

October Newsletter

The second half of our Autumn Term has started well despite the damp weather and hopefully everyone has settled back into the school routines. At the weekend the clocks 'went back' one hour which often upsets body clocks, at least this change allowed us an extra hour in bed! This will mean of course that as we move towards the end of the year late afternoons/evenings get darker. Please can we ask that children who are walking, cycling etc home have clothing that allow them to be seen.



I have seen many children arrive with hats and gloves as the mornings are getting much cooler, there are still some children arriving without coats. Please can you ensure your child does have a coat with them even if it is in their bag. We try to ensure the children have some break in the fresh air each even if there is light drizzle and a coat is needed at these times so that they are not sat inside with damp clothes.

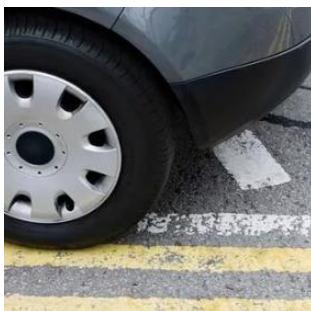
As a school we promote healthy lifestyles and our break time snacks is part of this. One of the tasks the School Council have been charged with this year is the promotion of healthy breaks.



At present;

- Children are able to bring to school a healthy snack to eat a break time.
- There is a snack trolley where children can purchase a healthy snack and/or juice carton.
- We do not allow children to share food or money.

EYFS and KS1 children also have fruit/vegetables available each day in their class. Please do not feel you have to provide a snack or money for a snack each day. If children have a good breakfast to start the day off they can often manage until their lunchtime.



Parking – a regular item in our newsletters!

The parking at the front of the school has much improved so thank you to all parents who have shown consideration to our neighbours and also the families who walk into school this way. We have had a complaint about parking on Forest Road near to the roundabout – please can we ask that you ensure you are parking in the correct places so that you are not obstructing roads or pathways. Over the next few weeks many of you may be taking part in Halloween, Bonfire, Diwali

events and we hope whatever you do you have fun and stay safe. We are also nearing the time of Loughborough Fair which many children (and parents?) will be excited about.

Enjoy your time with family and friends.

Kind regards,

Iona Mock, Head Teacher

Please read on for more important information about our school.

SEND Parent/ Carer Coffee Afternoon: Tuesday 7th November 2:30-3:15

An opportunity to drop into school to speak with other parents/carers who have children with SEND over a cup of coffee/tea (+ biscuits!). There will be the opportunity to chat with the SENDCo and seek advice about support services in the area.

Charnwood Cross Country Shield League 1

As current holders of the Charnwood Cross Country Shield, Mountfields Lodge were keen to field a strong team in the first league event at Charnwood college recently. Undeterred by the clash with one of our parents' evenings, parents, grandparents and carers rallied to transport their children and those of friends to the event. We were represented by 42 Key Stage 2 children who ran with such determination to achieve their very best position and secure as many points as possible. Every child that finishes the event scores valuable points for the team!

After many fantastic runs, it has just been confirmed that Mountfields Lodge are leading the 2023-24 League standings, closely chased by St Winifred's in 2nd place and St Paul's Primary in 3rd. This is a wonderful achievement, and every single runner should be proud of their performance. To hold onto the Shield, we will need to maintain this position by the end of the third league race.

Special congratulations to those children who secured top 10 finishes in very competitive fields:



Year 3 Girls – Vaila (1st), Grace (3rd); **Year 4 Girls** – Bea (2nd); **Year 4 Boys** – Ralph (3rd), Dexter (8th); **Year 5 Girls** – Anayah (5th), Darcy (6th); **Year 6 Girls** - Kaiya (1st), Esme (3rd); Harriet (5th), Zeynep (6th) and Georgia (9th).

Great performances at first Leicestershire Primary Schools Cross Country League

Last Saturday 24 of our children from across KS2 travelled to the new venue of Mallory Park for the Leicestershire Primary Schools Cross Country League. The home of motorsport racing was transformed into a tough, undulating, muddy grassland course which really tested all the runners. Our children coped admirably with the challenging underfoot conditions and recorded some very strong performances against some of the best runners from across the County.

A huge well done to all our Cross Country runners. Mrs Mock and Mrs Newport were very impressed by the resilience of all our children. Star of the day was Vaila, who stormed around the Year 3 Girls race, finishing first and building on her recent win in the Charnwood Cross Country League. Other notable top twenty finishers were: Grace (16th) Year 3 Girls; Ralph (10th) Year 4 Boys; Bea (14th) Year 4 Girls; Darcy (15th) Year 5 Girls and Kaiya (13th) Year 6 Girls.

A very big thank you to all the parents who transported and supported all the children throughout the morning.

Sporting Ambassador Training



Our newly appointed Year 6 Sporting Ambassadors have recently undergone some training to help them with their role for this year.

This included devising some games and teaching each other these games, ahead of running a Year 3 Games Club this coming term. They had great fun, and it was amusing to see how they dealt with each other when they pretended to ‘mess around.’



Year 5/6 Boys Football

Our Year 6 boys recently took part in a fantastic football tournament at Charnwood College. It was inspiring to see 130 participants from 13 different schools battling it out for the team prizes.

The boys came runners up in the group missing out on first place by one goal difference. The next round took us up against Orchard who finished winners with a 3-0 victory, however the boys played brilliantly, just narrowly missing out. On to the 3/4 playoffs against Boothwood and the boys were

amazing to show spirit, determination and teamwork to win 4-0 and finish an exciting afternoon of football in 3rd place, walking away with a bronze medal.



The boys were inspiring, playing a total of 91 minutes with very little rest between games. We saw so many qualities from the boys during that time and they all represented Mountfields Primary School so well. You should all be very proud of yourselves boys - Harry, Tom, Josh, Henry, Corbin, Frankie, Theo and Noah!

Mr. Stanfield & Mrs. Newport

Upcoming Diary Dates

Date	Event
Friday 1/12/23	INSET Day 3 (school closed)
Monday 11/12/23	EYFS End of Term Performance 2.00pm
Tuesday 12/12/23	EYFS End of Term Performance 2.00pm
Wednesday 13/12/23	Y2 End of term Performance 6.00pm Y4 End of Term Performance 2.00pm
Thursday 14/12/23	Y2 End of term Performance 2.00pm Y4 End of Term Performance 6.00pm
Monday 18/12/23	PSA Carol Concert
Wednesday 20/12/23	Christmas Lunch

