



# Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

## Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery

**Headteacher Headlines:** It has been lovely to welcome so many of you in to school over the last couple of weeks for our parent and teacher information share evenings and to hear the feedback from you. We are always keen to involve parents in their child's learning journey so it was great to see many of you take the opportunity to meet your child's new teacher/s and see their classrooms and areas of learning. Other feedback was that parents valued the opportunity to find out in advance the themes and educational visits ahead this year and meet teachers in advance of parents evening. It was also pleasing to see parents at the Phonics workshop and to be able to share the importance we place on regular reading to develop a love of books. The power points from these evenings will be on the class pages shortly. Looking ahead, there are parents' evenings 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November and the class assemblies begin shortly with 2MG sharing their learning with the school and parents.

This week is mental health awareness week so it's a good time to remind our children and ourselves of the following quote that made me smile this week; 'Success is not in never failing but in rising every time you fall'. Have a great weekend everyone and keep smiling.

Miss Salisbury



### Miss S's Golden Book Stars

**YR:** Farai

**Y1:** Grace B, Isabelle, Martha

**Y2:** Lu'Rhez, Alice W, Izzy T, Blake, Kalifa

**Y3:** Jasmyn

**Y4:** Phoebe Mc, London, Hannah

**Y5:** Ewan B

**Y6 - EMPATHY in**

**ACTION.** Well done Year 6 you have been mentioned by a parent for your kindness to Year 3 pupils by making them welcome on the KS2 playground and looking after them in their first term.

There was a special mention for Amelia Mc as an outstanding friend.

Miss Salisbury



### Attendance Award

<u>KS1</u>	<u>KS2</u>
2AH 98.16%	3HC 98.69%



### ★ LHPSN Wow News

A huge thank you to Nursery and Reception parents for baking and donating so many delicious cakes and treats last Friday. We were aiming to raise £250 and with everyone's help a massive £320 was raised! EYFS will be able to get some fabulous new listening and sound equipment. Thank you EYFS families!

### Safeguarding News

We have had several reports of unkind messages being shared between children on 'What's - app' groups. What's App should not be accessed by those under 16. We are concerned that some of our older pupils are using What's App until very late at night and sending messages containing inappropriate language and upsetting content which is then brought into school. Advice from the 'Think You Know' website offers this advice for parents:

- Children give their phones to parents at bedtime so they have an uninterrupted night's sleep.
- Parents know children's passwords and are aware of their online activity

**Reminder:** School recently asked children and families to read, sign and return an e-safety agreement, along with the GDPR data consent form and the local walk permission form. Please check that these have all been signed and returned to school. Thank you.



# What have we been up to this fortnight?



## EYFS

Thank you to everyone who came and joined us for Family Friday last week, it was a lovely afternoon and we hope you enjoyed spending time with your child learning through play. This week Reception have been learning all about traditional tales and have been re-telling the gingerbread man story through song and role play. They made their own gingerbread man that ran home for tea! We have been using our sense of touch to explore Autumn objects and have been extending repeating patterns. The children in EYFS have been busily pulling out the weeds from our digging area and we are re-positioning our furniture to create a lovely mud kitchen area. To enhance this further we would really appreciate unwanted metal pots, pans or kettles, plastic or metal camping type plates, cups and dishes and large spoons or other cooking utensils. Thank you! EYFS TEAM

## KS1

Wow! What a successful week Year One have had! We have just finished our Traditional Tale 'The Three Little Pigs' in Literacy and have written alternative endings to the story, explored character's feelings and have produced some brilliant sentences that both Miss Holmes and Mrs Garvey are very proud of. We have all been working very hard on remembering capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and our non-negotiable spelling words. In Maths we have been learning about number bonds and using the 'part, part, whole' method. We really are becoming super Mathematicians! Our favourite thing that happened this week was that we received a letter from Her Majesty the Queen! She wanted us to make a fact file video all about the local area for her, so we did! We really do hope that The Queen enjoys watching it as much as we enjoyed exploring facts and making it!

## KS2

Year 4 have been fully immersed in their theme so far this term, learning all about Ancient Rome and 'Who Is Marching Into Britain?' They have been enjoying creating collages of various Roman Army paraphernalia and they have enjoyed experimenting with textiles to sew their own Roman piece of artwork. 4SR are especially excited about beginning to start the practice for their assembly which is the first Friday back after half term. With a Roman based theme, it will be a fantastic opportunity to showcase all of those amazing shields that our wonderful parents have helped to support our children make in home learning. Remember don't miss it – 'Who Is Marching Into Britain?' 4SR Class assembly – The first Friday back after half term!

## Language Base News

The Language Base held their very own McMillan Coffee afternoon last week to raise money for Cancer Research. All children from both classes were involved with the cake production and selling of cakes to KS2 pupils and staff during break time, then to their parents in the afternoon during our Open Afternoon.

We felt an enormous sense of pride that our 18 children raised a HUGE £151.45! A very special thank you also to our wonderful, supportive parents for their generous ingredient contributions and extra cakes to sell, it was much appreciated!

## Diary Dates

- 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm EYFS Open Evening
- 19<sup>th</sup> October 9am 2MG Class Assembly
- 22<sup>nd</sup> October Year 6 PGL week
- 25<sup>th</sup> October 2:30 Harvest Festival
- 26<sup>th</sup> October Halloween Disco

## Additional News

The PTA are introducing the "PTA Costume Box" - Please donate any unwanted fancy dress and Christmas costumes in good condition that may be reused. This will give parents to opportunities to purchase second hand costumes for a small donation.

Tickets for the Halloween Disco are now on sale. See posters around school for details