



Lodge Farm Primary School

Learning in Mind, Community at Heart

Friday 25th October 2024

Dear parents/carers,

It has felt very quiet in school without the majority of our Year 6s! We hope you have been enjoying the updates via Facebook. They look like they are having a brilliant time and we can't wait to hear about their adventures. The Y6s taking part in Activity Week have also been having a great time with bowling, tie-dye, trips to the museum and park and loads more!

We are sure the children and teachers will be glad of the holiday next week. It has been a long half term and everyone has worked incredibly hard. Our Pupil Progress meetings this week have shown the effort that every child has put into their learning and their teachers have great ideas to help accelerate their progress even further.

We began this academic year with a focus on behaviour in the school and this will continue in the next half term. We have focused on ensuring every child knows our school values and so far, our assemblies have taught the children about:

Passion
Respect
Integrity
Determination

We will continue with Empathy and Pride next half term.

We have also focused on improving lunchtime behaviour, with children being supported in walking into the school for their lunch and being clear in our expectations for them when moving through the school. We are looking forward to welcoming some new lunchtime support staff, and they will all be introduced to the children in our assembly on Monday 4th November.

IMPORTANT: Playground Works

We have been informed that the KS1 playground works, due to take place over the half term holiday, will not be finished by the time we return. Therefore, for the week beginning Monday 4th November, all EYFS and KS1 children will need to enter the school via the KS2 gate. This gate will be opened at 8:25am to allow Nursery to enter for their 8:30am start time. Please be mindful that this gate will be busier than usual and allow more time to enter.

As the playground will not be in use, the EYFS and KS1 children will use the field for their playtimes. This may be muddy, so we ask that the children

School Events:

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 Afternoon with parents at 2:30pm

28.11.24 - Christmas Jumper Swap

4.12.24 – Flu Vaccinations

5.12.24 – KS1 Xmas Production (Y1 parents) **at 2pm**

6.12.24 – KS1 Xmas Production (Y2 parents) **at 2pm**

11.12.24 – EYFS Xmas Production at 10am

12.12.24 – EYFS Xmas Production at 10am

12.12.24 – KS1 trip to Nobel pantomime

13.12.24 – KS2 Xmas Concert

Please see the school website for term dates.

bring their wellies for this week! Please send them in a separate bag so that they can change into them for playtimes. Thank you for your understanding.

Lodge Farm Football Team

On Thursday last week, the Lodge Farm football team played in their first ever Cup match against Featherstone-Wood Primary School. Mr Angove was very impressed with their mentality and performance during the match. Throughout the afternoon, they showed great teamwork and determination skills. The children won the Cup Match 3-0 and are through to the next round!

Poppy Appeal

After half term, the poppy appeal will be available at Lodge Farm. All items will be £1 and the children will be able to purchase these at specific points in the school day.



Christmas Decoration Afternoon

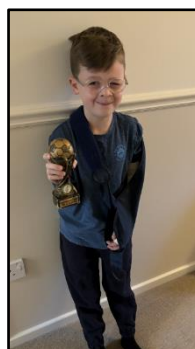
We have made a slight change to this year's decorating for Christmas. This usually takes place in the morning; however, we have had feedback that this can be tricky for some of our children when their parents leave. Therefore, we will be having a Christmas decoration afternoon instead. Parents are invited to join their children's classes at 2:30pm to help create decorations for the school. We know the children love having their parents in school to help and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there.

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.

Congratulations to Arthur and Frankie, who achieved Player of the Match this week from Shephall United. Well done to both of you! You must have shown wonderful skill and determination.

We are also pleased to celebrate a different type of achievement; strength of character. Despite not being able to play due to a broken arm, Seb continued to show up, support the team and help the manager. For his fantastic attitude, Seb didn't win player of the day at football, he achieved the 'coach' of the day. We are very proud of you for this wonderful attitude, Seb.



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.

** Please see the page below for information on the Youth Mayor's Christmas Card Competition. The winning entry will form the front cover of the card sent to all the local school and youth organisations. Good luck!

** Timebridge Community Centre presents The Snow Queen, showing in the run up to Christmas. The show has been written, produced and being performed by many locals who live in Chells. Any local support would be greatly appreciated!

For the first time in forever.....

'The Snow Queen'

Two princesses ✓

A lovable Snowman ✓

Live band ✓

The songs you love ✓

Matinée kids meet and greet ✓

= The most perfect family trip to the theatre! The most affordable Christmas show in Stevenage.

Being performed by Sparks Theatre Production at the Paul Kearney Theatre, Timebridge Community Centre, Mobbsbury Way, Stevenage SG2 0HT





PTFA NEWS

UPCOMING 2024 EVENTS

REMINDERS

- Bring your decorated mask in between the 4th-8th November
Judging to take place on the 8th November
There will be a winner in every class
- Gateway for Elfridges opens on the 4th November & closes on the 15th
- Donations are being collected after half term - Please give to reception

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

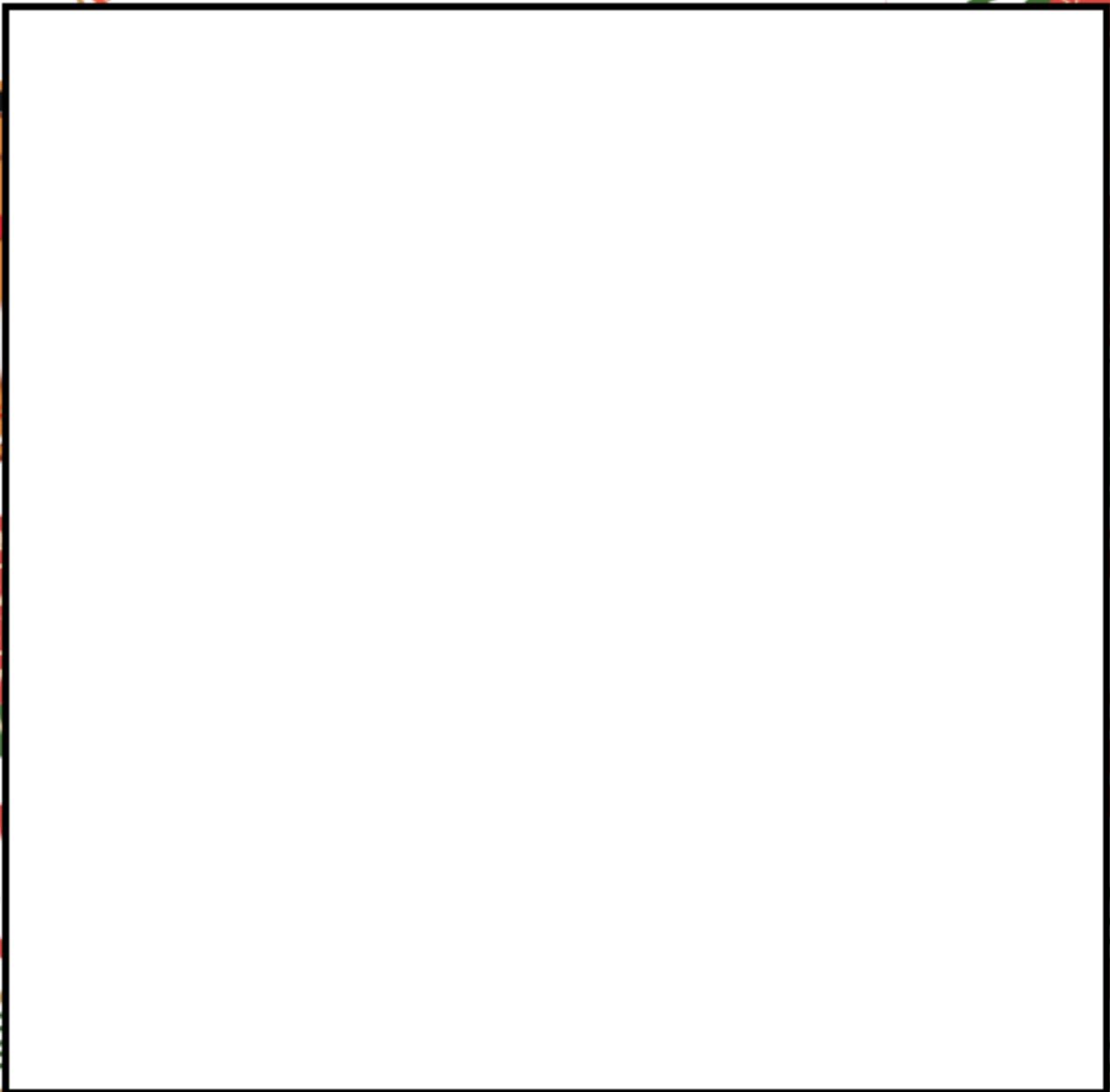
DONATIONS NEEDED

We are collecting donations of unwanted gifts/Wine /sweet treats (No Nuts) & soft toys
There will be a donation box in reception after half term



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

Drawing competition - Youth Mayor's Christmas Card 2024.



Every year the Youth Mayor of Stevenage sends cards to all the local schools and youth organisations. This year it is your chance to design the front cover and win a prize. Simply create a festive design above and post to Stevenage Borough Council (C&Ns), Daneshill House, SG1 1HN

Deadline for submission is 15th November.

**First Prize - £35
Voucher of your
choice**

Your Name:

Age:

School:

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