



Lodge Farm Primary School

Learning in Mind, Community at Heart

Friday 6th December 2024

Dear parents/carers,

The school has been filled with the lovely sounds of children practising multiple Christmas songs and we hope that you are all looking forward to their performances! We have had many positive reviews of the KS1 performances that took place this week – well done to Years 1 and 2! A lot of hard work goes into creating these experiences so thank you to everyone who has helped with this.

Our House Captains received their badges this week and have begun to think about how we can best promote our school values and ensure that the children keep these at the forefront of everything that they do.

Our values assembly takes place every Monday, and this week we learnt about empathy. We talked about 'walking a mile in someone else's shoes' to think about how someone might be feeling and how this impacts their actions. After Christmas, we will focus on one value each half term and make sure that the children fully understand and can demonstrate this value. Our first value will be Respect.

Safety message

Urgent: safety notice

Please **do not** stop on or near to the zebra crossing by the KS2 gate for your child to exit your car.

This is not only dangerous, it is illegal.

A message from Mrs Bull (Family Support Worker)

I hope most of you have seen the amazing Christmas tree that we have managed to put together in the entrance. Thank you so much to everyone

School Events:

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

17.12.24 – Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day (Rec, Y2, Y3, Y5)

18.12.24 - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day (Nursery, Y1, Y4, Y6)

6.1.25 – INSET Day (school closed to children)

7.1.25 – INSET Day (school closed to children)

23.1.25 – Y2 Parents Vs Children Dodgeball

29.1.25 – Lunar New Year

4.2.25 – O2 Young Voices Choir

6.2.25 – Y1 Craft Evening

7.2.25 – NSPCC Number Day

11.2.25 – Safer Internet Day

13.2.25 – Y6 Valentine Dinner for Parents

27.2.25 – Y3 Film Night

Please see the school website for term dates.

that took the time to make green squares for me. It was a real community effort. The children love the tree.

I do have a large number of squares left that I already have plans for. I will keep you up to date on my progress.

Now... I have some fantastic news!

From Monday the 9th December I will be working with the Kaotic Angels group. They are a group of people that are passionate about stopping food waste. They collect food from local super markets, shops and businesses and then share it and it's all free.

They will be delivering to us at Lodge Farm once a week and I will then be able to make it available to you. For the first few sessions, the food will be available from 2.45pm, on tables at the far end of the carpark, unless it is raining and then I will set up in the KS1 dining room.

So, get the date and time - Monday 9th December, 2.45pm - in your diaries and come along to see if there is anything that could be of use to you. Some representatives from the group will be with me and will be happy to chat about the amazing work they do. Remember to bring a bag. If you have any questions, please give me a ring.

Mary Bull

[Reverse Advent Calendar](#)

Wow, thank you so much Lodge Farm for an amazing first week of collecting for the Reverse Advent Calendar. Please continue sending in any donations over the next three weeks.

Mrs Taylor



[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.

Harry & Gabriel from Willow class recently won Man of the Match and Parents' Players awards while playing for Shephall United U8's Oranges. They were super proud of themselves at the end of the game - and a little bit muddy! Well done, boys!

Drew was given the role of team captain on Saturday, he gave his team mates clear direction & kept a clean sheet, getting them a 5-0 win and earning Drew player of the week. Fantastic work!

Congratulations to Jack who had his Muay Thai grading at the weekend and achieved his Blue/White Prajoiud (armband).

Parker and Grayson both took part in the family run at Silverstone last Sunday (in Storm Bert 🌪️). They both did brilliantly and got to run on the F1 race track!

Well done to Ava who achieved her 1000m badge and won 2nd place in points for her swim club. Also, well done to Aria who achieved her 20m, 25m and her water skills 1 badges.



Attendance

We have been meeting with several parents to help them with their child's attendance. This has included advice on morning routines, support with helping children come into school and giving details of useful contacts at the local Family Centre.

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.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Scroll down for our new Mental Health and Wellbeing newsletter from Mrs Kaur, our Mental Health Lead.



Mental Health and Wellbeing Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome to our first edition of the Lodge Farm Primary School Mental Health and Wellbeing Newsletter!

We are excited to introduce this new termly newsletter, dedicated to promoting positive mental health and wellbeing for all our pupils.

Trainee ELSA - Miss Samson

We are delighted to introduce Miss Samson, our trainee Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA). Miss Samson is passionate about supporting children's emotional wellbeing and is looking forward to working with our pupils.

She has already been super busy creating a home away from home, The Nest ready for her groups.

Please look at the new Mental Health and Wellbeing Page on the Schools's website.



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Whole School Approach to Mental Health and Wellbeing

We are currently working on a comprehensive Whole School Approach to Mental Health and Wellbeing.

This will involve all members of our school community and we are looking forward to sharing more details with you soon.



Pupil Wellbeing Committee

The Pupil Wellbeing Committee met last week to discuss their many ideas to promote wellbeing in our school.

First on their agenda is to set up a Wellbeing Lunchtime Club for pupils in KS2. They hope to have this up and running in the Spring Term

A huge thank you to Ms Hood as she gifted our school a signed copy of this amazing book by the author of Happy Newspaper, Emily Coxhead

