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# Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery – School Newsletter

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

This week's total school attendance is 97.8%

Dear Families,

We've had another productive fortnight in school with some super achievements in learning. This week I enjoyed meeting with a small group of Year 6 pupils who shared their new knowledge from their recent learning in History, Art, Music and PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) at a 'Show and Know' session. We had a great debate about whether we would like to have lived at the time of the Tudor monarchs and the children freely shared their views on the reformation of the church and Henry VIII's pursuit of a male heir. We dipped into learning about freedom and rights and it was good to hear the children asserting their views on democracy with some great evidence from their learning. I hope you found time to follow the links on last week's newsletter to the curriculum pages on the school website, where you will find an overview of all the things we teach and learn at LHPSN. Next week I'm visiting Year 4 and Year 5 and then over the next few weeks the rest of the year groups. I aim to see what they remember from their learning last term and what they can do now that they couldn't do before. "Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere." – Chinese Proverb.

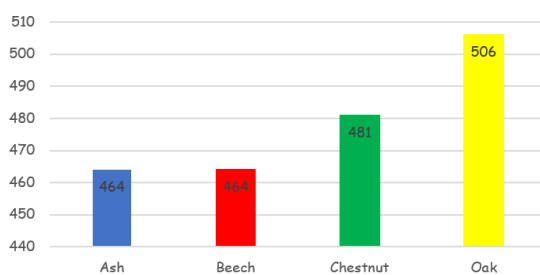
Have a super weekend and a fantastic Chinese New Year!

Yours in learning

Miss Salisbury  
Headteacher



This Week's House Points



## Golden Book Stars

Daniel A, Olivia F, Carlson T, Gabriel J (2BW)

Joseph S, Mia C, Aaliya C (4HR)

Bobby M, Kaiden W (LB1)

Robert C, Lucas L (1HB)

Olivia K, Ava J, Ella R, Rachel G (2SW)

Isabelle D, Sofia T (1MK)

Lottie B, Isabelle ML, Freddie S, Luna L, Amelie C (RJR)

Abigail F, Joseph G, Cody E, Olivia R (6CW)

Edith MJ, Jamie E, Georgia M (RKG)

Brandon MB, Joshua J, Mia K (6AS)

## STRIKE ACTION

As you will be aware, the NEU (National Education Union) has voted to take strike action on the following dates:

- 1st February (whole country strike)
- 1st March (areas including the West Midlands)
- 15th March (whole country strike)
- 16th March (whole country strike)

We have a number of NEU members in the school who may choose to strike on those days. Striking is the right of every teacher with union membership and as a school we respect this right. At the moment I am working to assess the impact strike action will have at LHPSN. The safety and wellbeing of our pupils during this time will be my priority, with this in mind it may be necessary to undertake partial closure for classes or year groups. As soon as this is confirmed I will write and share this information with you. In the meantime, I suggest that you arrange childcare for these dates as a precautionary measure. I will aim to have sufficient staff onsite, where possible, to ensure school is available for our most vulnerable children.

Please be assured I will keep you updated over the coming days. If you have any questions please send them for my attention via [office@lickeyhills.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@lickeyhills.worcs.sch.uk)

## E-Safety

Our PSHE curriculum teaches children how to keep themselves safe. The curriculum teaches aspects of personal and online safety. Tuesday 7th February is national Safer Internet Day and the children will be participating in additional learning to remind them of how to keep safe while online. During this term we have raised a number of concerns regarding safe use of the internet in the home, particularly the use of mobile phones and access to inappropriate content. In response to this we will be hosting a supportive and informative session to help guide parents in providing a safer online world for your children. The sessions will start at 9am on Tuesday 7th February and will be face to face in the school hall OR, you may join the 6pm Zoom session. Both sessions have the same content. Please put this date in your diary and come along so that we can work together to keep our children safe online.

Mrs Llewelyn

## Dates for diary

- 24.01 - Planetarium (Y2/Y5)
- 26.01 - Year 6 Trip to Mosque
- 27.01 - 5JL Class assembly
- 30.01 - Reception Hearing Screening
- 31.01 - Reception Hearing Screening
- 31.01 - Year 3 Trip Bishopsworth
- 03.02 - NSPCC Number Day
- 03.02 - Final day for food bank donations
- 07.02 - E-safety day





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# Number Day 2023

### NSPCC – Number Day

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on Friday 3rd February. Dress up for Digits. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). Or get even more creative by dressing in maths, numbers or repeating patterns themes. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for £2 donations on Arbor via 'School Shop' 'School Shop Products', we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.

### Year 2 SATs Parent Presentation Slides

Please visit the Year 2 pages on our website if you missed the KS1 SATs information evening, where you can find out detailed slides about the process. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Year 2 Team.

<https://www.lickeyhills.worcs.sch.uk/year-2/>

### Year 6 SATs Parent Presentation Slides

Thank you for your attendance Tuesday evening on zoom for our Year 6 SATs May 2023 presentation for parents. You will now be able to access the slides on the year 6 webpage.

Mrs Page, Miss Williams and Miss Smith.



### Forest School

Apparently, it was 'Blue Monday' this week: allegedly the gloomiest day of the year. However, you wouldn't have known it in our first Forest School session. Our group of Year 6s barely noticed it was only 2°C as they excitedly explored our outdoor learning area. The children learned a few knots before putting them into practice by working together to build shelters. These needed a healthy dose of perseverance and problem solving in the face of shelters that didn't always stay up at first. One group wanted to help clear a new access path through the brambles and armed themselves with loppers and secateurs to cut back the undergrowth. Others explored different shelter ideas or created wild art, before we finished with a hot chocolate and tidying up. It was fantastic to see so much enthusiasm and confidence when faced with the outdoors. The children were unanimous in wanting to do Forest School every day... and I have to admit, Mrs Bryan and I wouldn't actually need much persuasion to join them!

Dr Fishwick

### Young Voices

Last week, our wonderful Singing Club performed at the NEC Arena as part of the 'Young Voices' choir. Alongside 6,000 other children - and around 10,000 parents - they sang and danced to a variety of different songs, from pop hits to folk songs and even some Disney. Once again, we were exceptionally proud of our performers - their energy and attitudes were outstanding! We can't wait to do it all again next year!

Miss Williams



### Food Bank – Year 5 pupils offer to help

We have a very enthusiastic group of Year 5 pupils who have been working hard behind the scenes for a few weeks to arrange an extra food bank collection at school. We know how hard January is for some families so Tilly, Georgia and William ask if you would send in food bank donations between Monday 30th January and Friday 3rd February. They said that with 432 pupils in school if each of you sent in just one donation we'd be able to create a mountain of food! We're asking for donations of tinned, packet food items, toiletries and nappies. What a great way to share the LHPN values of kindness and care for others! Please help if you can.

### Smartie Pants Competition

Prize – £25 Amazon Voucher!

Cofton Park Manor Care Home, is a brand-new residential care home opening soon on Lickey Road in Cofton Hackett. They have invited all of our pupils to name three of their new community rooms and the three winning names will win a £25 Amazon Voucher! The names can be linked to the local area, local history or a local person within the community of Cofton Hackett. You can find more information here [www.hamberleycarehomes.co.uk](http://www.hamberleycarehomes.co.uk)

Your child will receive a packet of smarties and an entry form on Friday 27th January. Please return the entry form back in the empty tube of smarties and give it to your child's class teacher. We will tell the children that they are not allowed to open the smarties without their parents' permission.

The closing date for all entries is Friday 10th February.

Mrs Page

