



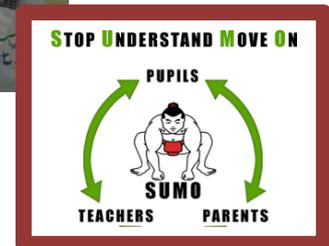
Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

We have had a very busy week, beginning with our T-shirt day on Monday, when the children proudly showed off their fabulous t-shirts. I was delighted to see such wonderful ambitions; we had scientists, artists, teachers, doctors, dancers and singers as well as a stuntman, a palaeontologist and a forensic scientist! One little boy wanted to be a bird but changed his mind when the complications of this aspiration were explained... he now wants to be a spy!



Neve, Aalah, Amelia, Deena and Wilbur from Larch Class



Reading with Children at home

It has come to my attention that a number of children are not reading at home with family members, or their home reading activity is not being recorded in the reading records/diary. We would like to encourage you to read with your child each day; research proves, without doubt, that the children who read at home as well as at school are more successful in their learning. I am attaching a leaflet; produced by Mr Lee to accentuate the impact reading at home can have on your children's learning and understanding. If for any reason, you are unable to read at home with your child, please let us know, as we have a bank of wonderful reading volunteers, who come in to support the children's reading in school. Also, please remember that we are always looking for new reading volunteers; please enquire in the school office.

Why read for 20 minutes a day at home?

Child A	Child B	Child C
Reads 20 minutes per day	Reads 5 minutes per day	Reads 1 minute per day
3,600 minutes per school year	900 minutes per school year	180 minutes per school year
1,800,000 words per year	282,000 words per year	8,000 words per year

If children read for 20 minutes per night in the Foundation Stage by the end of Year 6 Child A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Child B will have read for the equivalent of 12 school days and Child C will have read for 3.

Fortnite

Some of our children have told their teachers or their friends that they have been playing a computer game called 'Fortnite'; I have never seen this game myself but have been told that it is violent and involves a lot of 'killing'. I looked it up and found this link.

<http://www.askaboutgames.com/parents-guide-to-fortnite-peg1-12/>

Please be mindful that playing games that are not recommended for very young children could cause nightmares and anxiety or manifest in rough play.

Head Lice

We have had a number of cases of head lice already this term! Please could everyone check and treat their child's hair, if necessary, this weekend before coming back to school on Monday. If you spot head lice on Monday morning, please apply a treatment before coming to school if at all possible. If we spot a case of head lice in school we will telephone the parents or carers so that we can reduce the risk of an epidemic.



HEAD LICE ALERT

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S HAIR TONIGHT!

TO CHECK
Check the scalp for insects or eggs.
Use a fine-tooth comb on wet hair then comb through the hair in sections looking for eggs or lice, repeat over a few days.

TO TREAT
Wet the hair and scalp with conditioner or use chemical shampoo/lotion (containing insecticide) – this will kill the lice and eggs. Using a fine metal comb, or special head lice comb you can get from a chemist, go through the hair in sections to comb the lice and eggs out.

Always re-treat 7-10 days after the first treatment, to kill any head lice that may have hatched from eggs that survived the first treatment.

TIPS

- ✓ Check and treat the hair every night
- ✓ Please tie up long hair for school
- ✓ If your child has head lice please check everyone in the family home
- ✓ Do not share hairbrushes, towels, hats/scarves etc.



For more information visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

School Census

On Thursday we will have our second School Census of the year; it is a very important day for us as it is used to determine the funding we will receive. It is very important that as many children as possible in F2, Y1 and Y2 have a school dinner on the Census Day as this is some of the data that is used to calculate budgets for schools. Please could you ensure that if at all possible, your child orders a school lunch and does not bring a packed lunch on Thursday 17th January 2019: Thank you very much for your support; this is the menu for the day!

Menu - Fish Fingers & Chips, Spanish Omelette or Jacket Potato

Pupil Premium Funding

Some of our families will be in receipt of benefits that mean that their child/ren are entitled to a grant to enhance their education within school; we use this money for a variety of opportunities, such as an extra-curricular club, school uniform, help towards the contribution for school trips or perhaps, additional support with teaching and learning. If you think your child could be entitled to this 'in-School' funding; please collect an application form from the school office.

Who is entitled to Pupil Premium Funding?

To be eligible at least one parent must be in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal credit
- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190.
- The Guarantee element of the State Pension Credit

Or:

- At least one parent was eligible for any of the above benefits in the last six years
- Children who are or have been looked after under local authority care
- Children from service families who receive a child pension from the Ministry of Defence.

For further details, please follow this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium-conditions-of-grant-2018-to-2019/pupil-premium-2018-to-2019-conditions-of-grant>

Emergency Contacts

Only one family has replied to our request for additional contact numbers; please help us if you can as we want to be as vigilant as possible when it comes to safeguarding your children

'Our records show that some children only have parents as the contact numbers should they fall ill or receive an injury; we would like to request that you provide us with the number of a friend, relative or neighbour that we can contact should both parents be uncontactable. This does happen and can be very distressing for a child, especially if it is the end of a school day. Please give the details to the school office as soon as possible if you have not done so already.' 4th January 2019

Keeping us informed

Please remember to keep us informed of any changes in your home life that may impact on your child; we will always treat information confidentially and only inform people that need to know. If something significant happens to a child, they may become anxious, worried or sad and we can't help them to manage their emotions if we don't know what they are experiencing. Often, something that may not seem important enough to share could be impacting greatly on a young child, such as the death of a pet, or a change to work routines etc. We do need to know about changes to living arrangements as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Tennis

There are still places in tennis club; if you are interested please look at the details on the school website.

And finally.....

We always welcome feedback, especially when it helps us to improve things for our community. As a result of a query from one of our parents, we will now be having our class photographs on Thursday 7th February instead of in the summer term as it

was felt this was too late in the school year. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any suggestions, queries or concerns or if you would like to share some positive feedback as that is really helpful too.

Have a wonderful weekend - Judy Wheeler: Headteacher