

## Lambourn CofE Primary School

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### Letter to Parents/Carers

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a very busy start to the term and the staff and myself were happy to welcome the children back to school to continue their learning. We continue to be impressed with the excellent behaviour they display in school. It is wonderful to see them live our **Christian Values** of *Love, Integrity, Grit, Hope and Trust*

Thank you to all those families who joined us in school on Tuesday and Thursday Evening for Consultation Meetings. The staff were happy to meet with you and discuss your child/children's progress so far this year and offer ideas and suggestions of how you can work with the children at home to help them consolidate and secure the next steps in their learning. I would like to express my thanks to the teachers, as these meetings take a considerable amount of organisation and preparation.

Thank you for all your kind donations during our Remembrance/ British Legion Poppy Appeal. The children have enjoyed making their donations and wearing their various poppy symbols with pride.



With best wishes

*Maria*

Miss Maria Cupit

11th November 2022

### Dates for your diary

#### Term 2:

31st October –  
20th December

MHST 'SLEEP'  
Workshop  
Wednesday 23rd  
November

### Paralympian Visit

Last week we had a special visitor who attended our **Collective Worship** on Wednesday 2nd November. **Laurence Whiteley MBE**, has competed with distinction in the non-Paralympic class trunk-arms men's single scull. Laurence finally made his international debut in the mixed double scull at the 2015 World Championships alongside newcomer Lauren Rowles.



They quickly formed an impressive partnership, qualifying the boat for Rio in their first regatta together before setting a new World Best time on their way to winning Paralympic gold 12 months later.

Laurence explained to the children that Patience reaped massive rewards at Rio 2016 as he was crowned Paralympic Games champion, just a year after his long search for a rowing partner had finally paid off. He was able to relate our Christian Values to the attributes needed to become successful in whatever their aspirations, hope and dreams are for the future. These inspirational visitors are a small part of what we provide for the children in order to motivate them to *'Let Their Light Shine'*.

We hope to welcome another athlete in the spring term.

### West Berkshire Library Service

On Monday 7th November we welcomed a librarian from the West Berkshire Library Service to our Collective Worship. The children learned all about the New **Goldentime Club** at Lambourn Library. The club runs in the library every Friday afternoon from 2pm-4pm. Please go along to experience the activities on offer.

### Library Normal opening hours

Tuesday: 2:00pm to 6:00pm  
Wednesday: 10:00am to 12:00pm  
Friday: 10:00am to 5:00pm  
Saturday: 10:00am to 12:30pm





### **Why is it important for children not to miss school?**

All parents want the best for their children and for them to get on well in life. Having a good education is important to ensure that they have the best opportunities in their adult life. They only get one chance at school, and your child's future may be affected by not attending school regularly.

**If children do not attend school regularly they may:**

- ◆ **Struggle to keep up with school work.** In a busy school day it is difficult for schools to find the extra time to help a child catch up.
- ◆ **Miss out on the social side of school life.** Poor attendance can affect children's ability to make and keep friendships; a vital part of growing up.

Setting good attendance patterns from an early age, from nursery through primary school will also help your child later on in their life. Children who have a poor school attendance record may have less chance of securing a job when they are adults.

### **Why is it important for children to be on time?**

Being on time is also vital. Arriving late at school can be very disruptive for your child, their teacher and the other children in the class.

Some parents may be finding it difficult to ensure that their child attends school regularly. If this is the case please speak to Mrs Lake or Mrs Stapley as soon as possible so that the situation can be addressed.

### **What might the impact of poor attendance be on your child?**

In primary schools less than 65% of children achieve good results in English and Maths with an average of 15 days absence a year compared to almost 90% where the average is less than 8 days.

Parents can be very surprised at how quickly their children can accumulate 15 days absence within a year. Research has also shown that children who are not in school can become vulnerable.

### **What about authorised absence?**

There may be times when your child has to miss school because she or he is ill. This is to be expected and you should follow the school's procedures for notifying illness.

Children may also have to attend a medical or dental appointment in school time. However, you should try to make routine appointments such as dental check-ups during the school holiday or after school hours. Any absence must be requested as far in advance as possible. Absences can only be authorised by the school.

## **The world is run by those who turn up.**

Attending school every day = 100% attendance

Attending 4½ days a week = 90% attendance = 4 weeks missed per year

Attending 4 days a week = 80% attendance = more than half a term missed per year.

Attending 3½ days each week = 70% attendance = more than a quarter of the school year missed.

An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a whole 2 years from school.

**Being late for school reduces learning time.**

If your child is 5 minutes late every day they will miss three days of learning each year.

If your child is 15 minutes late every day they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year.

**Make every minute count**



# Supporting your child with SLEEP

## Parent Workshop

Lambourn C.E. Primary School on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022

9.00 - 10:30 am

As we all know, good quality sleep is essential and we understand that as parents, children's sleeping habits can often be very challenging!

Please come and join us for the workshop, a coffee and a chance to have helpful discussions!

The Mental Health Support Team will be providing ideas to support your child with sleep and sleep routines. This session will be a relaxed, informal chance to hear about ways to support and also ask any questions you might have.

For any questions, please contact

[Kate.Pike@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:Kate.Pike@westberks.gov.uk)

[Naomi Stapley \(Senco\) Or Sophie Lake \(Pastoral Lead\)](#)

**PLEASE NOTE - for urgent support with a child or young person's mental health please contact your GP, or CAMHS Common Point of Entry on 0300 365 1234 or 0300 365 999 (out of hours).**



### Principal's Awards

Congratulations to all the children who received Principal's Awards this week. We are all very impressed with the following children's quality of work and commitment to their learning.

Well done everyone else, remember never, never, never give up!

F2 Max & Harvey

Year 1 Jackson & Josie

Year 2 George & Anthony

Year 3 Lilly-Rose & Abi

Year 4 Keira & Ivy

Year 5 Ruby Ria

Year 6 Alex & Jacob

### Living the Christian Values Medals

FS2 Shaun

Year 1 Lacey

Year 2 Mahroosh

Year 3 Sebi

Year 4 Sophia

Year 5 Myra

Year 6 Charley

**LOVE, INTEGRITY, GRIT, HOPE and TRUST**



# Christmas Wreath Workshop



ONLY  
£30

Come and get crafty at our popular Christmas wreath making workshop.

Thursday 1st December arrive 7.15pm to start at 7.30pm

The cost is £30 per person and includes  
all the materials you will need

No experience necessary!

To book your place contact the PTA on [lambournschoolpta@outlook.com](mailto:lambournschoolpta@outlook.com) or via our Facebook page. To secure your place payment needs to be paid in full. Spaces are strictly limited so be sure to book early to avoid disappointment.



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# PTA Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2022



## Upcoming events

### Christmas Wreath Workshop

1st December

Arrive at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start  
£30 per person

A fun, festive way to support our school,  
be creative and meet new people.

Contact the PTA on Facebook or email  
lambournschoolpta@outlook.com  
to book your place.

### RAGS TO RICHES

1st December

Bring your unwanted clothes and shoes  
in any bag to school at drop off to help generate  
funds for the PTA.

### Christmas Jumper day

14th December

Send your child into school with a £1 coin and  
in return they can wear their Christmas jumper!  
(Donations go towards PTA funds)



### Santa Visit

14th December

Once again, despite his busy  
schedule we have booked a  
visit from Santa!

All the children will receive  
a personalised letter and a  
gift (due to the economic  
circumstances the PTA are  
pleased to be covering Santa's  
costs this year.)

### Christmas Disco

19th December

KS1 after school - 4.45pm and KS2 5.00pm - 6.15pm  
Letters to be given out soon with further details and  
booking information.

### We need DISCO volunteers!

1 or 2 people to apply face glitter  
1 or 2 people to help supervise and  
play party games

Speak to a member of the PTA,  
contact us on Facebook or email  
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