear their jeans on **Friday 20th September** to help Jeans for Genes Day with their annual fundraising event.

If you would like to find out more about how our support will help, please visit their website at www.jeansforgenes.org/

We would like everyone to take part, so please send your child into school on the day wearing their jeans and donate £1 on the School Gateway. Please note that children must still wear their school polo shirts and jumpers/fleeces and school shoes. It is only their trousers/skirts that may be swapped for jeans.

We are aware that some children do not own/do not like to wear jeans and we are happy for children to wear denim shorts, a denim skirt or joggers or other bottoms which are a similar colour blue.

If Friday is your child's PE day, they should wear their PE top and jeans. The lesson will be adapted to ensure that jeans do not impede their necessary movements.

Children's Achievements

If you would like to share your child's achievement (this can be anything!) please send an email to admin@lodgefarm.herts.sch.uk. Please be aware that the newsletter is also saved on our school website.

A fantastic achievement from Harry, who took part in the Sunset Starlight Walk for Garden House Hospice on Saturday evening. He walked 6.5 miles around Letchworth Garden City, while covered in glow sticks and glitter. He raised an amazing £670 for the charity. Harry is proud of his achievement and is looking forward to his next challenge – well done, Harry!



EYFS Open Evening

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Date: 9th October

Time: 5-7pm

Welcome Talk: 5pm

Please see the poster below!

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If your child is **turning 4** before September 1st 2025.... Come and explore our Reception classrooms, find out about our ambitious EYFS curriculum and meet the experienced team.

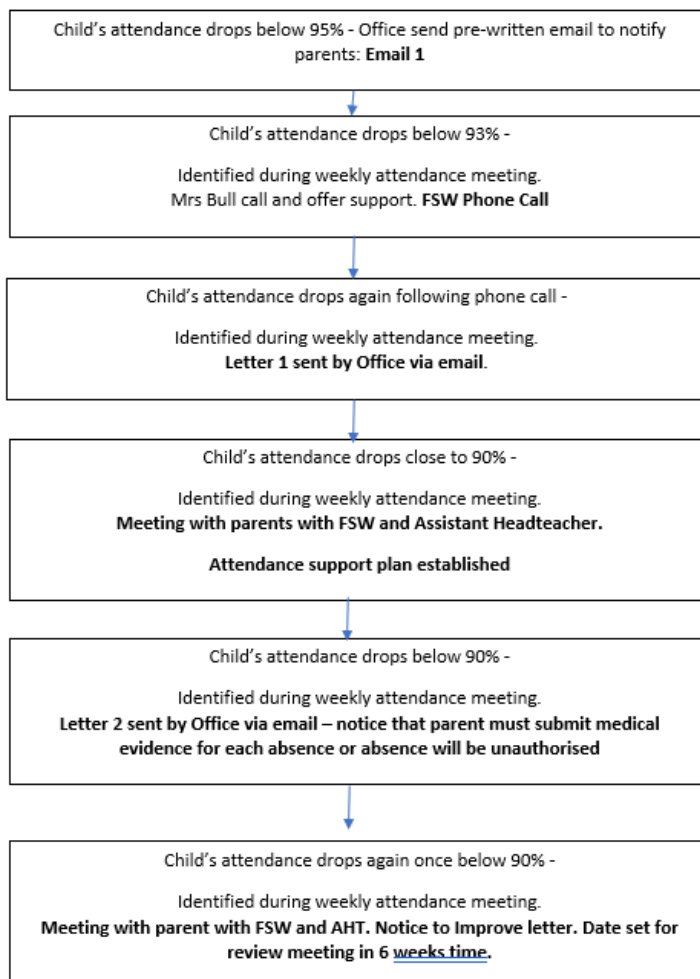
Attendance

During the parent information meetings, Mrs Simpson has been sharing our procedures for attendance monitoring and support. These are outlined below. You will see that the attendance team meet weekly and review every child's

attendance. Our aim is to ensure that every child is in school and on time, but where this isn't possible, to help parents in ensuring that their child's attendance is as good as it possibly can be.

It should be very rare for a child's attendance to drop below 90%. Children whose attendance does drop below 90% are then classed as 'persistent absentees', which has to be reported to the Local Authority. Thanks to the hard work and co-operation of everyone involved last year – school, parents and children - our number of persistent absentees dropped from 78 children to 43.

If you would like any help or support with regards to your child's attendance, please speak to Mrs Simpson, Mrs Bull or the Office and we would be happy to help you.



[PTFA News](#)

Please see the page below for news from our PTFA.



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PTFA NEWS



Do you shop at Asda?

If so, please can you choose Lodge Farm School on your cashpot drop down and we will then receive 0.5% of anything that you spend (no additional cost to you)
The cashpot is already at over £100

Suggestions

We are still collecting suggestions on how the money we raise should be spent, if you have any suggestions, please email the PTFA on the email address below

Still need to label your childrens clothes?
www.stikins.co.uk
quote code: 12321

30% goes to the PTFA

Total Raised
so far
£3550.41

If you would like to contact the PTFA please email:
pta@lodgefarm.herts.sch.uk

INFORMATION
ON THIS YEARS
PTFA EVENTS
COMING SOON