

LEYS FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER 15 – February 2023

Spring Term 1 Edition

Dear Parents,

This term, we are focusing on improving multiplication recall and skills as this is high on our agenda and will benefit all of our children across school. Thank you to all of you who joined us for a coffee morning and times table workshop with your children, we were overwhelmed by the number who attended. Many children are now making improvements in their recall of the multiplication facts and using TT Rockstars and other resources to improve their skills at home. If you do have any feedback from the event do let me know or if you would like to make any suggestions for next term please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Miss S. Thomas

Trips, Visitors and Other Events	Staffing Changes
<p>The whole school thoroughly enjoyed the Speed of Light event put on by the Get Ahead Partnership. The children worked together collaboratively, increasing their speed throughout their session to press the lights.</p> <p>The Get Ahead Partnership also ran a trip to the English Institute of Sport (EIS) in Sheffield for Future Stars. During the visit eight pupils from Leys Farm participated in Boxercise, Basketball and Athletics on the main track. The children were a credit to the school.</p> <p>Online Safety Day (7th February) took place with all classes learning about how to keep themselves safe online. Staff were surprised about how long children spend on the internet. Please can we remind you of a free app to help you monitor your child's screen time and to help you keep your family safer online: Family Link.</p>	<p>Mrs Simpson-Inger, teacher of class 5S, will be leaving our school to take up a new position at another primary school after half term. We would like to wish Mrs Simpson-Inger every success in her future career and thank her for all her hard work at Leys Farm Junior School.</p> <p>Miss Compton, who you will be aware joined us at the beginning of this term, will join the team full time as 5S class teacher. She has already made a very positive impact on the class.</p> <p>Miss Turtle will take over as PE Lead within school and will be responsible for the Sports Leaders training and rota.</p> <p>Miss Thomas is having SEN time on a Thursday morning until Miss Stoney returns so if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office.</p>
Homework and Reading Reward	Other Notices
<p>Our Reading Reward is in full swing this year with many children across school taking part and earning stickers, certificates and books (of their choice). 20 children are already on their way to receiving their second book having read five times a week for twenty weeks! It's never too late for your child to take part.</p> <p>Don't forget this can include two reads on Reading Plus for Y5 and Y6 each week! Please just initial in their Home-School Planners to confirm they have read at home.</p> <p>We have a Book Fair coming to school from 3rd to 8th March. <i>Further information to follow.</i></p> <p>Y6 are preparing for their SATs tests (9th to 12th May) and now all have a set of revision books. It is wonderful to see so many enthusiastic about their learning and even putting extra effort into revising at playtimes and lunchtimes.</p>	<p>Parents-Teacher meetings this term will be during February. Class teachers will hold their meetings on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monday 20th February – Y4 – Mrs Wass ▪ Tuesday 21st February – Y3 – Mrs Soden ▪ Wednesday 22nd February – 5B – Mr Somerville ▪ Thursday 23rd February – Y6 – Mrs Bower. <p>We are only able to offer one meeting per child – due to time constraints. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.</p> <p>Water bottles should be clear/see through plastic and clearly labelled with your child's name. The bottles will be kept on the sink area and not on desks. A bottle must only contain water, thank you. We do not allow juice, fizzy drinks or flavoured waters.</p> <p>Please can you discourage children from bringing any of their own belongings into school, including key rings and</p>

<p>We have seen a huge increase on children using TT Rockstars at home (as well as in school) since the Multiplication Workshop. Thank you for your support and encouragement!</p> <p>Year 4 will do their multiplication screen in June so are having lots of additional practice at the moment and a club has been arranged every Thursday, 3pm to 4pm.</p>	<p>toys on their coat zips or bags, as they are a distraction to others and school cannot take any responsibility for loss or damage.</p> <p>Reminder: We are a NUT free school. We have seen an increase in chocolate spread in sandwiches. Please ensure that any items in packed lunches are nut free as we have children and staff in school who are allergic to nuts. We encourage children to have a healthy, balanced lunch with no more than four items and a drink, please.</p>
Clubs	Upcoming Events Next Half Term
<p>Clubs this half term include: Art, Chess, Book, Football, Cooking (for Y3 only) and Gardening.</p> <p>Please use ParentPay for all transactions instead of cash, thank you.</p> <p>We are also putting on Booster Clubs for Y4 and Y6, free of charge for all. Please encourage your child to attend. A drink and biscuit will be offered at every session.</p>	<p>Next half term we have A Taste of Greek History workshop for Y3 and Y4 planned. Thank you to those of you who have already paid the voluntary contribution, there is still time to pay this.</p> <p>Year 5 and Year 6 will be going to the STEM Fair at Queen Elizabeth High School in Gainsborough during Science Week. This was really popular with our DT, Maths and Science Ambassadors last year so we wanted all upper key stage 2 to experience the event.</p>
World Book Day	Fund Raising
<p>Thursday 2nd March is World Book Day. We will be celebrating in school with a fun carousel of activities based on a wide range of genres, such as Sci-fi, classics, adventure, poetry, etc. We will be learning about authors, illustrators, books and the joy of reading.</p> <p>We will also have a Book Fair coming to school from 3rd to 8th March. Children can use their £1 book tokens to go towards the cost of a book.</p>	<p>We raised £78 for school fund from our Multiplication Workshop earlier this half term.</p> <p>We will also be taking part in Skip 4 Life and hope to run this as a sponsored event for a charity chosen by the children. <i>Further information to follow.</i></p> <p>Friday 17th March is Comic Relief, Red Nose Day. Children can wear red and donate a £1, please. <i>No football strips, thank you.</i></p>
School Diary Dates 2022 - 2023	
<p>School opening time is 8:45am. Please inform the office before this time if your child will be absent. The gates will be open from 8:30am and closed at 8:45am. Children may have to make up the minutes they are late during their playtime or lunchtime play! The school day ends at 3pm or 4pm if your child is attending a club.</p> <p>Friday, 10th February 2023 – Half term Monday, 20th February 2023 – Back to school Friday, 31st March 2023 – Start of Easter Holiday Tuesday, 18th April 2023 – Back to school Monday, 1st May 2023 – May Day Monday, 8th May 2023 – Bank Holiday for the King’s Coronation Tuesday, 9th May 2023 to Friday, 12th May - Y6 SATS Week. All Y6 pupils must be in school every day this week! Friday, 26th May 2023 - Half term Monday, 5th June 2023 – Back to school Friday, 21st July 2023 – End of summer term! Tuesday, 5th September 2023 – Autumn term begins!</p>	
<p>Take a look at our school website: www.leysfarm.org.uk and join our @leysfarm Twitter feed we now have 109 followers!</p>	