



Lodge Farm Primary School

Learning in Mind, Community at Heart

Friday 15th November 2024

Dear parents/carers,

In last week's newsletter, we mentioned that we were developing a new behaviour chart that is more visual for our younger learners. We felt that this version was helpful to everyone, so have ensured that it has been shared with every child in the school. The children were seen looking at these wherever they have been displayed around the school. Many of the children said that they liked them and thought they were very clear.

We included a new addition by describing the potential feelings that a child is likely to be experiencing when these behaviours are shown. This was a very helpful suggestion from a parent who emailed in after reading last week's newsletter. Please do always feel free to send in your suggestions and comments – they are very useful to us.

Please scroll right down to the bottom to see this chart.

Unfortunately, we do also have some sad news to share. We know that some of you may remember Mrs Long, a former member of Lodge Farm staff who sadly passed away recently. We met with her daughter and granddaughter and reminisced about her happy times here at Lodge Farm. If you would like to send a message of remembrance, we would be happy to pass them on. I'm sure you will join us in sending our best wishes to her family at this difficult time.

Important: [Speaking to teachers at the end of the day](#)

If you need to speak to your child's teacher at the end of the school day, we ask that parents please wait until the rest of the class have been dismissed before they do so. This is to ensure that the teacher is able to give their full attention to making sure that the correct children are going to the correct places with the correct people. This is part of our safeguarding role. Please be mindful of this and we thank you in advance for your patience.

[Lodge Farm Football Team](#)

Last Friday, Lodge Farm Football team played in a League match against a local primary school. Mr Angove was very impressed with their composure on the ball and the children scored some great goals too. Throughout the afternoon, they showed great creativity and resilience skills and thoroughly deserved the result. The children won the match 7-2 and are looking forward to their next fixture!

School Events:

18.11.24 – UK Parliament Week
18.11.24 – Reverse Advent Calendar begins

19.11.24 – Y2 Mindful Mats with the Stevenage Sporting Futures Team

20.11.24 – Parent Forum: School Development Plan. 6-7pm

25.11.24 – Parent Coffee Morning: Sharing the School Development Plan at 9am

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 at 2:30pm

23.1.25 – Y2 Parents Vs Children Dodgeball

29.1.25 – Chinese New Year

4.2.25 – O2 Young Voices Choir

Emotional Literacy Support Assistant

We are excited to announce that Miss Samson is our new ELSA! An ELSA is an Emotional Literacy Support Assistant and she will be available to support children over a number of sessions. She is currently working hard to transform the room where she will be working into a cosy, welcoming space. This space used to be called 'The Nook', but with the lunchtime supervision moving from here to another classroom, the Nook is to be repurposed. This ELSA room will be known as 'The Nest'. Miss Samson can't wait to start work in here.

Please do keep telling us when things happen in your children's lives which may result in them needing support. Speak to your child's class teacher who will be able to organise support such as ELSA. We also have many other initiatives that we utilise in school as well as access to external support programs.

UK Parliament Week

UK Parliament Week begins on Monday 18th November and the children prepared for this this week by watching a video explaining what Parliament is. They will attend an assembly on Monday where they will be officially introduced to our Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister. We will also introduce the committees who work with them. The children will also be carrying out various activities designed to teach the children more about Parliament and how it works.

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.

Well done to Ava Bickerstaff, who achieved a place in Letchworth Sharks swimming squad team. Congratulations!

Aria Bickerstaff achieved her nature, family tree and theme award at Rainbows. We hope you enjoyed working towards this award and well done for your hard work.


On Saturday 9th November, Emorela moved up to Stage 5 at swimming. She had to complete the butterfly stroke and front crawl in order to achieve this. Great job, Emorela!



Attendance

As the weather changes and 'that time of year' sets in, many of us are experiencing coughs, colds and sniffles. Please remember that these symptoms are often worse first thing in the morning, but getting up, showered and getting

What is an ELSA?




ELSAs are Emotional Literacy Support Assistants. They are a specialist teaching assistant with a wealth of experience of working with children. ELSAs are trained and regularly supervised by the Educational Psychologists.

An ELSA is a warm and caring person who wants to help your child feel happy in school and to reach their potential educationally.

Their aim is to build your child's emotional development and help them cope with life's challenges.

The ELSA will help your child to find solutions to any problems they may have.

Please do talk to the ELSA in your school if you have any concerns about your child.



ready for the day can help your child to feel more like their usual selves. Please do be mindful of this and help them to come into school: every day and on 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.

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.





Lodge Farm Behaviour

Making the right choices (behaviours are valued, helpful and positive)	Making the wrong choices (behaviours are detrimental and unhelpful)
	<p>Distracting and disruptive:</p> <p>Dangerous and unsafe:</p>
<i>What might you feel?</i>	<i>What might you feel?</i>
Proud Happy Respected Included Calm Inspired Motivated Determined	Sad Angry Ashamed Lonely Scared Jealous Neglected Anxious
Consequences	Consequences