



Weekly Newsletter—No. 20

Here are some dates that you may wish to put into your diary for next half term.

1st March – World Book Day. As part of this day the children can dress up as a character from a rhyming book and in nursery as a character from a nursery rhyme.

7th March – World Maths Day.

8th March – Mother’s Day assembly and lunch. The assembly will start at 11 and afterwards mums can go for a cup of tea in the Alec Parker Building while we get the hall ready for lunch. The staff will be having their lunch with any children who don’t have an adult with them.

15th March – RE day. We will be looking at the story of ‘Sparkle the Swallow’ who looks at churches around the world.

We are going to put a date in the diary for ‘Grounds Day’. This will be one Sunday in March or April. You do not have to stay all day! If you could spare an hour of so we would be grateful. If you have gardening gloves and a rake you are the person we need!

29th March – pm Easter service at Leamington Hastings Church (more details to follow nearer the date)

Quick reminder that parents consultations are next week. Please help us by making sure your meeting lasts 10 minutes only (15 minutes for year 2).

School office – phone and emails

Please could we remind you that the school office opens at **8.30am** so please call after that time, unless it is urgent. If you send the office an email concerning arrangements for your child and you don’t receive an acknowledgment, please telephone the office as the email may not get through to the office staff in time for going home arrangements.

Packed lunches/Wise Owls snacks

As we are a nut free school please could you ensure that any food brought into school is nut free. We also encourage and promote healthy eating and ask for your support by sending your children in with healthy and nutritiously balanced packed lunches and Wise Owls snacks.

Free online guides to help parents feel more confident

Warwickshire County Council has purchased three nationally acclaimed online Guides (courses) - designed to help parents feel more confident. Every single parent, grandparent, or carer living in Warwickshire can now access these Guides **FREE OF CHARGE**.

The Guides have been designed by NHS experts and are part of the evidence-based ‘Solihull Approach’ programme, which supports mums, dads and carers to develop positive and responsive relationships with their infants, children, and young people. In turn, this helps to strengthen emotional resilience and wellbeing, so infants and children are able to bounce back from life’s various challenges.

For more information, please visit the website: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/parentguide>



Please note our new Facebook account:

https://www.facebook.com/Leamington-Hastings-C-of-E-Academy-393006794438067/?modal=admin_todo_tour

Nursery

We started our week off by thinking about 'Valentine's day' and why it is special to us. The children listened to a story called 'Guess how much I love you' by Sam McBratney. We talked about who we love and why? It was then time to get creative and we've started to make a special card for our loved ones which involved some sewing, gluing and lots of pretty collage work.

Throughout this term we have focused on writing our names using the correct formation when writing our letters and we are progressing nicely! The children have written their own names in these beautiful cards. Well done everyone! Great job!

This week we have been critical thinkers by finding different ways of attaching a bears head, arms, legs and body together. We wanted the head and legs to move. What could we use and how? The choices the children had were to use paper clips, tape, glue sticks or split pins. They used all the different techniques and found the split pin was the best resource to use. We really did enjoy this challenge!

We have a fancy dress shop in role-play and the children are having fun buying costumes to dress up in. There is a great choice to choose from but the most popular are the fairies and policemen costumes. The children have been pretending to write down numbers for price labels. Some costumes are very pricey!

Thank you everyone for your cookery money contributions and next week we are going to make, cook and toss some pancakes for Shrove Tuesday! I am sure we will have a tasting session too!

Class 1

This week in class 1 we have continued with our adventures with the Naughty Bus. On Friday the Naughty Bus escaped from the school and Miss Love found him in her car. He then decided to sneak in to Miss Loves home and do lots of Naughty things there. On Monday Miss Love told the children all about the Naughty things he got up to and showed them a story about it. From this the children have done some fantastic writing describing what had happened. On Tuesday the Naughty Bus went missing. The children made missing posters to stick around the school so class 2 could help us to find him.

In maths reception have continued with adding two one digit numbers by counting on. We have also been practising counting to 100 from 0, the children are getting really good at doing this.

In phonics this week we have introduced the sounds 'ure' and 'er'. 'Ure' is a difficult tri-graph to learn so extra practise on this sound at home will help to secure their understanding of this sound. We have introduced phase 4 tricky words this week which the children are already great at recognising. In dictation we have been practising writing words that include the 'ure' and 'er' sounds, as well as practising spelling our tricky words.

In taking care this week we have recapped everything we have learned previously about our bodies and our early warning signs. All the children have now created a network hand which they have labelled with people who they feel safe to talk to if they are experiencing any of the early warning signs or if they are feeling unsafe. The children have developed a good understanding of the terminology used in taking care and should be able to explain them to you at home. Taking care is used to help protect your children and to also inform them of how they can help themselves. If you would like any more information on Protective Behaviour please follow the link to the website which has all the details of why it is important to be taught at such a young age:

<http://www.protectivebehaviours.org/what-does-protective-behaviours-mean>

We are now on week three of core strengthening and the children are really enjoying it. During core strengthening we focus on developing the children's core strengths and gross motor skills.

Class 1 continued....

This session also links to the children's physical development and helps to meet many of the curriculums objectives within this area. All of these areas that will be developed will contribute to the children's fine motor skills which enables them to write better, as it helps to develop their posture, sitting correctly at the table and pencil grip. Here is a link for you to have a go at some of the positions at home: <https://theinspiredtreehouse.com/child-development-core-strengthening-for-kids/>

In maths this week year 1 have been focusing on part, part whole. They have been doing lots of practical work with the numicon, dominoes and counters, which has really helped them to grasp the concept quickly. They have been adding two and one digit numbers to 20 and been successful in doing so. I am very proud of the progress they have made these last two weeks.

Year 1 are doing well in their spellings, I will send home 10 spellings each week which are to be completed for the following week. I test them on their spellings on Tuesdays.

Miss Love has now taken over the twitter and also created a new Facebook page. Class 1 are very excited to start sharing our learning experiences with you.

Overall a great week in class 1!

Class 2

What a cold week it has been! The Year Ones have been learning all about Winter in Science and have enjoyed looking for winter clues in the school grounds.

Thank you for road safety posters, remember you have until next Friday to enter our competition.

Please make sure it has your name on the back.

Our learning:

English

*Phonics- ear, eer, ere

*Spag- prefix un, suffixes er, est, ful, ment, ly, adjectives

*Text-The Day the Crayons Quit- letter writing, editing and proof-reading

Maths

Y1

Counting forwards and backwards in groups of 2,5 and 10

Solving problems with the support of an adult

Y2

Multiplication and division using 2,5,10 times tables

Topic

RE-God-from a Christian view

Science-What is an animal?

Geography-Making a graph to show weather around the world

PHSE- Going for goals

Music – Listening to music which piece of music represented human characteristics (anger, joy, disgust, sadness, fear)

Computing – Algorithms, moving beebots from one locations to another, beebot program on the Ipad.

Homework

Spellings

Times table practice

Poem- Please find a poem that you like. Practise reading it at home, ready to perform to the class. It can be very short, or longer for more confident readers.

Head Teacher's Awards

Class 2 - Amelia-Rose for working hard on her writing.
Reading 5 times – Samuel, Kara, Jenny, Niki, Molly, Adrija, Florence, Owen,
Robbie & Preeya.
PE Stars: Jimmy & Jenny

Class 1 – Rainbow – Phoebe, Charlotte & Annabelle
Reading 3 times – Annabelle, Phoebe, Charlotte, Felix, Barnie, Emme & Tom
Phoebe for showing a real interest in everything to do with the Naughty Bus.
Oscar & James for working really hard on their maths work.
PE Stars: Charlie & Annabelle

Nursery – Henry F for working hard on his cutting skills.
Aniyah for completing a jigsaw independently.
Fred for drawing straight lines and zig zags on his handwriting card.
Rory for trying hard with his threading.

Attendance Award

Eagle Owls and Snowy Owls – 100% attendance and no lates.

Out of School Achievements

Preeya, Sophie, Jimmy & Lawrie – Swimming Awards

Prince/Princess of Presentation

Tyler, Annabelle & Henry He.

Dates for your Diaries – new dates in bold

Sat 10/02/18		10.30-12.30 p.m. Dunchurch Baptist Church Crafts, Lunch, Celebration for all the family
Mon 12/02/18		PM – PE (please make sure PE kits are in school) 3.15 – 4.15 Sports Club
Tues 13/02/18		Reception Heights and Weights Parents Evening Consultations 4.30-6.30pm
Wed 14/02/18		Vision Screening - Reception 3.15 – 4.15 Streetdance Club
Thurs 15/02/18		French Club 6 Parents Evening Consultations 3.30-5.30pm
Fri 16/02/18		PM – PE (please make sure PE kits are in school) 3.15 – 4.15 Sports Club
Mon 19-Fri 23/02/18		Half term
Thurs 01/03/18		World Book Day
Fri 02/03/18		3.15-4.15 Gardening Club
Thurs 08/03/18		11.00 Mother's Day Assembly and Lunch - £2.40 One adult per child, sorry no siblings. Please book your place with the office.
Fri 09/03/18		Teacher Training Day – School closed
Thurs 29/03/18		End of Term Service, Leamington Hastings