



Friday 14th September 2018

Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to those of you who were able to come along to our maths workshop this week and a special thanks to the children who demonstrated so confidently to parents the range of strategies we use. They also shared the 'Maths No Problem' books we use and Mr. Greenwood explained the philosophy behind the approach. You can find out more about the workshop on the maths page of our website. In the newsletter, you will find information on the 'Shoe Box' appeal which supports our school value of empathy and how we can help others beyond our school community. Our next value is POSITIVITY. Here's a thought from ex- President, Barack Obama, to inspire us all to dream, believe and achieve. *"If you work hard and meet your responsibilities, you can get ahead, no matter where you come from, what you look like or who you love."* Yours in learning,

Miss Salisbury
Headteacher



Miss S's Golden Book

It was lovely to see the excellent efforts in learning this week by:

- Year 1: Grace B
- Year 2: Jack M
- Year 3: Huw B
- Year 4: Phoebe M
London E-R
Hannah P
- Year 5: Ewan B
- Year 6: Michael M



Attendance Award

KS1
2AP
97.58%

KS2
3HC
98.97%



LHPSN Wow News

We are delighted to say that for the second year we are taking part in 'Operation Christmas Child' which is organised by the charity 'Samaritans Purse'. They visited us on Monday and talked about how their work helps other children who live in the poorest communities. We are hoping to get more shoeboxes than last year (so please donate to school if you have any spare). Classes may choose to prepare shoeboxes in lesson time and staff will also be joining in enthusiastically with this worthwhile project. Leaflets will follow soon with details of what you can put in your shoebox.
Mrs Brooks

Important Letter pack coming home to sign

Please look out for our pupil data consent form, coming home in communication folders today - this needs a signature on each page and to be returned to school by Friday 12th October please. You will find information in this letter about how we securely store and access confidential information in school.

Policy Updates on the School Website for

Parents

Please check the school website for updates to the following policies.

- Safeguarding
- Admission Policy 2019
- Parents and Carers Code of Conduct

Dates for the diary

- Monday 1st October - Flu vaccinations Reception - Yr5
- Tuesday 2nd October - KS1 Parent information Evenings (Y1 6.00pm; Y2 6.45pm)
- Friday 5th October - 9am main hall Reception/Year One phonics workshop
- Friday 5th October 3:20 - EYFS playground PTA Cake Sale. Cakes kindly provided by EYFS families in aid of EYFS resources
- Friday 12th October - School individual photos - Don't forget to brush your hair!
- Friday 26th October - PTA Halloween Disco 6:30 - 8:30 Tickets now on Sale



What have we been up to this fortnight?



EYFS

Nursery are continuing to enjoy exploring their new setting, making friends and learning each other's names. They are getting very good at tidying up and remembering where the toys go. This week they have been eating their lunch in the dinner hall, they have enjoyed seeing their siblings and friends there.

Miss Cooke

This week we have started to say goodbye to our parents at the door and been amazing at putting our things away independently and settling to class activities. Reception have enjoyed learning all about the Three little pigs, creating the different houses, retelling the story and being introduced to story mapping. We have started our phonics groups and have really enjoyed learning the phase 2 jolly phonic sounds, segmenting and blending little words.

Mrs Reading and Dr Kirby

KS1

In Year 1 theme this week we went out into the garden and made houses for the three little pigs. We investigated using different materials and some of us made labels for the parts of our houses.

Mrs Garvey

Year 2 are continuing to enjoy learning all about Transport. We have our trip to the Coventry Transport Museum booked up for 23rd October and can't wait to see all the modes of transport we have been learning about in real life! Our home learning assembly this week was fantastic and thank you so much to our wonderful Parents and Carers for helping their child to make such exciting modes of transport.

Mrs Hawthorne

KS2

On Wednesday afternoon nine Year 4 children went to Aston Fields Middle School to take part in the annual, and very competitive, football tournament. We were placed in a group with three other schools knowing that we needed to come top of the group to make the semi- finals. Amazingly we won all three of our group games without conceding a goal, with us beating Charford 2-0, Millfields 1-0 and Dodford 2-0 and therefore progressing into the semi finals with maximum points and confidence. We were up against a very good team from Fairfield but we put in another wonderful performance to win 2-0 and book our place in the final. We met local school St Andrews in the final, and took a very early lead through a fantastic team goal. Unfortunately, the rest of the game bought back memories of England's game against Croatia because as we tired in the September sun, the very talented St Andrews team took control and scored two late goals to win. As disappointing as this was, I am unbelievably proud of all the players' efforts and desire. I am perhaps even more proud of the fact we were commended by teachers from other schools on our respect for the officials and opponents and for our sportsmanship. A great start to this year's sporting calendar.

Mr Brewer

Language Base 1

We have been enjoying maths week and exploring numbers through painting, chalking and lots of other multi-sensory activities. Our children are really looking forward to showing the parents what we have been learning at the maths workshop on Friday afternoon. Don't forget the Macmillan coffee afternoon on Wednesday 3rd October. All money raised from purchasing coffee/tea and cakes will go toward the Macmillan Cancer Charity.

Miss Hateley

Language Base 2

Over the past fortnight in LB2 we have been enjoying our maths work, particularly as it's been maths week this week! We've been estimating and measuring the size of angles. In Literacy we've been describing a range of characters from Roald Dahl and using interesting adjectives to describe them.

Mrs Jones

News from the Hive

A huge thank you to the Carr family for their wonderfully generous donation of a Wii console and a PS3 both with a selection of games and accessories. The children will be so excited to see these come out of the cupboard on rainy days.

The children are all settled and making new friends, and it's lovely to see them all being busy bees and enjoying the Hive! Zoe Lynch



Safeguarding News

We have had another near miss on the drive up to school. One of our younger members of the school was pulled out of the way of a car accessing the drive to pick up from an after school club. Please be reminded that if you are collecting your child from a school club (not the Hive) then you must park on the main road and walk up. This 4:15pm pick up can get very busy and the safety of our children must come first.