**Headteacher Update**

**Friday 24th October 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It’s been another busy week. The children are working hard and many of them have come to share their achievements in writing with us this week.

‘Respect’ remains the focus for the term and it has been lovely to the children beginning to take better care of our school environment and our resources. In Wednesday’s assembly Mrs O’Neill announced to the children that she will be appointing some of them as Play Leaders next week. Those who take on this role will be responsible for helping younger children during OPAL at lunchtimes. They will be awarded badges and their high viz jackets in next week’s assembly.

**Year 1 Family Lunch**

Thank you to all our year 1 parents who joined their children for lunch this week. We have had really positive feedback from our family lunches. We will be giving parents of children in all classes this opportunity over the next two terms, so please look out for your invitations.

**Drop off and Pick up**

Please can we remind you all that the gate is closed promptly at 8.45am when children should be in their classrooms ready for registration. Our day ends at 3.15pm – please ensure children are collected on time. We appear to have a few children who are being picked up late at the moment. If you are unable to get to school for 3.15pm, then Smallworld Pre-School offers provision for after school.

**Congratulations to our friends at Barnton!**

As you know, Leftwich Primary School is part of Weaver Trust Academy and we work in partnership with four other primary schools – Comberbach, Barnton, Grange and Westminster. We chose to join Weaver Trust so we could work with an academy trust, and other schools, who are as determined as we are to give children the best experience possible at primary school.

All members of staff including site maintenance officers, school leaders, finance staff, teachers and teaching assistants collaborate to support one another and share best practice. We are very much part of the Weaver Trust family now and, as such, we are thrilled to share with you that Barnton Primary has been judged as Outstanding in their recent inspection, a grading which is well deserved. We are sure you will join us in congratulating the staff and children at Barnton – well done everyone!

**Attendance**

Well done to year 4, who have won our attendance competition this week with 97%.

*Attendance for the week:*

Reception: 95%

Year 1: 94%

Year 2: 94%

Year 3: 93%

Year 4: 97%

Year 5: 93%

Year 6: 96%

*Whole school attendance for the year so far is 94.3%*

**Dates for your Diaries:**

***Please note the slight change of time for the key stage 2 Christingle service, which will start at 1.45pm and not 1.30pm as previously stated.***

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| **Event** | **Date** | **Time** | **Classes involved** |
| Year 5 Class Assembly | Friday 17th November 2023 | 9.15am | Year 5 parents |
| Year 1 Family Lunch Week | Tuesday 14th, Wedensday 15th, Thursday 16th November | 12pm | Year 1 parents |
| Christmas Jumper Swap and coffee afternoon | Thursday 23rd November 2023 | 2.25pm | All year groups |
| Infant Play Dress Rehearsal | Monday 11th December 2023 | 1.30pm | Reception, year 1, year 2 parents/ grandparents |
| Infant Christmas Play | Tuesday 12th December 2023 | 6pm | 2 tickets per child will be issued – Reception, year 1, year 2 parents/ guardians |
| Christmas Lunch Day | Wednesday 13th December | 12pm | All classes |
| Christingle Service | Thursday 14th December | **1.45pm** | Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 |
| Finish for Christmas | Thursday 21st December | 3.15pm | All classes |

We hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards,

Mrs C Harrison and Mrs L Guy