**Headteacher Update**

**Friday 16th February 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of Spring Term 1 and although it has been a short half term, we have certainly packed a lot in, especially during the last two weeks!

Last week we took our Year 6 class to London. Despite the rain, which was relentless at times, the children had a fantastic experience. They loved the Natural History Museum and they were blown away by their theatre visit to watch Matilda. They had a great time watching the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace and then enjoyed a boat ride down the Thames and a ride on the London Eye, where they were able to take in many famous landmarks. We were incredibly proud of all the children who walked many miles over the packed two-day visit, but didn’t complain – they were enthusiastic about it all. Well done Year 6!

On Monday of this week our Year 2 class had a great time on their day out at Marbury Park for their Geography field work and Art topic. The children planned a route to follow before their visit, and used this to find landmarks and different features of the park. They are now looking forward to their residential visit to the Catalyst Museum after half term.

Year 4 have had a very busy last week… they finished their Tudor topic with a fun filled drama workshop, demonstrating their knowledge about the subject and acting out scenes. On Thursday they visited Chester Zoo and today they held their class assembly where they shared all the wonderful work they’ve been doing since September. Well done Year 4! You spoke really well in assembly and many of you had learned your lines by heart. It was great to see how proud you all are of what you have achieved so far. We can’t wait to see more!

Year 1 also enjoyed their day at Chester Zoo yesterday. The weather was kind (mostly!) and the children saw all many African animals in readiness for their next Geography topic. I believe the children particularly enjoyed watching the younger elephants plashing and playing in the water.

Don’t forget to check out photos from all our visits on our Facebook page!

**Letters and Dates**

On the first Friday of every term all teachers send letters to inform parents about timetables and routines, and to share information about the curriculum. Teachers also include information such as dates for class assemblies on these letters. Teachers’ letters are always sent as hard copies, as we know that many of you like to pin them up as reminders for PE days and events linked specifically to your child’s class. Please ensure you do make a note of dates and events; although we do try to send reminder texts, they are not always read or received. The letter for this term was sent home on Friday 12th January and should have all the information you need up until the Easter holiday.

Our most recent Headteacher updates were not received by many parents due to a technical issue, so the last three were sent home as hard copies on Friday 2nd February. We are hoping this one makes it to you! Please note some important dates coming up, including World Book Day and Parents’ Evenings, in case you have missed them on other updates. Dates can always be found at the bottom of these letters.

**Parent Governor Vacancies – Last call!**

We have two parent governor vacancies on our Local Education Committee. We have a great team of governors; they’re a really friendly bunch who are committed to supporting school leaders and challenging us to ensure we offer the children the best experiences in school.

If you think you might be interested in becoming a governor and you’d like to know more about the role, please get in touch with us at head@leftwichprimary.cheshire.sch.uk We will be happy to chat to you about the time commitment and expectations. Alternatively David Pilgrim, our Chair, can be contacted at chair@leftwichprimary.cheshire.sch.uk.

**Valentines Disco Fun**

Thank you to all staff and FOLPS members who helped to organize and run our two Valentine’s discos on Wednesday night. We were fairly short on volunteers for this even, so particular thanks must go to Emma and Zoe who shopped for goodies, cooked hot dogs and ran our tuck shop – we wouldn’t have had a disco without you! Mrs Crellin and Mrs Harrison may have found new careers as DJs, as long as we have Miss Eccles to filter lyrics! Well done all. Both discos were really well attended by children of all ages and they all had a great time.

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Year 2 who have won the class attendance competition this week with 100%. They have won a sweet treat which they will bring home this afternoon.

Class attendance this week:

Reception : 97%

Year 1: 96%

Year 2: 100%

Year3: 91%

Year 4: 98%

Year 5: 95%

Year 6: 95%

Overall attendance for the school this year is 93.3%.

**Dates for your diaries:**

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| **Event** | **Date** | **Time** | **Classes involved** |
| Break up for half term | Friday 16th February | 3.15pm | All classes |
| Return to School  | Monday 26th February | 8.30am | All classes |
| World Book Day | Thursday 7th March  | All day | All classes |
| Parents’ Evenings | Tuesday 19th March | After school | All classes |
| Parents’ Evenings  | Thursday 21st March  | After school  | All classes |
| Easter Bingo | Wednesday 27th March | 5pm | All families |

After a busy half term, the children are all ready for a break. We hope you all have a lovely week off and we look forward to seeing you when we return on Monday 26th February.

Kind regards,

Mrs Harrison and Mrs Guy