



Newsletter: 9th October 2023





Mrs Stillwell writes ...

Can you believe it's nearly the end of another half term? Time really does fly when you're having fun.

I wanted to take a moment to celebrate some amazing news we received last term. We have been granted funding for a brand new Early Years (Reception) classroom! This is such exciting news and will provide our little ones with an even better learning environment. The new classroom is a modular design and will be built on the site of the quiet area, near to the main playground gate. It is set to be ready after the Easter break so keep fingers crossed for a smooth building process!

Speaking of our little ones, I am thrilled to report that our new children are settling down really well. It's always a bit nerve-racking when we have new faces joining us, but I am so proud of how quickly they have all adapted to our school community. They truly are a wonderful addition to our family.

Last week, we had our annual harvest service at Emmanuel Church. It was a beautiful event filled with joy, gratitude, and a whole lot of singing. I want to extend a huge thank you to all the staff and children who helped make it such a memorable occasion. Thank you to the parents who attended. Your support is truly appreciated.

We had our parents' evenings last week, where you had the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and discuss their progress. It's always a great chance to get some insight into how your child is doing at school and to ask any burning questions! Unfortunately, Miss Sulek was poorly, so wasn't able to meet parents as planned. Her appointments will take place this week instead.

Year 6, together with Mr Dayman, Mrs Start, Mrs Kerfoot, Mrs Taylor and myself, are heading off on Monday for the annual residential trip to The Peak Centre in Edale, Derbyshire. The centre is a fantastic location close to Mam Tor and Kinder Scout and near to the beginning of the Pennine Way. We get out and about for lots of activities including rock-climbing, abseiling, fell-walking, bushcraft,

archery and orienteering. A big thanks to the staff who give up their time to make this possible, especially Mrs Start who takes on the role of head chef! We hope that the children have a fantastic time, challenging themselves to go beyond their comfort-zone, conquering their fears and growing their resilience and independence. Mrs Ferey will be in charge of school while we are away, and Mrs Beardsley is swapping with Mr Dayman to stay in school and teach Year 3. Look out for our posts on the school Facebook page! Parents of Year 6 children will be able to follow our progress on Class Dojo.

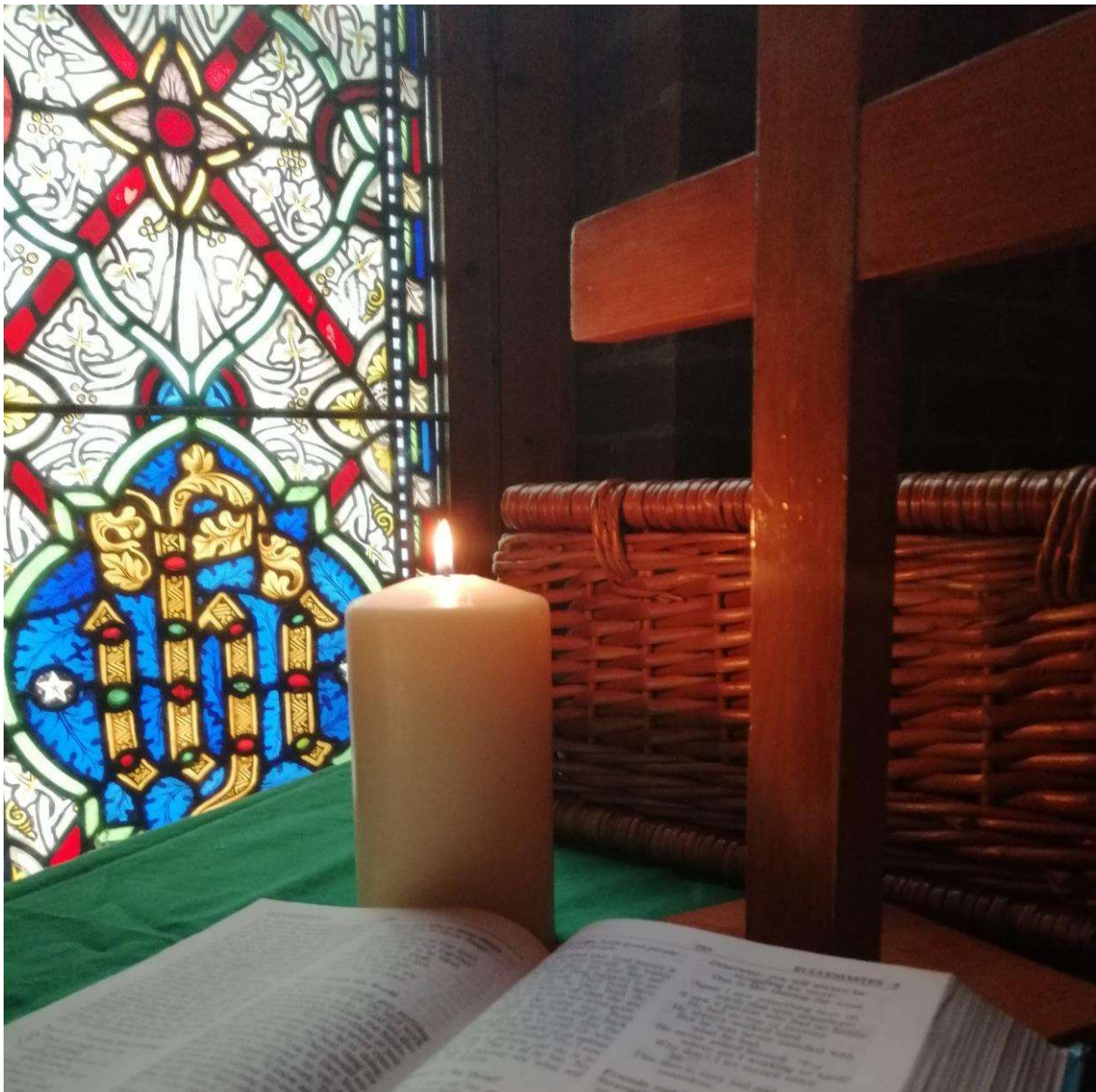
Lastly, I wanted to remind you that the end of term is fast approaching on Friday 13th! We return to school on Monday 23rd October and I hope to welcome everyone back refreshed and ready for another amazing half-term.

That's all for now, folks. Have a fantastic half-term break and I'll see you all soon!

Janine Stillwell

Head Teacher

Christian Ethos



Collective Worship We have been thinking about our school values of 'Compassion' and 'Peace' during our collective worship times together. Next week we will be thinking about another of our school values - 'Forgiveness'. Our Junior Worship Team have been learning how to lead our collective worship times and have been doing a great job.



1 - Compassion



2 - Peace



3 - Forgiveness

Admissions into Reception Class September 2024

2024-25 ADMISSIONS

Together in God's grace, may we
give our children the roots to grow
and the wings to fly

Find us
here

IF YOU WISH TO VISIT THE SCHOOL OR
WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS ADMISSION
ARRANGEMENTS, OR IF YOU HAVE
ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL MRS
START IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON
01509 263430 OR EMAIL
OFFICE@LCEPS.RISEMAT.CO.UK

Did you know that we don't have a catchment area? Sometimes this means that parents of pre-school children haven't heard about us! We are often told by parents visiting to look around, that they didn't know our school was here. We are working hard to get the council to put signposts up on roads that lead to the school to help us be found more easily.

Some of the local playgroups that we used to receive children from have closed this year and so even fewer people may know about our amazing school. Please help by spreading the word! If you know of anyone who has a child due to start school next September, please do encourage them to make contact with us to arrange a visit to look around and ask any questions. Visits are arranged via the school office. If you visit any toddler groups or nurseries, please can you take flyers with you to ask if they can be shared? Any support to ensure that we continue to thrive as a school with a full reception class each year will be very appreciated!

School to Home Communication



Loughborough C of E Primary School

Last year's parent survey highlighted that you wanted more communication about what your child is learning in class week by week, so this term teachers have been tasked with a 'Friday Dojo' message with a brief outline of learning in the classroom during the week. Please look out for these messages on your child's class story. If you are not yet connected to your child's profile or class on Dojo, or need help to get connected, please speak to Mrs Start in the school office or your child's class teacher.

We are a nut-free zone!



Just a reminder that a few of our children are allergic to nuts, so we are a nut-free zone. This means that items that you might put into packed lunches even, including things like nutella spread on sandwiches, are not safe and must not be sent into school. If we notice any items that contain nuts or nut products, we will remove these from children's packed lunches and will send a message to explain and ask you to find an alternative for future packed lunches. Thank you for keeping all our children safe by following our nut-free school policy.

Vacancy for a parent governor



I would like to inform you about a vacancy for a parent governor on our local governing committee. This is a unique chance for a parent to actively contribute to the decision-making process within our school. The role involves attending five full committee meetings per year and working closely with school and RISE Multi-academy Trust leaders.

Nominations are now open, and I encourage any interested parents to put themselves forward. Being a parent governor provides an opportunity to make a real difference in our school community. The successful candidate will serve a three-year term and take on an advocate role for a specific area of school life. Full training will be provided, ensuring that the parent governor is equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to fulfill their role effectively.

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact our school office. We believe that your involvement in the governance of our school is invaluable, and we welcome your contribution.

School Uniform



Autumn and Winter As the weather changes, please make sure that you send your child to school with a warm, waterproof coat. On PE days, jogging bottoms or tracksuit trousers are a good idea. If you send any gloves, hats or scarves, please also make sure that they are labelled if at all possible!

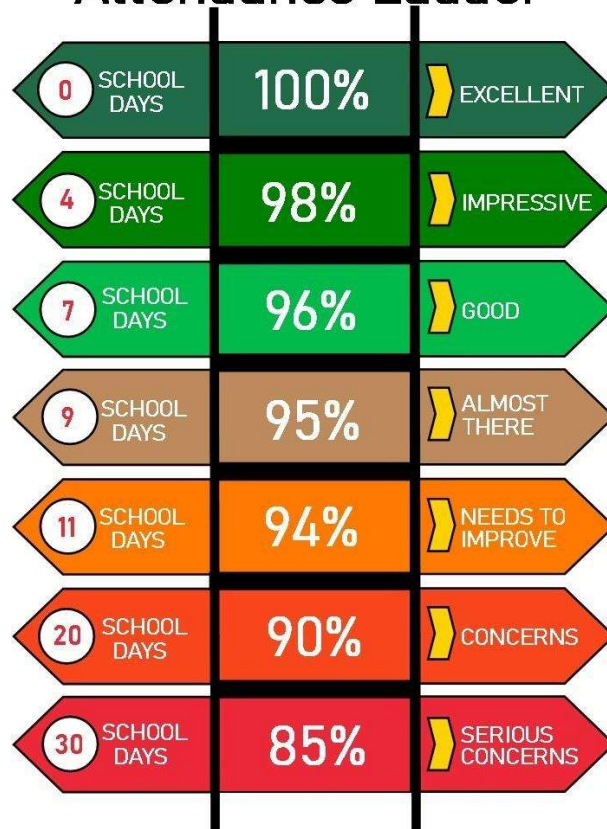
Jewellery and Earrings No jewellery should be worn to school, except a watch if appropriate, or *small stud earrings*. Both of these items must be removed for PE. If your child has pierced ears, please remove their earrings on PE days before sending them to school. If not, please train them how remove their earrings so that they can be prompted to do this before the PE lesson begins. If your child cannot remove their own earrings, school staff ARE NOT allowed to remove pupils' earrings for them and we are no longer allowed to apply surgical tape to cover earrings during PE. If

the teacher feels that it is safe to do so, they will continue to join in with PE. The teacher will contact you if your child is wearing earrings on PE days and if this happens regularly and will discuss with you the risks involved.

Attendance



Attendance Ladder



4 - Attendance over the year adds up.

Year to date attendance

Reception: 99.7%

Yr 1: 94.6%

Yr 2: 95.6%

Yr 3: 96%

Yr 4: 95.9%

Yr 5: 96.2%

Yr 6: 98.4%

Holidays or absence during term time

Parents do not have an automatic right to withdraw pupils from school for a holiday and in law, have to apply for permission in advance. At Loughborough C of E Primary, holidays will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Such circumstances could include:

- a short absence (maximum of 2 days) to attend a close relative's wedding
- a religious/cultural festival, may constitute an exceptional circumstance (maximum of 2 days)
- if a parent, due to the nature of their work, cannot possibly take time off during the regular school holidays, then this might constitute an exceptional circumstance. However, this will

need to be evidenced by a letter from the employer (this letter must be on that company's official headed notepaper). A request of this nature will not be considered without a letter from employer, and repeat requests of this kind will not be granted.

Should you wish to make a term time request to take your child out of school for any reason, you must complete an 'Absence Application Form' available from the School Office. The request must be submitted **at least two weeks** before your intended first date of absence. Your request will be considered and you will be informed of the decision in writing.

Taking a child on holiday without permission is regarded as an unauthorised absence and each parent will be issued with a £60 fine - see Leicestershire Local Authority 'Pay a School Fine' here¹ Penalty Notices may also be issued for persistent absence and other forms of unauthorised absence.

OPAL PLAY



We were delighted to see so many of you in school last Friday afternoon to find out more about our OPAL project. A fun time was had by all who came along. Please can you help us now by making sure that your child has a pair of wellie boots to leave at school. After the half term we will be introducing the digging area to the children and they will need wellie boots in order to be able to play in there. Also please have a look around for any buckets, spades or anything you think could be interesting to dig with and send this into school too!

¹<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/pay-a-school-fine>





Term Dates

7	Di	7
8	Mi	8
9	Do	9
10	Fr	10
11	Sa	11
12	So	12
13	Mo	13

Autumn Term 2023

Tuesday 29th August to Friday 22nd December

(Half term - Monday 16th to Friday 20th October)

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8th January to Friday 22nd March

(Half term - Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February)

Summer Term 2024

Monday 8th April to Tuesday 9th July

(Half term - Monday 27th to Friday 31st May)

School restarts again for children after the summer holiday on Tuesday 27th August 2024.

Pupil Premium



We receive extra funding, called **Pupil Premium**, for children who are eligible for **Free School Meals**. *(This is not the same as the **Universal Infant Free School Meal** that all children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 classes are entitled to receive.)* Pupil Premium Funding is used to support improving academic outcomes and closing gaps in learning for pupil premium children.

This academic year, we are making **up to £50** of Pupil Premium Funding available to parents of eligible children, to help towards the costs of school activities.

The types of things the money could be used towards are:

- Cost of extra-curricular clubs or other organised activities including those outside of school time (eg. sports coaching, music tuition, drama or dance)
- Uniformed organisation subscription fees (brownies, cubs, beavers etc)
- School uniform items such as shoes, trainers or sweatshirts/cardigans
- Waterproof winter coat and/or wellington boots

As a school, we already use Pupil Premium Funding to reduce by 50% the amount that we ask eligible parents to contribute towards the cost of trips and activities.

If you think your child may be eligible to be registered for Free School Meals, because of the level of your income, this can be easily checked by the School Meals team at County Hall by phoning them on 0116 305 5000. Even if your child gets a free school dinner because they are in Early Years, Year 1 or Year 2, it is still worth checking your eligibility with the School Meals team. (Over the last two years the local authority has also provided eligible families with supermarket vouchers during school holidays.)

Once you have contacted the school meals team, they will confirm with us if your child is eligible. Your child can then have free school dinners and you will also be able to use £50 of Pupil Premium towards costs as outlined above. If you have more than one child in school, you must register them individually for Free School Meals. (Please note that any meals taken must be paid for until school receives confirmation directly from County Hall that dinners are free for your child).

Please speak to someone in the school office if you need more information.

Parents and Friends Association (PFA) News



Thanks to everyone who came along on Thursday evening to The White Hart to kick off the year by sharing ideas and planning out some events for the next two terms. A special thanks to staff who turned out to support - Mrs Start, Mrs Freer and Mrs Downs. There were lots more who could have been there but couldn't make it. A special thanks to Ben Maunder for hosting us so well. We are full of enthusiasm for the way we hope to make a difference for the whole school community.

We have two events planned for next term so watch our for further details -

Christmas Fayre with Santa's Grotto after school on Friday 1st December

Christmas wreath-making social for adults on Saturday 9th December 4 - 6pm

If you want to get involved and support the work of the PFA, please see Kate MacDonald, Jo Beal, Louisa Golightly, Hazel Wragg or me, Mrs Stillwell.

Dates For Your Diary



*Friday mornings at 8.45am in the Car Park - **Parents Prayer Group***

We would love to welcome more parents to join us as we gather to pray for 5 minutes for our school community. All parents/carers are welcome to join us. If you have anything specific you'd like us to pray about, do pop over and say hello.

Monday 9th to Friday 13th Oct - Year 6 residential to the Peak District

Thursday 9th Nov - Flu immunisations

Friday 17th Nov - Children in Need Day - Children wear anything 'Pudsey' or anything spotty in exchange for a £1 donation

Tuesday 12th Dec - EYFS and KS1 Nativity Play - 9:30am

Wednesday 13th Dec - EYFS and KS1 Nativity Play - 2pm

Tuesday 19th Dec - KS2 Carol Service at All Saints' Church 6:30pm - all welcome!

10 ways to help your child with their homework

by @inner_drive | www.innerdrive.co.uk



01. Set a routine
02. Have a designated homework space
03. Get rid of all distractions
04. Have regular breaks
05. Promote independence
06. Help your child organise their time
07. Encourage your child to develop a growth mindset
08. Be a role model
09. Say "I am so proud of you!"
10. Communicate your worries to their teacher


3rd Loughborough
Loughborough District





Are you aged 6-10?

If so, then
The Beaver & Cub Sections of 3rd Loughborough Scout Group
Meet on Wednesdays at Cobden Primary School from 6.15pm,
and
Invite you to join our activity programmes



Contact 07772910319 for more
information or via
www.loughboroughscouts.org.uk





Contact Chris Hall
for more info
lrfcmichair@gmail.com

**3 Free
Taster
Sessions!**

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WE ARE RECRUITING!



At Loughborough RFC we pride ourselves on having fun competitive family-oriented environment where we enjoy rugby all year round.

We are currently recruiting 'Mini' players of all abilities, aged 5 upwards.

Our new season starts Sun 3rd Sept | 09:45

 **Loughborough Rugby Club, Derby Road Playing Fields, Cotton Way, LE11 5FJ**

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Everybody welcome!
Mini Rugby | Every Sunday
09:45


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 **Loughborough Rugby Club,
Derby Road Playing Fields,
Cotton Way, LE11 5FJ**

EVERY SUNDAY STARTING 10TH
SEPTEMBER

**AGES 5-11
ALL ABILITIES!**

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Thank you for reading our Newsletter!

