



Lickey Hills Primary School & Nursery School Newsletter

Thursday 16th December 2021

This week's total school attendance is 91.75%

Dear families,

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the Christmas events over the past two weeks. The children sang and performed beautifully despite the impact covid has had on our usual celebrations. We are all immensely proud of their confidence, talents and that they all gave it a go! Thank you parents, family members and covid marshalls for following our tight covid restrictions, your support in mask wearing and distancing in school really means a lot, and this is exactly why we are able to share our celebrations with you. As we break for Christmas, I would like to send out a huge thank you to the wonderful staff team at LHPSN. We have a wonderful team of dedicated staff at LHPSN; from our volunteer governors to senior leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, nurture team, SEND, TA's, office, site, Hive wraparound care, lunchtime staff and cleaners. Even though this term has been exceptionally challenging for school staff and their families, I am grateful that everyone has been so positive and overwhelmingly determined to provide the best education and opportunities for the children and families at LHPSN. I know you will join me in wishing them all a safe and happy Christmas with their own children and families.

Next term we welcome back Mrs Matthews and Mrs Page (was Ray) from maternity leave, they are both looking forward to working with the children again and re-joining our staff team. Sadly, this means we must say goodbye to Mrs Lewellyn who has supported the teaching team during the maternity absences. Thank you Mrs Lewellyn, it has been wonderful to have you at LHPSN, we will all miss you.

Yours in Learning

Miss A Salisbury

Headteacher



Take the first steps to becoming a Teaching Assistant

Worcestershire County Council is offering online courses to help guide adult learners on the right path to becoming a teaching assistant. The Level 2 Award in Support Work in Schools aims to develop the essential skills and knowledge needed to provide support in a school environment, including safeguarding and communication methods.

The courses, which start on Wednesday 5 January and Tuesday 1 March, are open to anyone to join, regardless of previous qualifications, and a work placement isn't required, with those meeting criteria able to sign up for free.

Worcestershire County Council are also offering free Support Teaching & Learning Advice Appointments for those wanting to find out more about becoming a teaching assistant from qualified and experienced teaching staff.

If you're interested in booking onto the course or booking an advice appointment, please go to www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses

School Admissions 2022

The closing date for applications for a place in all First and Primary Schools is Saturday 15 January 2022.

If you haven't done so already can you please ensure that you submit your application on-line using the Worcestershire Children First - Citizen Portal

https://emsi.worcestershire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en?ReturnURL=%2FCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F

If you are unable to make your application using the on-line system, please contact School Admissions on 01905 822700 to request an application form. Please note, this application should also be received by School Admissions by Saturday 15 January 2022.

It is vitally important that your application is made before the closing date. Late applications receive a lower priority which could mean that you are not offered a place at your preferred school.

If you live in Birmingham and pay your council tax to Birmingham (rather than Bromsgrove Council) you should apply through the Birmingham portal.

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1786/applying_for_reception_primary_school

Year 6 Tree Planting



On the cold and damp afternoon of Friday 3rd December, all of the children in Year 6 got to take part in a very special tree-planting project. In total, we planted close to 60 trees: a mixture of Silver Birch, Hazel, Rowan, and Cherry (to name but a few!). The young saplings now make up the boundary to our dedicated Forest School area on our school field. The children worked together to dig out their hole and plant their saplings - which was no easy feat in the very soggy, water-logged soil! We are so proud that not only will each tree planted help in the fight against climate change, they will also make up part of the Queen's Green Canopy, celebrating Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. It was a fantastic afternoon - Well done Year 6!



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Christmas Card Competition

Well done to all who enter the Church's Christmas Card Competition!



Isabelle M - RJR

Jasmyn F - 6MC

Jemima HS - 5AS

Piper T - NURS

Dates for Diary

04/01 - TED Day

05/01 - Back to school

10/01 - Year 6 SATs Meetings via Zoom

14/01 - Cut-off date for Nursery and Reception application

14/01 - 3MS Class assembly

21/01 - 6AB Class assembly

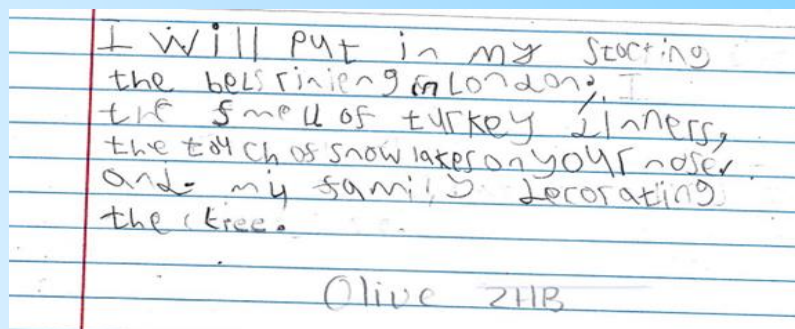
28/01 - 1HB Class assembly



Reminder

If your child is absent from school, you **must** report it via the schools absence line. Please **do not** contact the school via the office@ email address, as you will still receive a phone call from school.

A Christmas poem by Olive SB - 2HB



Well done Olive!

Golden Book Stars



Martha S (4HR) Alexia K (2SH) Emilia P (2HB)



Finley SW (4SB) Alex E (4SB) Arley M (4SB) Olivia T (4SB)

Amber R (4SB) Isbah K (4HR) Cameron T (6AB) Huw B (6MC)

Ranveer D (6MC) Oscar J (6MC) Taryn B (6AB) Olivia S (6AB)

Olive SB (2HB) Archie H (2HB) Jacob B (2HB) Charles S (2HB)

Isabelle C (6MC) Jasmyn F (6MC) Jasper C (6AB) Abigail F (5AS)

Gabriella C (5AS) Brooke K (5AS) Elliot B (5CW) Zac G (5CW)

Lelia A (5CW)

Well done, 1MK, 1HB, 2SH and 2HB - For the Wiggly Nativity!

Well done Language Base - For a Language Base Nativity!

Well done Ukele club for performing at the church!

Happy Birthday! (18th Dec - 14th Jan)



Barnaby E(1MK) Oscar M, Darcey R(1MK) Jacob F, Freddie R(2HB) Harry C(2SH) Phoebe F, Callan H, Connor J, Orla K(3HT)

Milo B, Lexie B, Alex M(3MS) Sophia G(4HR) Joshua DD, Madison SW, Finley SW(4SB) Scarlet SW(5CW)

Nylah CW, Holly M, Lewis P, Jayden S(6AB) Huw B, Milly, Callum H (6MC) Lottie B, Leo C, Jack S, Emily T(NURS)

Isla C, Freddie K (RJR)

