



# Lodge Farm Primary School

Learning in Mind, Community at Heart

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

Dear parents/carers,

We were excited to hold our first parent forum this week, where we shared the School Development Plan. It was a very constructive meeting with the parents who attended, including an offer of making contact with the Stevenage Youth Mayor – a fantastic opportunity to have arisen during UK Parliament Week! We will be holding another forum on Monday. Please do come along to this coffee morning on Monday at 9am. The meeting will last roughly 1 hour.

We will share the plans that the school has for the upcoming year and the targets that we will be addressing. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available and we hope to see as many of you as possible!

Monday will be a busy day for our staff. As well as the parent coffee morning, the school's English advisor will be visiting to look at writing across the school. She will visit the classrooms to see the learning taking place and offer any further advice. In addition to this, we will be carrying out a whole-school behaviour review. Our visitor helping us with this will talk to staff, children and might even manage to catch some parents in order to find out what behaviour is like across the school. She will then put her findings into a report so that we can see the areas we may need to focus on next. We are excited to show all the hard work that has gone into developing our behaviour in school this year and we know that the children will enjoy talking to her. We always have such positive comments on our children's politeness and cheerful attitude around school so we will be sure to let them know to say hello.

In line with our work on developing behaviour, we must ensure that everyone is on board, including the wider community. Therefore, a new parent code of conduct has been written. You will find this attached to the email with this newsletter. Please take the time to read this and let us know if you have any queries.

### [A message from Mrs Bull \(Family Support Worker\)](#)

We have quite a few lovely warm, nearly new coats in the Den. If you would like to see if there is a coat that your child could use, please come in to the office and ask to see me. I would rather them be keeping children warm than hanging in the Den!

*Mary Bull*

### School Events:

- 25.11.24 – Parent Coffee  
Morning: Sharing the School Development Plan, 9am-10am
- 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
- 28.11.24 – Nursery Christmas Decoration Morning with parents, 8:30am -9:15am
- 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 – 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

### Lodge Farm Football Team

On Monday, Lodge Farm Football team played in a League match against a local primary school. Mr Angove was very impressed with their passion and team spirit. Throughout the afternoon, they showed great motivation skills and thoroughly deserved the result. The children won the match 5-1 and are looking forward to their next fixture!



### Mindful Mats with Year 2

On Tuesday, the Year 2 classes participated in a 'mindful mats' workshop delivered by a member of the Stevenage Sporting Futures Team. The children had to move around the mats and complete the different activities such as rowing, jumping, high knees and various other strength exercises. The children did a fantastic job and really enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Miss Orlandi for arranging this.

### Children In Need

This year, not including the gift aid, we raised £370.11 for Children in Need! This amounted to £392.61 with the gift aid. This was made up from £213.86 cash donations at the gates, £95.00 from the Just giving page (£117.50 with the gift aid) and £61.25 cash donations from a cake sale thanks to Mrs Dear's talented daughter who cooked up a storm!

A huge thank you to everyone for their generous donations.

### 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.*

Each time a sporting achievement is sent in to the school, Miss Orlandi has been displaying these on her sporting achievements board in the KS2 hall. The children love walking through the hall and spotting any new additions to this display board so please keep them coming!

Teddy Haskins in Year 4 Poplar won both the Trainer of the Week and the Managers Player of the week for Shephall UTD U9 blacks. Huge congratulations to you, Teddy!



## 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 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.



Grace Community Church  
**Christmas Extravaganza**  
14<sup>th</sup> December 3:30-6:30pm  
At Grace Community Church,  
Hydean Way, SG2 9XJ

**ALL FREE!**

Come and celebrate Christmas with us

- With music from the Welwyn Garden City Brass Band and Stevenage Community Gospel Choir
- Activities for children including donkey petting, with special guests Mary and Joseph
- And a free barbecue, hot drinks and a goody bag to take away!

Please note: no parking available on site

Grace Community Church  
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