

Leigh on Mendip First School

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Newsletter 1 - 7th September 2018



We would like to welcome all our children and families to a new school year at Leigh on Mendip First School. There have been a few changes since the end of the summer term and we are starting the term with Mrs Phillips and myself now leading the school. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Sturgess for everything she has done for Leigh on Mendip over the last eight years and we all wish her an enjoyable retirement. It has been a pleasure to meet the pupils this week; we would like to extend a huge welcome to our new starters in Owl Class and also to Alwyn and Max who have started in Eagle Class. We are also really pleased that Mrs Smith has joined the team here at the school; she will be teacher Eagle Class two days a week (Wednesday and Friday).

I am really excited to have the opportunity to lead the school alongside Mrs Phillips; we have an important year ahead of us. The academy conversion should go through on November 1st and we will then become part of the Midsomer Norton Schools' Partnership, a highly successful multi-academy trust which will bring many new opportunities for the children at our school. We will also be pursuing a bid for the school to change status from a First School into a Primary School and therefore have children in Years 5 and 6 of their education. We will of course keep you updated on all of these matters as the year progresses.

We will now be sending out a weekly newsletter. This will include important notices from the school office, diary dates and other relevant information. Please read through it every week so that you are kept updated with what is going on at school. At the moment I don't have a separate email address at the school, but if you would like to get in touch with me please email the main office address (office@leighonmendip.somerset.sch.uk) or come in and see me - I will usually be here on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Mr Turull

We have had a super start to the new school year. I have been thrilled to see so many smiley faces ready to greet me in the morning!

I am very pleased to be starting my new role at Leigh on Mendip First School at this exciting time. I will now be in school every day and will be teaching in Eagle Class all day Monday and Tuesday, as well as Thursday morning. Mrs Smith and I have worked together to plan an exciting curriculum for the children this term. I will spend the rest of the week leading the school alongside Mr Turull and working closely with the rest of the staff to ensure a smooth transition to an Academy, and then into a Primary School.

Mrs Phillips

Notices

- **Class Overviews** - topic overviews for Owl and Eagle Class for the Autumn Term will be emailed to all parents along with this newsletter.
- **Data Collection Sheets** - please can you check all the details and contacts on the data sheets and make any amendments. All sheets need to be signed and returned even if there are no changes.
- **Permission Request** - We need to have your permission each year for your children to participate in standard off-site activities and to use the school's internet and email services, as well as having your consent before any images of your child are recorded and used in school. Please explain the 'Acceptable Use Policy' to your child(ren) and return the signed forms to the school office. Parents of children in Reception Year have already completed these forms and do not need to do them until next year.
- **Both Data Collection Sheets and Permission Request forms have been put in a named envelope in your child's book bag. Please return them to school as soon as possible in an envelope.**

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Uniform

We have some very smartly dressed children in school this week. We would just like to give parents a gentle reminder about sports kit. Please could you provide your child with black or navy jogging bottoms or shorts, a plain white t-shirt and trainers to wear for sports activities in school. Your child will need to wear their sports kit and their school jumper on a Thursday when they go swimming.

Start of the Day

Please remember that the school opens at 8:45am each morning. Children will not be allowed on site before this time. Registration closes at 9am and all children should be in class by then or they will be marked as late in the register. You are welcome to accompany your child into class where they will be welcomed by Mrs Gilson in Owl Class and Miss Stinchcombe and Mrs Patton in Eagle Class.

FOLS

Your PTA had a fun and successful summer raising around £500 by holding BBQ's at Bunnings in Frome and delivering leaflets for broadband suppliers. Huge thanks to all the parents, grandparents, teachers and staff who supported these herculean efforts!

Our first meeting of the year, the **AGM** will be on Tuesday 18th September at 7.30pm in the school hall.

Everyone is very welcome to attend to find out more about what we do, the events we are running and how to volunteer for Glastonbury Festival... there will be tea and cake. Look out for your invite in book bags next week!

Community News

Our chair of governors, Mr Ty Schlechter is organising a

Family Fun and Games

afternoon for children and their families on Saturday 22nd September. It is taking place in the Memorial Hall from 1-5pm and there will be plenty of amazing games and activities to experience.

There are over 20 activities to enjoy including aeroplane races, skittles, marble runs, twister, juggling, face painting, jigsaws, memory game and lots of board games.

None of them involve any computers!

Refreshments will be available.

Entry costs £1.50 per adult, £1 for age 5-12 and free for Under 5s

No additional charge for any of the games.
Money raised going to FOLC and FOLS.

School Diary Dates

September 2018

Tuesday 18th FOLS AGM in school hall at 7.30pm

Tuesday 25th Eagle Class to Somerset Earth Science Centre for the day

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 29th October - Friday 2nd November

New Tennis Club

You will have received a letter this week about Tennis Club. Please make sure you send in your reply slips by Monday. We need 6 or more children for the club to run.