



Lodge Farm Primary School

Learning in Mind, Community at Heart

Friday 13th December 2024

Dear parents/carers,

We are swiftly approaching the end of term and we have been very busy with final practices and then the final shows for EYFS and KS2. A huge well done to all of the children for their hard work and thank you to the parents for coming to watch. We hope you left full of festive cheer!

A reminder that next week is the final week of Autumn term. We will finish at 1:15pm on Friday 20th. We have had a few calls to the office asking about finish times and some parents saying that it would be useful if term dates were included on this newsletter. You said – we listen! Moving forward, dates will be included in the date box to the right. Please remember that if you require term dates further ahead than are shown here, they are detailed on our Year on a Page and on our website, listed under Parents > Term Dates. We hope this is useful!

As close as we are to the end of term, we still have plenty to do and a vital part of our ongoing duties is safeguarding. You will have heard of a few changes we have made recently to a couple of our protocols, including a letter regarding treats no longer being shared on school grounds. We know that you will support us in this decision in order to keep all children safe. Another change we have had is to our end of day protocols, where the previous system was reviewed and improved. One key change was parents/carers who gave permission for their child to 'walk around' know and understand that they are now giving permission for their child to leave the classroom without an adult as we cannot guarantee or monitor each child's arrival to this designated spot.

Thank you for your help with this and your patience in understanding that changes need to be made for improvements to take place.

Finally, we will be carrying out a drill next week. This drill is practising protocol in place in the event of a child missing at home time. Please be advised that this is a drill and no child has actually gone missing! Please also be aware that this drill will involve closing school gates until the child has been 'found'. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by this.

Our School Values

Passion
Respect
Integrity
Determination
Empathy

School Events:

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)

20.12.24 – End of term at 1:15pm

6.1.25 – INSET Day (school closed to children)

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8.1.25 – Children return to school

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

17.2.25-21.2.25 - Half term

27.2.25 – Y3 Film Night

4.3.25 – Pancake Races

6.3.25 – World Book Day and The Big Book Swap

10.3.25 – British Science Week

12.3.25 – Y4 Quiz Night

14.3.25 – Red Nose Day

17.3.25 – Parent's Evening and Summer Uniform Bonanza

We are continuing our work on ensuring every person in our school community knows and upholds our school values. Staff have been sure to tell the children which value they are showing when they are awarded House Points this week. It has been brilliant to see the children heading to the office to post their House Points and hear their explanations for which value they have upheld. Lots of determination was shown this week! You can see the values shown this week within our Children's Achievements section below.

To get our parents involved, we have a new plan. Your child will bring home some shaped cardboard tags and we have bought a beautiful Values Tree... If your child, or any other child that attends Lodge Farm, shows you that they have upheld one of our school values, please write their name and deed onto the tag. This can then be handed in to your child's class teacher and will be put onto our Values Tree. We can't wait to watch our tree grow and thank you in advance for your help!



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

Hi everyone,

A quick reminder that the Kaotic Angels will be bringing a delivery on Monday. This will be available from 2:45pm in the carpark if dry or the dining room if it's raining.

The Kaotic Angels will be delivering on all Mondays over Christmas. This will be available from 9:45am to 10:30am each Monday in the carpark.

Remember to bring a bag! If you have any questions, please give me a ring.

Mary Bull

[Springers](#)

Please be reminded that Springers are separate to Lodge Farm and so bookings for this cannot be made through the school office. Please see the contact information below and remember that bookings must be made by 7:30am on that day:

**Childcare online Booking
(CoB) system for
Springers Club Ltd**

Parents and primary carers can register or log in to access the online booking system for all clubs.

For all other enquiries please contact Springers Club Ltd on **07859915985** or email **springersholidayclub@gmail.com**.

[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 Darcie. Darcie only recently began gymnastics and has already earned her first badge! Well done, Darcie. We love to see **passion** for a new sport grow!

This year Brook set herself a New Year challenge to read 100 books 📖 in a year. On the 10th of December, Brook was very proud to announce she finished her 100th read. For every book that she reads, she completes a short book review and rates it out of 5 stars. Her favourite books are the Dork Diaries series and she is hoping that Santa will bring her the new edition for Christmas. What a brilliant challenge to set and such **determination** to complete this – well done!



Attendance

As of today, our whole school attendance stands at 95.45%. This is above the national average of 94.8%, but we are still aiming for our target of 97%. Please do continue to support us in ensuring we have every child in school: **every day, 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.