



# Lew Trenchard C of E Primary School

Weekly Newsletter – 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018

*Together we Grow in Wisdom and Knowledge*



## **Church School**

Thank-you all so much for your involvement in renewing our core vision and values last term. It has been lovely to work together on a shared understanding of our Christian distinctiveness. We have a SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) visit next Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January and this is a full day of inspection. The visit entails the inspectors looking into how we provide a Christian ethos which includes people of all faiths and beliefs, and how our core values of kindness, respect and responsibility help us to learn and grow. The inspector may wish to speak to parents and groups of children but please let me know if you have any comments to pass on as well. We have been working hard on making our core values very visible to the wider school community and also increasing the impact they have upon children's development. We have begun to celebrate our core values in Collective Worship more formally by giving out awards to children who have been shining in these. We have our first meeting of our ethos committee next week, this group will help us to shape our Christian Distinctiveness so please let us know if you are interested in taking part.

### **This week our values awards went to the following children:**

Logan Starling – Award for Responsibility: For putting a great deal of effort into everything he does.  
Cameron Peryer – Award for Respect: For being respectful to others in the classroom.  
Isabella Griffiths – Award for Kindness: Always looking out for others and going out of her way to help.  
Ellie Massey – Award for Respect: For excellent learning and listening in the classroom.  
Mia Hampton – Award for Kindness: For always looking for ways to help other people.  
Michael Fieldhouse – Award for Responsibility: For being hard working and conscientious.  
Fiona Hockridge – Award for Respect: For being an excellent role model in learning.  
Conor Peryer – Award for Kindness: For being quick to think of and help other people.  
Lacey Purvis – Award for Responsibility: For showing great learning behaviour.  
Osric Cooke – Kindness Award: For always being kind and caring and making people smile.

## **School Improvement**

Yesterday, on the 18<sup>th</sup> January, we had our first monitoring visit from Will Herman, CEO of the An Daras MAT. Will looked at standards of teaching and learning across the school and gave us some very positive feedback about the things we are doing well and also some extremely helpful feedback about school improvement. He commented on how well behaved children were and on their positive learning attitudes. Well done to everyone!

## **Attendance**

Attendance for this academic year to date is 94.8%. Attendance is slightly lower than usual but obviously this will be affected by the sickness bug which swept through school over the last few weeks. Thank-you to everyone for all of your support in ensuring that children were off for the required 48 hours (once symptom free).

## **Breakfast Club**

Thank-you all for your support in moving to the online payment system for breakfast club. If you have any problems then please let us know or contact school money as mentioned for school dinners.

## **Policies and Curriculum**

Over recent weeks several updated policies have made their way on to the website so please check the Policies and Curriculum page to view our new RE Policy, RE planning, Collective Worship Policy, Collective Worship Planning, Equal Opportunities Policy and SMSC Policy. Please let us know if you have any comments or would like more information on this or any school issues.

## **Parent/Carer Surveys**

Thank-you for the responses to the survey. We had 30 back which is a really good return. We have collated all of the information and this will feed into our school improvement. The responses will be shared with staff and governors as part of this process. 100% of parents/carers felt that their child felt safe at school, that behaviour was good and that their child enjoyed coming to school. Our weakest areas

were the website and the range of trips and visits on offer. We will now be looking into both areas and have already begun negotiating with regards to a new website.

**Toddler Group** – Toddler Group looked like lots of fun this week, next week we have *Celery Fish Painting!* It is so lovely to see the youngest members of our community together in school.

**After School Clubs** – Apologies, but due to staff training, there will be no Choir Club after school for the next 2 weeks. The next Choir Club will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> February.

*Please can we ask that any Clubs that require payment, please be paid for as soon as possible. There are a few outstanding fees from last half-term for football. Please see the office if you think this may be you.*

**School Dinner Arrears** – Please can we ask that dinner payments are up to date and **paid for in advance**. If you have any problems, please see Tracey or Bex in the office. Alternatively, School Money have a helpline you can call – 08453885510 if you are having issues logging in.

**Up to date contacts** – please could we ask that all emergency contacts are up to date with the office. This includes mobile, home and work telephone numbers, as well as any medical information that we need to know such as asthma etc, and any contacts for if you know you will be unreachable at all.

**Sickness and Diarrhoea** – Thank you so much to everyone for their help and support over the last week or so while we have been dealing with a rather nasty Vomiting and Diarrhoea bug. We are happy to say that with the extra cleaning provided by members of staff, extra care taken by children to keep hands washed well, and by adhering to the 48hour rule, we seem to have successfully reached the end of this awful bug. We hope that everyone is now feeling much better, and with a weekend to recharge, look forward to seeing everyone for a much better week next week!

**Raising Money for Cancer Research** – Some of the children have asked to organise a sale of old toys etc in aid of Cancer Research. If you have any donations of books, toys, DVDs or similar, Mrs Dawkins and the children have asked if you could put them to one side, ready for a collection in the next few weeks. More information to follow.

**Yes Tor** - Please can we ask for donations of empty hand wash dispensers for the class use for paint. Also could we ask all parent to drop off older siblings before coming to pre school as it gets too busy in the classroom.

Thank you.



## **BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to Jack Harris, Jess Pickbourne and Keylie Steer, who all celebrate their birthdays in the next week. We hope they have a fantastic day!



Happy Birthday as well to a very special lady, Kay Roberts, who celebrates her birthday this week!

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2018**

12<sup>th</sup> February – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – February Half-Term! Back to school **19<sup>th</sup> February**

20<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 talk with Okehampton College

30<sup>th</sup> March – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – Easter Holidays! Back to school **16<sup>th</sup> April**

7<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday Monday!

22<sup>nd</sup> May – Year 6 talk with Okehampton College, with parents

25<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018 – May Half-Term! Back to school **4<sup>th</sup> June**

26<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Holidays!

**Holidays** – Please could we ask that any holiday/absences be requested in writing and handed in to the school office. \* **Sickness and diarrhoea** - If your child experiences an upset stomach, they should be kept off school for a **minimum of 48hrs**, in order to minimise the spread the illnesses. \* **Morning drop-off** - If your child is ill, or will be in slightly late, please could you make sure that you contact school (**01566 783 273**) so we can inform class teachers. If your child is not in school by 9.30am, and we have not received a message, they could be registered as late, and this will affect their attendance. \* **Parent Advice Slots** – Our family support advisor, Sue Fairgrieve, will be starting up parent advice slots on Mondays from 3pm. Please see Tracey or Bex if you would like any further information.

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