



# Legh Vale Weekly Newsletter



Week Ending: 11/12/20

<b>Diary Dates</b> 2020	
<b>Monday 14th December</b>	<b>Reception &amp; Y6 Party</b>
<b>Tuesday 15th December</b>	Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day Y4& Nursery Party
<b>Wednesday 16th December</b>	Y1/Y5 Party & Y1/2SC
<b>Thursday 17th December</b>	<b>Y2/Y3 Party</b>
<b>Friday 18th December</b>	School closes for Christmas from 1.30pm to 2pm

## This week in school...

This is our final newsletter for 2020! School closes on Friday 18th December from 1.30pm. We would like to take this opportunity to say **Merry Christmas to you all and to wish you all the very best for 2021.** Thank you for your continued support throughout the year.



## Thank You Mrs Smith & Best Wishes From All At Legh Vale

We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to Mrs Smith and wish her all the very best for a long, happy & healthy retirement. She has worked at Legh Vale school for the past 33 years. Her entire career has been dedicated to serving this community, giving so much to so many over these years. Her devotion to our school, going over and above for so many years, has had an immeasurably positive impact on the success of Legh Vale. We all wish you well as you embark on the next exciting phase of your life, enjoy some well-earned time for yourself and we will miss you.

## Christingle

Many thanks to Dan Leathers and his team at St.Mark's Church for providing the children with their own Christingle pack. Included in the pack is a Christmas card from St.Mark's sharing their online Christmas programme and a treasure map for Haydock's Big Christmas Treasure Hunt. You and your children are invited to find the decorated house windows from 1st-12th December around Haydock, complete the puzzle and collect your prize between 11am-3pm from Father Christmas outside St.Mark's on the 12th December. All details and extra maps are available from [www.stmarkshaydock.org](http://www.stmarkshaydock.org). As a thank you, if you would like to make a small donation, all proceeds are going to the Children's Society. <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/how-you-can-help/donate>.

## Christmas Party Dates

Just in case you missed our push notification, can we remind you that Y6 party day is now Monday 14th December and Y3 party day is on Thursday 17th December. On Christmas party days this year, the children will come to school dressed in either their party clothes or Christmas jumpers. School will supply a drink, a packet of crisps and a wrapped biscuit from funds provided by Friends of Legh Vale donations. Unfortunately, we cannot accept food donations from home.

## Legh Vale Christmas Holiday Reading Challenge. Reception to Y6

Record your reading (on your Christmas Holiday Reading Calendar) every day over the Christmas holiday and earn extra Golden Time. You will also get a chance to win a chocolate treat in your class raffle if you complete the challenge. You could read a book, a recipe, something interesting online, instructions to a game, the back of a cereal box or even the joke in a Christmas cracker! Christmas Holiday Reading Calendars will be given out next week.

## School Photographs - Reception to Y6

The new date for individual photographs is Friday 29th January. Obviously, we will need to follow the latest guidance and therefore, it is with regret that we will only be able to accommodate single photographs and will not be able to organise photographs with siblings.

## Attendance Awards

Well done to all children who have achieved good school attendance, despite the challenging circumstances all families are facing. As you know we always promote good school attendance so each term we do attendance reward certificates. However, due to the impact of the pandemic and the disruption imposed on so many by following public health guidance regarding isolating etc. we will not be doing the certificates this term.

## Star Outside School

### Logan Y6A

Logan has received his chief scout's silver award. He has gained the top award for cub scouts. Well Done!

We are always delighted to share the children's success outside of school. Please ensure that we receive the information by Wednesday so that we have time to include it on Friday's newsletter. Thank you. (Any information received after Wednesday will appear on the following week's newsletter)

**Feedback-** We appreciate your feedback and would welcome any comments to help us make our school even better.

### Lost Property

Every year we accumulate a substantial amount of lost property and, as a result, this year it will be donated to a local charity every two weeks. May I please remind everybody that if clothing is clearly labelled then this would significantly reduce the amount of lost property.

### Uniform

Uniform can be ordered from the school office. Our uniform policy requires the children to wear school shoes rather than trainers. We would also ask that extreme/fashion haircuts and decorative hair bands be left for holiday times. Thank you for your co-operation and support.

### **\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICES\*\***

Legh Vale School is a non-smoking site. For health and safety reasons we would like to ask that parents refrain from smoking when dropping off/picking children up from school. This includes electronic cigarettes. We would also like to politely ask that parents do not bring dogs onto the premises. Thank you.

### Bicycles and Scooters

Please be aware that if you travel to school on a scooter or bicycle then it is in the interest of public safety that you dismount when within school grounds.

### Numbots

Good news: due to its success and impact, Legh Vale has paid for a subscription meaning your child can access Numbots from home for the remainder of the academic year.



### Parking

**Please do not park within 10 metres of the give way markings at the chicanes junction on Wagon Lane. Enforcement by the police will be taking place.** Please be aware that for health and safety reasons parents cannot park on the school car park. We would ask parents to park responsibly and considerately around the entire school site. Holyrood Nursery driveway is not to be used for parking as this prevents access and is dangerous. We would also ask you to respect local residents by not parking across their driveways and blocking their access. Also, could parents not park cars obstructing the pavements close to school as this causes a hazard to pedestrians particularly those with push-chairs/buggies etc. Thank you for your co-operation

### **KS1 ATTENDANCE WINNERS**

1st- Y2PM-100%

2nd- Y1CF-99.3%

3rd- Y1/2-95.2%



### KS2 Dinner Money

Just a reminder that dinner money is £12.25 per week - £2.45 per day.

### **\*School Online Payment System \***

On **Tuesday, 3rd November** we introduced a new online payment system called **SCHOOLMONEY** which will allow you to pay for all school related items (school dinners, trips etc.) online using a debit/credit card. You should have received a text message last Wednesday which contained a password for logging onto the **SCHOOLMONEY** website. This password will give you access to your **SCHOOLMONEY** account. You can then begin to make online payments to school. This new payment system will benefit both us as a school and you as a parent. Not only will you be able to pay for items from the comfort of your own home, but you will also be able to access your account at any time to see if there is anything you need to pay for. A letter has been uploaded onto our school app under **LETTERS/INFORMATION** giving full details on how to access your account. However, if you are unable to access the letter, copies are available from the school office. **REMINDER: if you pay for your child's school dinners, PLEASE DO NOT SEND DINNER MONEY as the office is no longer accepting cash.** If you experience any problems setting up your account or making payments, please contact the school office.

### Contact Details for Parents/Carers

Please ensure that school has your latest contact details as we will use these details when staff need to contact you about your child. Thank you.

### Email communication

Please be aware that although the school office email is checked regularly, if parents have urgent queries it is better to contact school by telephone.

### Holiday Dates

To support parents, holiday dates for 2020/2022 are now available on the school website.

### Jewellery

Jewellery, such as bracelets and rings, is not part of our school uniform and should not be worn or brought into school. This will help to avoid any unfortunate accidents and keep the items secure. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **KS2 ATTENDANCE WINNERS**

1st— Y6M-97.4%

2nd — Y5K-96%

3rd — Y3W-94.8%

