Lane End Primary School Newsletter

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FESTIVITIES APPROACHING….

A busy end to the half term follows—and there are lots of things going on in school! We have tried to put all the key dates for you on this newsletter, but do look out for other letters and texts too as new things always appear on a school calendar!

Thank you, as always for your continuing support

Asa Britton and the Lane End Team

Lane End Leaves, 'Great Day' Boxes and Always Children

Here at Lane End, we see 100's and 100's of great choices made each and every day by your children. We feel it is very important for our school to recognise and celebrate these great responsible, respectful and safe choices—and to use them as an example, as a role model for all the other children.

We give out our Lane End Leaves as part of this commitment—and children have it explained to them as to why they have been awarded a leaf, so for example, someone who shows lovely manners by saying thank you to the lunchtime staff will be praised for this respectful choice. Someone who picks up a friends coat that has fallen off the peg or rail is praised for making a thoughtful, responsible choice.

All these leaves are collected in class totalisers—and sent to me each week so I can see who has been making fantastic choices all week long. When the children reach one of our milestones—they are rewarded with a certificate awarded in the achievement assembly, and a small 'well done' reward such as a Golden Time session with their friends. I am pleased to share that we have some children that have achieved this already this year!

Well done:

Reece L (Y4), Moustapha D, Samuel G, Sello L, Layla-Grace T (Y3), Husniya F and David M (Y1) with some other children VERY close behind.

We also ask children to put daily raffle tickets in a class box—if they have had a 'great day', full of all the best choices. Tickets are then pulled out at random for various 'thank you' treats, rewards and experiences—from special jobs around school, choosing who to sit next to for a day, afternoon tea with Mr Tabiner, crafts with Mrs Britton, visits to radio stations and even a cinema trip! Keep making great choices, children.



Festive Events

It is that very busy time of year—when lots of special events and celebrations are taking place.

You may have had separate letters in your child's book bag about some of these things already, but we thought we would take the opportunity to put all the key dates and times on the newsletter too.

Christmas production rehearsals will be starting this week—children in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 - please look out for any requests of costume support/outfits that we would like your child to have ready for the shows.

Performance Days



Wednesday 12th December

9:45 Nursery and Reception Performance

1:30 KS1 Year 1 and Year 2 Performance

Thursday 13th December

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Letters about tickets for these shows have been sent home with your child already, please return the slip and £1 per ticket to the school office. There is a strict limit of 2 tickets per FAMILY.

Year 3 and Year 4 will be holding a Christmas Sing-Along show that they would like all families to come and join in with on Friday 14th December at 2:15.

Friday 14th December is also Save the Children's Christmas Jumper day so all children are invited to come to school looking festive in their Christmas tops.

Class Christmas Parties

Below are the days your child's class will be having a Christmas Parties—the children can come in their party clothes to school (but please remember they will be playing out too so nothing too special and they need to be warm too!)



A letter will be coming out closer to the time about food contributions for the party.

Monday 17th December—Nursery Party (both morning and afternoon children to come 11am—2pm only on this day)

Tuesday 18th December—Reception and Year 2 Party Day

Wednesday 19th December—Year 1 Party Day

Thursday 20th December—Year 3 and Year 4 Party Day

School closes on Thursday 20th December 3:15 and will not be open on Friday 21st December

Cash for Kids Warm Winter Clothes Spectacular Giveaway

Lane End Primary are very fortunate in having being chosen to benefit from a Cash for Kids scheme, funded by 'The Postcode Lottery', and supported by Radio Aire, that aims to help families to be super prepared for winter by providing an extra set of warm, winter set of clothes and shoes.

The school was given £1000's of vouchers, to be spent at Primark, on warm coats, jumpers, hats, scarves, trousers - really anything that will provide some extra items for some families that will to help keep children warm and toasty through the winter months.
The manager of Primark, Trinity Leeds, Phil Woodcock, and his team of staff were very kind and worked hard to get our massive order of clothes and shoes together - which took many visits and time to get sorted.

We were then ready to share it with our families. As part of the scheme, we gave a bag full of new winter clothing items to all our families that are eligible for free school meals, or have been in the past (Pupil Premium). Any sets we have above and beyond this allocation will be given out to families, who will have been picked at random - in a raffle style.
At the first sharing session, a reporter from the local news even came to the school to film the event—and it was broadcast on Look North that very evening.

If you missed it, and to see pictures of the whole experience, have a look on our 'Community Partners' page of the website:
http://www.laneendprimary.org.uk/community-partners/

This thoughtful gesture and donation from all the companies involved in this initiative is meant to support
families by giving them some extra, warm winter clothes – and it is always handy to have a spare set of items for playing out, or when the children have had so much 'fun' their other clothes that day in school, they need
washing again!



Chilly weather

The warm weather we enjoyed in the summer is definitely over, and the cold, wintery weather is with us. Please can you make sure your children are well wrapped up for school, including gloves, hat and scarves—and clearly name as much as you can. They play out for a long time at lunchtime, and need to be warm. Please could you remind your children that they need to take care and remember to collect and take home all their own things every day— class staff sadly don't have time to find all 30 jumpers, coats, scarves, hats and 60 gloves at the end of each day—children, you need to be Responsible Reggie's for your own clothes. You can do it!

Lane End LOVES reading!

We love reading here at Lane End Primary so it was wonderful to see how many free books our families earned in commission after buying lots of things from the recent Book Fair. We shared all the new books that arrived at school last week in an assembly. Thank you, Lane End families.



We have also invested in 100s of extra new class library stock of books so that all the children in every year group have more titles to choose from and enjoy with you at home. Please help us to keep the stocks high by returning books when the children have finished them.