



# Lodge Farm Primary School

Learning in Mind, Community at Heart

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear parents/carers,

We were all very excited this week to see the new marking finally appear on our playgrounds. The KS2 playground now sports fantastic new sports outlines as well as several sets of grids. These are designed for children to play 4 square. Mrs Simpson will be explaining how to play this in assembly (with the help of the House Captains) and Mr Angove will model how to play this at the start of his PE lessons next week. We hope to see the children putting these to good use. On the KS1 playground the children were delighted with their markings. The 'What's the time, Mr Wolf?' game is particularly popular and the snakes and ladders are already being put to good use. We still have spaces on the playgrounds so we hope to get more of these markings when funds allow!

Year 5 children were getting plenty of fresh air as they carried out Bikeability this week. It is wonderful to see their confidence building on their bikes and to see them excitedly heading out and about on the road.

## Our School Values



Our first Values Ambassador meeting took place this week and it was agreed that we would like to focus on one value each half term. Our first 'focus value' next half term will be the value of Pride. The Values Ambassadors will help Mrs Simpson to introduce this in our Values Assembly after half term and are looking forward to their 'parts'. In this newsletter this week you will hear about lots of things we are proud of. We are lucky to have such an inspiring school and community.

## Young Voices

*"Please can you thank all the wonderful staff who made Young Voices happen for the children. Our child had a great time and as a family we loved watching the concert. It was such an amazing opportunity for the children to experience. Thank you so much."*

## School Events:

- 10.2.25 – Class Photo Day
- 11.2.25 – Safer Internet Day
- 11.2.25 – NSPCC Online Safety Information Evening for KS2 parents (6-7pm)
- 12.2.25 – Y6 Valentine Dinner for Parents
- 17.2.25-21.2.25 - Half term
- 26.2.25 and 27.2.25 – Boogie Bounce
- 27.2.25 – Y3 Film Night
- 1.3.25 – PTFA March Madness begins
- 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
- 19.3.25 - Parent's Evening and Summer Uniform Bonanza
- 25.3.25 and 26.3.25 - Drumba
- 28.3.25 – PTFA Mother's Day Secret Room
- 3.4.25 – PTFA Easter Disco
- 23.5.25 – PTFA Day of May-hem
- 13.6.25 – PTFA Father's Day Secret Room

**Please see the school website for complete term dates.**

We often talk about how proud we are of our children, and never more so than at events like this. The children and staff had such an amazing time and absolutely sang their hearts out. The children came back full of stories of their experience and how big and loud everything was. An enormous thank you to Miss Roe for organising this for a second successful year and to all the staff who supported on this trip. Thank you also to all the parents who were able to come and support. We hope you weren't all too tired the next day!

### [Pupil Parliament](#)

Mrs Kaur and Mrs Simpson were very excited to take our Lodge Farm representatives to the Stevenage Pupil Parliament this week. We went to the Stevenage Council chambers where Alice (our Deputy Prime Minister) used the microphone to share all the ways that we support children's mental health at our school. We heard lots of other schools talk about their initiatives and these will be shared with our committees back at school. One very popular idea was a school therapy dog! We were so proud of Alice as she shared her thoughts with so many people and the Mayor himself was very impressed with everything that we do too. We are looking forward to our next visit in the summer term.



### [Invitation to NSPCC Online Safety Information Evening for KS2 Parents](#)

We are inviting KS2 parents to an Online Safety Information Evening hosted by the NSPCC for parents and carers. This workshop will be held virtually via zoom at Lodge Farm Primary School on Tuesday 11th February (Safer Internet Day) from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

This session will provide valuable insights into the online world and equip you with the knowledge and tools to help your children navigate the digital landscape safely.

If you would like to attend, please sign in on the School Gateway.

Mrs Stoeri-Smith & Mrs Kaur

### [Y1 Craft Evening](#)

Year 1 had a lovely time with their parents at the craft evening yesterday. It was lovely to see the parents working alongside their children to make some beautiful paper creations. There were birds, shining suns and spring trees in bloom being created. Please take a look at our Lodge Farm Facebook page for pictures of these! A big thank you to Mrs Dear, Mrs Winter and the Y1 team for organising and running this event.

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

Hi everyone,

A quick reminder to you all that I will be by the main gate on Monday morning, 9:30am to 10:30am. Please come along and see if any of the food we have would be of use to you. Everyone is welcome to come and help us put these items to good use.

Don't forget to join us for our walk and talk at 9am on Thursdays. Meet us by the main gate and come along for a chat.

## Mary Bull

### 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.*

Hugo has moved up to black hats in his swimming lessons and completed over 400metres in his last lesson. He is super proud of himself as are we. Well done, Hugo!

Jack Smart showcased his guitar skills with a solo performance at music school. He played *Seven Nation Army* and *Boulevard of Broken Dreams* for his fellow music group members. We are incredibly proud of Jack for his confidence in sharing his talent!

We would also say like to say a big congratulations to Harry, who won coach's player of match and Jenson, who won parent's player of match. They both play for Shephall United.



### Safeguarding Concern - Squid Game

You may have heard of Squid Game, a programme on Netflix that has been very popular recently. It is rated 15 due to its violent nature and sexual content. Unfortunately, there have been a number of reports of younger children also watching it. Children might also have seen parts of the programme recreated as challenges on social media, for example on TikTok, or they may have seen or played an online game (within Roblox) that is based on it. Recently, there have been some media reports of children recreating violent aspects of the show.

#### What could parents do?

- It might be tempting to, but do not directly raise Squid Game with your child - they might be unaware of it, and mentioning it could make them more likely to seek it out.
- Do let your child know they can talk to you about anything they see online that they find upsetting. If you hear them talking about Squid Game or if they mention it to you, talk to them about how the show isn't meant for young children. For more pointers on talking to your child about online safety, see this page on the NSPCC website: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

- We encourage you to take this opportunity to check your Netflix settings for your child's profile. You can set maturity ratings so that your child only sees TV shows and films that have a rating suitable for their age.

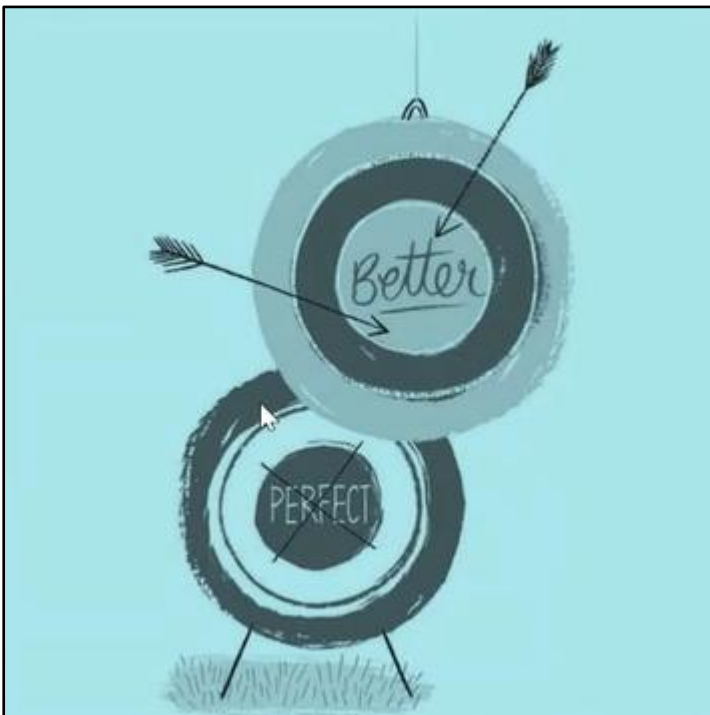
To do this:

- From a web browser, go to your account page
- Open the 'Profile and Parental Controls' settings for the profile you want to manage
- Change the 'Viewing Restrictions' setting
- Enter your Netflix password
- Set the maturity rating level for the TV shows and films you want to allow in that profile
- Select 'Save'.

You will need to have set up a profile for your child in your account to do this. See how to do this here:

<https://help.netflix.com/en/node/114275>

## Attendance



It can be daunting to aim for 100% in anything so it is always good to aim for 'better'. Don't think that if your child is late one morning that there is no point in going to school – no matter what time it is, there is always learning to be done and we will welcome them!

Please do speak to us if you are concerned about your child's attendance and we are very happy to help.

*If you would like any help or support with regards to your child's attendance, please speak to Mrs Simpson, Mrs Bull or Mrs Gowlett in the Office and we would be happy to help you.*

## Community News

Shephall Dental are now taking bookings for the February half-term (subject to availability) onwards.

We understand that some local children are not registered with an NHS dentist or are not attending regular check-ups. We wanted to let you know that Shephall Dental is currently accepting new NHS patients aged 16 and under. Dental care for children is FREE and vital for maintaining good oral health.

For more information on caring for children's teeth, please visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-teeth-and-gums/taking-care-of-childrens-teeth/>

To book an appointment, please call Shephall Dental on **01438 351556**.

