



LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Putting children first. Progress through partnership"

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Dear Parents and Carers

Where did that half-term go? It has been a hive of activity in school with lots and lots that children should be proud of. We have had some fantastic work to celebrate on our 'Wall of Brilliance' and some fabulous and creative writing that has been produced in each year group. The amount of words read in each year group is growing and lots of reading certificates are being written to celebrate milestones in reading. Many children in years 4 and 6 have signed up for our residential to Caythorpe and Kingswood next year. Exciting events for other year groups will be announced soon.

In assemblies, we have been looking at values and virtues, and have been exploring different qualities that develop us as people. The caring nature of our Year 6s enabling our youngest Reception children to settle in so well to school routines is one such quality that they showed so well. This half-term saw our first class assembly. Year 6 recreated a scene from World War II, with great acting, sound effects and singing! Parents also got to work alongside their children in class to create a Blitz scene. They look really effective!



This half-term also saw parents from Pre-School and Reception take part in Reading, Phonics and Maths workshops. It was really great to see them so well attended and to have such positive feedback from them. It was lovely to see children working alongside parents and carers.

Our new perimeter fence is due to be completed during the half-term holiday. New front gates will be installed to ensure that the premises are secure. Access during the morning and afternoon drop off and pick ups will remain the same. Please remember that children should be in school by 8:45am as this is when school registration takes place. The gates will be open from 8:35 to allow an easier and calmer entry into school during the morning, and to ensure that children are in by 8:45am. Once the gate is closed, children will need to use the small temporary side entrance to enter. Children who miss the register will be given a late mark. Lateness unsettles children and disrupts teaching.





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Our new entrance is due to be completed by the end of November. After this time, we will inform you of the new changes to in/out procedures.

Next half-term we look forward to welcoming you in for parent consultations. These are really important meetings and gives you an opportunity to catch up on your child's learning and ask any questions that you may have.

We also invite you to join us on 11th November for our Remembrance Day service. We aim to gather on the playground by 10:45 for a short service and a minutes silence at 11. In the event of bad weather, we will use our hall but may need to adapt a little! We also have our Christmas productions to look forward to, and our Carol concert at the church.

The Lionel Walden School Association are working hard to organise our Christmas Fair including Breakfast with Santa. The Halloween Disco was a great success and raised £388.67. A huge thank you to the association for organising and to the children for attending.

As the weather begins to turn colder, Mrs Covill, our Pre-School leader, will open at 8:45 am in line with the start of school time. Hopefully, this will avoid any cold children (and parents!) as winter draws nearer.

Finally, a polite notice to ask for consideration for our neighbours when picking up and dropping off at school. Parking adjacent to dropped kerbs can cause considerable difficulties to those wishing to cross roads or enter driveways. We understand that parking is difficult around the school but would appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Thank you for your continued support of the school and we look forward to welcoming you all back after a well-earned break.

Kind regards

Steve Abey

Headteacher