



# Leverington Primary Academy

## Newsletter

March 2023

### Attendance

We are striving to achieve excellent attendance in all children throughout school. This is to ensure all children make the most of every learning opportunity and do not fall behind.

Poor attendance does impact negatively on social and academic progress.

In line with government guidance, we have a duty as a school to address attendance concerns and will continue to do so until improvements are seen. We are monitoring more frequently now to ensure that we can provide targeted support where it is needed. Letters will be sent and meetings arranged to discuss where absence falls below 90%. We kindly ask that you attend any meetings requested in order for us to support you and your child.



Mrs Willett is available to support any families where attendance is an issue; please do not hesitate to contact the school if this is something you wish to discuss further. We hope that we can work in partnership to address any concerns or underlying reasons for poor attendance.

We are also looking closely at the attendance of each class on a weekly basis. Arnold the Attendance Bear enjoys spending his time in the class with the highest attendance for the week. Classes achieving above 94% every week until Easter will receive a special treat!

### Young Carers

Young carers are children and young people under the age of 18 who often take on the practical and/or emotional caring responsibilities that would normally be expected of an adult. Young Carers may have to prepare meals, look after money matters, give medicine, translate, arrange appointments or take care of a relative's hygiene. Also, caring for someone means giving them emotional support. It can be a lot for someone to handle, especially if they are having to come to school as well.

Mrs Willett is our Young Carers' Champion in school. She works closely with Centre 33, the organisation responsible for the Young Carers Project in Cambridgeshire. If you feel your child is taking on a young carer's role at home, please contact Mrs Willett as we are able to offer resources and support for your child.



We have had a number of reports of young children being left unattended in cars whilst parents drop off older children at school. I appreciate that this may not for any extended length of time, however it does place these children at potential risk and we kindly ask that you avoid doing this at school drop off and collections.

There also continues to be parking issues, with cars parked inappropriately where children cross the road near the church. We have had some near misses where it has been difficult for children (and parents) to cross the road safely due to restricted view.

Please allow plenty of time for collection. This will ensure you can find a safe place to park that does not compromise the safety of our children.



Please ensure correct PE kits are in school every day: plain or logo t-shirt in team colour, black or navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms, sweatshirt/zipper if needed (no hoodies and no named clothing or football kits) and trainers. These should be clearly named.

Long hair should be tied back every day.

Jewellery should not be worn in school. A single pair of studs is allowed but these need to be removed for PE lessons. No smart watches are allowed. Normal watches are fine, however school cannot be held responsible if any damage occurs. These should not be worn on PE days.

We please ask that no rings, necklaces or bracelets are worn.

## Chocolate Tombola!

We will be holding the Chocolate Tombola on Tuesday 28th March at 3:30pm.



We kindly welcome any chocolate/Easter egg donations for the tombola. Please send in with your child or bring to the school office.

## Dates for the diary

**Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February - Half term**



27th March - 30th March - Year 5 Bikeability

28th March - Chocolate tombola at 3:30pm.

31st March - End of term service in the church at 1:30pm

**Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April - Easter Holidays; Monday 17th April - Training Day**

18th April - Back to school

19th April - Year 5 trip to Leicester Space Centre - more information to follow...

25th April - Year 3 Roman day

26th April - Tempest class photographs

27th April - Whole school sponsored Doggy Waddle with Ralph.....more information to follow

27th April - Year 3 and 4 Bikeability, one-day course

1st May - May Day bank holiday

4th May - Bake off 'Cake fit or a king!' - to celebrate the coronation.....more information to follow

8th May - Coronation bank holiday

**9th - 12th May SATs week - no holidays or absences!**