



Lodge Farm Primary School

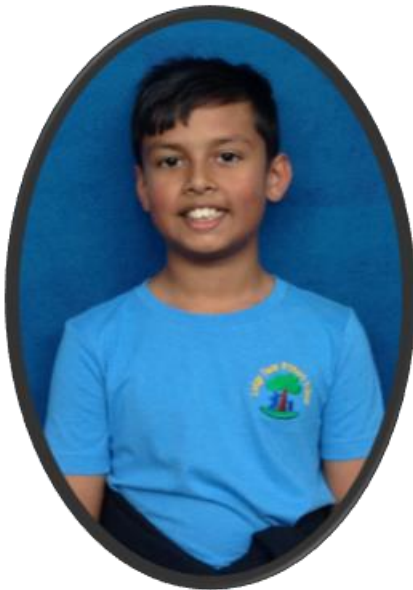
Learning in Mind, Community at Heart

Friday 4th October 2024

Dear parents/carers,

We had a very exciting day on Wednesday as it was election day for the Lodge Farm Prime Minister! The children watched the candidate videos that had been submitted and then went to the ballot boxes to make their vote. A big thank you to the Year 5 children who helped with the election. They checked every child's name against the list and gave out the ballot papers. The children then made their vote and posted it into the box. Every vote was carefully counted and we are proud to introduce our new Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister....

Zain and Alice!



They will share more about their vision for Lodge Farm in next week's newsletter.

We would like to say a **huge** well done to the other Year 6 children who applied for the position. Every video was outstanding and showed dedication to improving our school. We will definitely be looking to recruit them for other positions in our Parliament.

School Events:

7.10.24 – World Mental Health Day.

11.10.24 - Non-uniform and wear something yellow

14.10.24 – Parent's Evening

15.10.24 – School Photographer

16.10.24 – Parent's Evening

31.10.24 – Secondary Application Deadline

5.11.24 – Y2 trip to Woburn Safari Park

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

27.11.24 – Y3 Celtic Harmony trip

27.11.24 – Y5 Growth Mindset Workshop

28.11.24 – Christmas Decoration Morning with parents

28.11.24 - Christmas Jumper Swap

4.12.24 – Flu Vaccinations

5.12.24 – KS1 Xmas Production (Y1 parents)

6.12.24 – KS1 Xmas Production (Y2 parents)

Please see the school website for term dates.

World Mental Health Day



Mrs Kaur is our Mental Health Lead in school and she will be leading our assembly on Monday to discuss World Mental Health Day with the children.

We will also be joining thousands of schools across the UK and taking part in Hello Yellow in support of YoungMinds on **Friday 11th October**, where we will be holding a non-school uniform day and asking everyone to wear something yellow or something brightly coloured. Each class will be planning activities to promote mental health in our school during the day.

There are days when all of us struggle with how we are feeling. For so many young people, when this happens, they don't always get the help they need, when they need it. They don't know where to turn, who to talk to, or even if anyone else feels the same. We'd like to ask parents and carers donate £1 to YoungMinds keep fighting for young people's mental health: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/lodge-farm-1727644257242>

Please note that World Mental Health Day is on Thursday 10th October BUT we are taking part on Friday 11th October.

Playground resurfacing

Over time, our playgrounds have suffered some damage due to tree root erosion so we will be having the playgrounds resurfaced. We hope to combine this with having some markings made on the playgrounds that help to facilitate play. There is a lot to choose from so we will get some help from the children regarding what they would like to see.

KS2 resurfacing will take place over the October half term, and will begin on Saturday 26th October.

KS1 will commence on Monday 4th November, when we return to school. We will notify you of arrangements that will be made for drop-off and collection as well as temporary playtime alterations.

500 Words Competition

500 Words is finally open for entries, it's time to get writing! Submit your stories on their website before **9pm on Friday 8 November 2024**: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

There are two age categories: 5-7 and 8-11 year-olds. All children need to do is write a story they would love to read in 500 Words or less. We would love children of all abilities to enter; spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked - it's all about creativity!

Please let us know if you have submitted an entry and send a copy to admin@lodgefarm.herts.sch.uk
We would love to celebrate these at school and find our own finalists!

Harvest Festivals – KS1 and EYFS

We were so proud of the children in EYFS and KS1 this week. Their performances were outstanding with rousing renditions of 'Cauliflowers fluffy' and other harvest themed songs. They all showed their best assembly behaviour and loved seeing their adults who were able to come and watch them. A big thank you for all of the wonderful donations that were made. These will be gratefully received by the Food Shed.



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.

Gabriel joined a new football team this season as a goalkeeper for Shephall United U8's. In the last 2 games, he has scored a goal all the way from his own keeper box! See the photo below to see his own disbelief. Well done, Gabriel, what a kick!

Henry took part in a swimming gala at the weekend. He won a medal in all 7 of the races he entered. We are very proud of him – what a collection!

Congratulations to Billy who was player of the match last weekend. His football skills were fantastic and we look forward to seeing more of his successes!



Attendance

We are focusing on helping our families bring their children into school on time – every minute counts in school!

Our school day starts at 8:40am and that is when your child starts learning, so please make sure they are at their classroom door for this time:

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.

Community News

St Hugh and St John's Hall is open every Wednesday (term time) from 2.15-3.15pm, offering a safe, warm space for parents and under-fives. Tea/coffee and other facilities available.



PTFA NEWS

UPCOMING 2024 EVENTS

- Decorate a mask competition (See poster below for information)
- Elfridges **Friday 22nd November** (Our Christmas secret room)
- Christmas Fair **Sunday 1st December** (See poster below for information)



WAYS YOU CAN HELP US RAISE MONEY

- Selecting Lodge Farm on your Asda Cash pot
- Easy Fundraising - Turn your online shopping into free funds for the PTFA
- Donations - We will shortly be collecting for a number of different items. Please look out for emails
- Match Funding - Our funding doesn't just come from our events. Did you know that most companies offer charitable donations and funding upon request? If you think that you can help through a work place funding scheme please let us know.
- Your time - Why not help out at an event

Total raised so far:
£3550.41

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