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**ACCIDENT OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL**

On Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October, a child from our school was hit by a car outside the school entrance. Thankfully, for all those involved, the boy was not seriously injured. However, despite the issues highlighted in last week's Newsletter, it is clear that there are serious issues regarding parking, driving and general welfare of children in and around the school when it comes to automobiles.

The parking and driving of automobiles outside the school needs to change. Only those who drive to and from school can help with this and a change in our attitude to parking directly outside the school is essential. Unless we free up more space for children to cross, there is no guarantee that an incident like – or heaven forbid, worse – than this week's accident can be avoided. As a school, we are working with the authorities to try and alleviate congestion. However, in the meantime, we ask for your patience and co-operation in this most serious of matters.

The other issue related to this area for concern, is how children travel around the school site, both before and after the school day. Parents and carers are reminded that the car park area is being used

throughout the school day so children **MUST NOT** cross the car park at any point. Please keep to footpaths before a child is hospitalised or worse. Thank you for your co-operation.

**FIXED TERM PENALTY NOTICES  
(FINES)**

You have probably received a leaflet explaining the process of "Fixed Term Penalty Notices" for unauthorised absences. This policy is being led by the Welsh Government and in turn Local Authorities. Please read the contents of the booklet. The school will be informing you of the date when this will start at the school after consultation with neighbouring schools. The Governing Body of Litchard is very concerned about this hard handed policy and the procedures of sanctioning fines. The school has put its own consultation on the school web site to share with you and show how Litchard proposes to implement the fines.

**Special School Lunch menu**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014 there will be a special lunch which consists of

Beef burger in a bap or a Hot Dog, baked beans, garden peas or salad bar option + chipped potatoes followed by an apple muffin or ice cream + a drink. All for £2.10

**Parents' Evening**

Teachers will be organising their meetings with parents commencing on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014. If your child is in Year 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 please use this opportunity to speak to the class teacher about the National testing in Reading and Numeracy.



**Yr 2 – Superheroes**

A great week. Children and staff came dressed up for the occasion! They completed four challenges. They had to behave like Super Heroes. They organised food into Healthy and Unhealthy, Sports Activities and they built a shelter. They also had challenges on making "Good" decisions.

**HARVEST**

Thank you all for donating food to our Harvest Service which was held in the Mission Church last Thursday. Over 17 large bags were filled to the brim.

All donations of food will be given to Bridgend Food Bank.

Can we also thank our friends at the Mission Church for such a warm welcome and for supporting us in the teaching of Harvest as part of the Christian tradition. Photos also available to view on Litchard TWITTER.



### **Macmillan coffee morning**

Parents/Grandparents are invited to our presentation assemblies this Wednesday when the children will be performing their Harvest songs. Junior Assembly – 9.15am – Main Hall and Infant Assembly – 2.30pm – Main Hall. All welcome. Come and have a cuppa and donate towards MacMillan.

**Year 2 Class Assembly** This will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am in the Main Hall. All parents and friends of the family are welcome



### **Whole School Photos**

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October the whole school will be having their photos taken. Pupils' photos will be attached to their school records. You will have the opportunity to have siblings photos taken together. There is no obligation to buy any photo if you do not want to.

### **Parent Questionnaire Feedback from July 2014**

Seventy-eight parents completed the questionnaire which equates to approximately 23% of families.

Nearly all parents who responded were satisfied with the school and feel that it is well run and that their children are very happy here. All parents stated that their children were helped to settle into school when they first started. Nearly all feel that their children are safe at school. All parents feel that teaching is good and that the school expects pupils to work hard. As a result, most feel their children are making good progress. All parents feel that their children are becoming more mature, taking on responsibilities, and that pupils behave well in school. All parents feel that their children are encouraged to be healthy and take regular exercise. Nearly all parents feel that there is a good range of activities in school. However some parents were critical of the homework given.

Nearly all parents stated that the school treat their children fairly and all feel that their children receive enough additional support with their individual learning needs. Nearly all parents also state that pupils are well prepared to move on to their next school and that school staff are approachable if they have concerns or questions.

Nearly all parents feel that they are well informed about their children's progress and most parents are clear about what to do if they need to raise issues with the school or to make a complaint. Nearly all parents were very pleased with the range of activities including trips and visits.

**FOLPS** - Friends of Litchard Primary School are working very hard behind the scenes raising money and organising events such as the Halloween Quiz Night on October 24<sup>th</sup> in the Main Hall, a bus trip to Cheltenham on November 15<sup>th</sup>, Raffles for the Christmas Concert and setting up a "100 Club" monthly prize draw. Meetings will be held at the school at 6.30pm on 4<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec, 6<sup>th</sup> Jan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb and 3<sup>rd</sup> March. All are welcome.

### **DATES FOR YOR DIARY**

6<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening's commence  
8<sup>th</sup> October – Mc Millan Assemblies – Junior 9.15am and Infants 2.30pm in the main hall  
14<sup>th</sup> October – Individual Photographs  
15<sup>th</sup> October – Yr 2 Technquest  
17<sup>th</sup> October - Wear Pink (Breast Cancer Awareness)  
21<sup>st</sup> October - Year 4 Big Pit  
24<sup>th</sup> October - CLOSURE DAY  
24<sup>th</sup> October - FOLPS QUIZ  
14<sup>th</sup> November- Children in Need Day  
9<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Concert 9.30 Infant hall  
Rec Concert 2.15 Infant Hall  
10<sup>th</sup> December – Rec Concert 9.30 Infant Hall  
Nursery Concert 2.15 Infant Hall  
11<sup>th</sup> December - Year 1 and 2 Concert 9.30am Main Hall  
12<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 and 2 Concert 2.15pm Main Hall  
15<sup>th</sup> December – Father Christmas Visit pm Nursery and Reception  
16<sup>th</sup> December – Father Christmas pm Year 1 and 2  
16<sup>th</sup> December - Year 3 and 4 Concert 2.15pm main Hall and 6pm  
17<sup>th</sup> December – Panto at School "Sleeping Beauty"  
18<sup>th</sup> December – Year 5 and 6 Concert 2.15pm and 6pm