



# Lodge Farm Primary School

Learning in Mind, Community at Heart

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear parents/carers,

As you will be aware from previous newsletters, we have been developing our school values and the children's understanding of these. Hand-in-hand with this, we have also been working to improve behaviour within the school. Changes have been made to lunchtimes to ensure that the children follow the school rules and meet our high expectations. The changes are minor (e.g. using different toilets which are better placed for staff supervision, the lunchtime behaviour support team being based in a different classroom and staff walking the children into the dining hall), but they have had a huge impact in how the children are behaving. We are proud of the changes that they have made and the self-corrections we can see taking place, particularly when they remember to walk into school rather than run!

At the bottom of this newsletter, you will see the chart that we use around school to remind the children of the consequences of their behaviour. We are currently working on creating a version for our younger pupils, which uses pictures to help them understand the same message.

Improving behaviour is one of our key priorities as a school and this is identified in our School Development Plan for this academic year. We would like to share this Plan with you and so will be holding two parent meetings for this purpose. This will not be a forum for individual issues to be addressed, but is an opportunity to learn more about the school's priorities and how we plan to action these. The School Development Plan will be shared with you and your input and suggestions will be greatly valued.

One meeting will take place on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 6-7pm**. We will also hold a parent coffee morning for this same purpose at **9:00am on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November**. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Parking

Please be reminded that the yellow lines outside of the school should not have cars parked over them at any time. Please also be aware that the designated disabled parking areas outside of the school are reserved only for drivers in possession of a disabled badge. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Reverse Advent Calendar

### School Events:

- 7.11.24 – 12.11.24 - Book Fair
- 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 begins
- 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
- 9.12.24 – EYFS Xmas Production Dress Rehearsal at 10am
- 11.12.24 – EYFS Xmas Production at 10am
- 12.12.24 – EYFS Xmas Production at 10am
- 13.12.24 – KS2 Xmas Concert
- 23.1.25 – Y2 Parents Vs Children Dodgeball
- 29.1.25 – Chinese New Year
- 4.2.25 – O2 Young Voices Choir
- 6.2.25 – Y1 Craft Evening
- 7.2.25 – NSPCC Number Day

Following the success of previous years, we have once again decided to be part of the very exciting and worthwhile Reverse Advent Calendar scheme. Every day, from Monday 18th November – Friday 13th December 2024, we are asking for families to donate something for our 'Reverse advent calendar' box which will then be donated to 'People for People' of Stevenage. Children should bring donations to their classroom. This is a way of helping those most in need over the Christmas period. If each family were to donate one item each day this would make an incredible difference to many who are struggling. It is a great way to show our children that Christmas is also about giving. Please see the separate letter from Mrs Taylor for more detailed information.

### 500 Words Competition

We have had several entries submitted to us and we have been so impressed by the quality of the writing. We have read stories about kidnapped lobsters, talking lion cubs, ghost cats, pugs in space and time travel!

The children who submitted their entries will be treated to a special VIP visit to our Book Fair on Monday, where they can choose any item to take home as their prize. Well done to you all!

### Children in Need

On Friday 15th, children can come to school in non-uniform to help raise valuable funds for this worthy cause. Children may like to wear something spotty, yellow or perhaps another bright and cheerful colour. To make a donation, you can visit our 'JustGiving' link which can be accessed through the Lodge Farm Facebook page. Alternatively, cash donations can be made on our fundraising day via collection buckets at the gates. Please see the letter from Mrs Dear for more information.

### Odd Socks Day

Odd socks day is a day when everyone in a community join together to show that it is good to be different, that we celebrate these differences and stand against bullying and discrimination.

We will be observing this by wearing our odd socks on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November. No need for any donations, just wear your odd socks with pride! In school, PSHE lessons are focusing on anti-bullying to help children understand what bullying is and how everyone should be treated: with respect. You will see below that some of our children have already been supporting this cause – well done, girls!

### 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](mailto:admin@lodgefarm.herts.sch.uk). Please be aware that the newsletter is also saved on our school website.*

We have an extremely full achievements section this week, with so many children accomplishing so much. We are lucky to have so many talented and determined children who have such passion.

Lily was asked to try out for the Stevenage swimming team last week and I'm please to say that she was successful and now has a place on the Squad. This is a very big achievement for Lily and it is the start of her dream of hopefully compete at the Olympics one day. We can't wait to see you competing there one day, Lily.

On Saturday 26th October, Neneh received an award from the gymnastics for her hard work on improving the height on her dive rolls. During their holidays on a Spanish island, Neneh and Djibril visited TLB Mallorca, a premium shoe manufacturer, and learnt the process of making shoes up to shipping. Another highlight was walking up a mountain and reach cloud levels!

Congratulations to Harrison, who was awarded parent's player of the match and scored his 1st two goals of the season this weekend. Great work, Harrison!

Jack had a very successful sporting weekend this week. On Saturday, he was awarded Man of the Match by his coach for an amazing performance in defence. On Sunday, he ran in his 6th Junior Park Run (2k) at Hampson Park and came first with a personal best time of 8 minutes 54 seconds. What an amazing achievement!

Poppy, Marlena, Harper and Isabella in Y5 all play football for the Bedwells Rangers U10. Last week, the girls and their team mates had a cake sale during their matches and they raised £160.41 for their charity: Anti- Bullying Alliance. The girls have also been wearing Odd Socks during their matches to highlight awareness to others. We are very proud of you all.

And finally, we have shared below some pictures from Jaylynn's recent competition trip at Disney Gymnastique Magique 2024 at Paris. It was Jaylynn's first international gymnastics display competition. In a team event, Jaylynn was the lead character in the dance routine and was over the moon when the team won a gold medal competing against huge teams. Additionally, she and her team had the opportunity to participate in the Disneyland Paris Pre-Parade show. Congratulations, Jaylynn!



### Attendance

As discussed in our parent meetings at the start of the school year, you will receive an email to inform you if your child's attendance has dipped below 95%. This is not intended to worry or frustrate parents, but to ensure that you are aware of the dip; to ensure we are working together to be proactive in reducing any avoidable absences; and to remind you that we are here to help if you need any help with your child's attendance. We know that children will be unwell, but do let us know if we can help!

*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.*

## 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.



What happens if I make the right behaviour choice?		What happens if I make the wrong behaviour choice?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I may be praised by an adult</li><li>• I may be given a house point or sticker</li><li>• I may be rewarded with a certificate or the Blue Rosette</li><li>• I may be asked to share my learning in assembly</li><li>• I may be asked to share my learning with staff</li><li>• My learning may be shared with a member of the Senior Leadership Team</li><li>• My learning may be displayed in class or in the Headteacher's office</li><li>• I may be invited for a hot chocolate with the Headteacher</li></ul>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) An adult will remind me what I should be doing, and I will get a warning.</li><li>(2) If I continue with the behaviour, I will be given a final warning.</li><li>(3) I will spend time out of my own classroom and must complete my work in another class with an adult and my parents/carers may be told.</li></ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(4) For my safety and/or the benefit of others, I will be removed from the classroom and spoken to by a member of the Senior Leadership Team. My parents will be asked to come into school.</li></ol>