

LEYS FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER 19 – October 2023

Autumn 1 Edition

Dear Parents,

As always, we have had a very full half term with children transitioning well into the school and into their new classes. Parent-teacher meetings have taken place this week. If you have not yet spoken to your child's class teacher, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Staff have been completing Thrive and Zones of Regulation training this half term to help support our children to regulate their emotions and develop resilience. We have also been developing our writing process and encouraging children to take pride in the presentation of work. Twelve children have already received pen licenses this term!

Some other news is that Mrs Bower has now started her maternity leave. We look forward to seeing her later next half term with her new arrival!

There will be many events coming up in school next half term. I wish you all a lovely October half term break.

*Miss S. Thomas*

**Trips, Visitors and Other Events**

This half term we have welcomed over fifty parents and family members into school for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and Reading Workshop, led by our Chair of Governors, Sarah Tipler. We raised £218!

Reverend Kevin joined us for our Harvest Festival and Y3 and Y4 have visited him at **St Peter's Church** to learn more about the fabric of the building. Many tins, packets and boxes of food were brought in for the Scunthorpe Foodbank. Thank you for your support.

Y5 and Y6 had an extremely interesting visit to **Scunthorpe Mosque** to learn more about Islam and compare this to Christian beliefs as part of their RE syllabus. A huge thank you to Mr Rahman and his sons for their warm welcome.

In school, children really enjoyed the Speed of Light activity led by the Get Ahead Partnership and Y6 boys had a great team building afternoon event at App-Frod Sports Ground which ended with a colour run!

Andy Tate, from the Local Authority, also visited us to deliver an assembly about litter. The children have been designing posters to promote **Keep Britain Tidy**.

**PE Kit and Jewellery**

**Polite reminder: Please label all uniform.** This makes it so much easier for it to be returned to its owner when found. We have had a great deal of lost property this half term. Please ask at the office.

As the weather gets colder, **on PE days** children can wear dark coloured hoodies or sweatshirts. ***These should not include fashion labels or designer logos but could include school jumpers or cardigans.*** If the correct kit is not worn, spare PE kit will be provided.

There is an increasing amount of jewellery being worn. Only ONE small pair of studs should be worn in school but **MUST** be taken out on PE days or for swimming.

Only fit-bits/step counters from the Summer Reading Challenge can be worn or a watch. NO bracelets or necklaces, thank you.

Long hair should also be tied up as we have had a couple of cases of headlice in school.

Please ensure your child brings a warm, waterproof coat to school every day in the colder months, as well as a bag for their reading books and home-school planner.

Reading	Safety
<p>Ten children completed the Summer Reading Challenge 2023 – ‘Ready, Steady, Read,’ run by the libraries this year. A huge well done to them!</p> <p>Our school reading reward system has already started with 28 children across school having already read at home <b>five times a week for five weeks!</b> Keep up the good work. It is not too late to start this challenge!</p> <p>Y4 have been visiting Riddings Library when they go for their swimming lessons, with many of them remembering to bring their library cards each week.</p> <p>Please do encourage your child to access their logins on TT Rockstars, Spelling Shed, Dyslexia Gold and Reading Plus EVERY WEEK. Little and often is usually the best policy to help keep their skills up. Thank you for your support with reading and homework.</p>	<p>We have had a number of concerned local residents and parents contact school about the dangerous parking outside of school, particularly at the end of the school day. Please park responsibly as we don't want there to be accidents.</p> <p>Please walk to school if you can and leave your car at home. Y5 and Y6 children can walk home, with your permission.</p> <p>Also, there have been a number of parents or family members attempting to park in the school car park. This is a polite reminder that this car park is for <b><u>staff and disabled parking only</u></b>.</p> <p>In school, in the upcoming half term, we will be learning about fire safety, stranger danger, vape and drugs awareness, road safety skills (Bikeability) and anti-bullying!</p>

#### School Diary Dates – Autumn Term

Children have been arriving at school **from 8:30am** and going straight into their classrooms to begin an early bird activity. Children who attend breakfast club have also go straight to their classrooms from 8:30am. This new system has been working well and very few children have been arriving late after 8:45am. Thank you for your support.

**Save the dates:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Flu Immunisations  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Individual school photographs  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Open Evening for Year 3 September 2024  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Book Fair (6 days)  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Pantomime  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – School's Christmas Fair.

*Other events in the lead up to Christmas will follow shortly after half term.*

#### Term Time Dates 2023 - 2024

Autumn 2 - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023  
Spring 1 - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
Spring 2 - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
Summer 1 - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024 to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
Summer 2 - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

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