



Newsletter

March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

As a rather chilly spring term draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the last few months. It has been another very busy term in school with much to celebrate. I would like to apologise for the three-day closure of the school due to the weather but, as I am sure you know, travelling would have been dangerous for children, parents and staff. The hastily rearranged World Book Day was still a great success, so thank you for your flexibility.

The children are currently completing end of term tests and the initial indications are that they have made very good progress. This is thanks of course to the quality and dedication of the teaching staff and assistants who work tirelessly to enable meaningful learning to take place whilst also taking care of the 'whole child'. Of course the children should be thanked too for their own hard work and enthusiasm. This coupled with your support at home, is leading to good progress being made. Not only that, but visitors to the school always comment on how lovely the atmosphere is here and how well-behaved the children are which is extremely important to us at Old Leake Primary School.

After half term there will be one or two changes to staffing as Miss Gilbert is returning after maternity leave and I will no longer be working on a Monday. Miss Gilbert will be working alongside Mrs Deamer, Mrs Mason and Mrs Smith in Year 2 to ensure that these children get the best possible provision. My decision to work one day less a week is due to growing family commitments. The governors are appointing a Headteacher to work in my absence as we feel it is important to have someone at school in the most senior position every day. News of this appointment will be followed after Easter.

In addition Miss Barker is also leaving us at the end of April to join the police force. Emily has worked here for 5 years and been a very valued member of staff. We will miss her and wish her the very best of luck in her new role - remember to look out for PC 1450!



When we return from the holidays, the whole school will be studying the topic of 'Flight'. For the last four years we have adopted a whole-school theme at the start of the summer term which has had very positive feedback from staff, children and parents. It's a great way to unify the whole school.

This next week sees Sport Relief in which we are going to carry out various physical activities for a half an hour every day with Tuesday being a non-uniform (sports themed) day. I look forward to seeing you at Bingo on Thursday night or at the Easter service the following week.

Thank you for your continued support,

Susan Rayner

Attendance for Term 3

Pupil attendance is closely monitored by the school, aiming to achieve at least 95% attendance by all pupils (excluding Nursery). All requests for absence must be requested in advance in writing. Following is a breakdown of attendance across the school from Wednesday 3rd January 2018 to Friday 9th February 2018. Well done to Year 2!

R	91.67%
1	96.01%
2	96.55%
3	94.44%
4	93.23%
5	96.34%
6	94.34%
Whole School	94.72%

Dates for the Diary:

- Tuesday 20th March** - Non-Uniform Day in aid of Sport Relief.
- Thursday 22nd March** - FOOLS Bingo Night.
- Monday 26th March and Wednesday 28th March** - Parents' Evening.
- Thursday 29th March** - Easter Service at St Mary's Church. (more information to follow).
- Thursday 29th March** - End of Term 4.
- Monday 16th April** - Start of Term 5.
- Friday 25th May** - End of Term 5.



Thursday 22nd March

B I N G O				
7	25	44	57	62
15	22	40	50	70
11	30	FREE SPACE	46	74
2	28	37	55	68
10	27	39	59	75

The FOOLS PTA are organising a **Family Prize**



**Doors open at 6pm
Eyes down at 6.30pm**

50p a book / £2.50 for 6
To be paid in advance

Prizes for
a line & a
full house

Raffle to
be held on
the night

Space is limited so please pay at the
school office to secure your seats

*Please donate Easter eggs, chocolates, raffle prizes &
bingo prizes during that week to support FOOLS*

Children must be accompanied by an adult



**Refreshments &
tuckshop will be
available during
the interval**



Swimming Y5&Y6

Thursday 29th March - NO Swimming for Y5/6.

Sport Relief

As you are probably aware, next week is Sport Relief and we intend to mark the occasion in school with some sporting activities. We propose to start every day with some form of physical exercise ranging from dance to yoga to running a mile. Please ensure that your child has a PE kit every day. In addition on Tuesday we will be holding a sports themed non uniform day. If possible on Tuesday we would like you to send in donations for the bingo night on Thursday 22nd March. Ideally we would like easter eggs or other chocolate products or donations to the raffle. Finally, we will be selling Sport Relief wristbands all week for £1 with the money going to charity. For next week only the children will be able to wear them in school all day.



Reception Class

We've had a busy term in Reception Class. The children have been learning about Traditional Tales. We have been focusing on the stories of the Three Little Pigs and Hansel and Gretel. The children have loved acting out the stories with their friends and taking on the roles of the different characters. They have learnt the stories by heart, sequenced them and created text maps. In our ICT sessions they have enjoyed creating their own versions of the stories on the Ipad.



Key Stage One

Despite the snow, we have had a busy term! We've enjoyed our Fairy-tale topic and this was supported with your participation for our belated World Book Day. The children enjoyed a variety of activities including character descriptions, potion making and crown designing. We have written our own versions of the traditional fairy-tale Rapunzel with twists on character settings. We look forward to sharing these with you at our upcoming parents' evening. Our science lessons this term have been very exploratory-we've used our senses to taste, smell and feel new substances. We particularly enjoyed delving into the sensations of baked beans, spaghetti and sponges with our hands and feet! During history, we have studied the features of castles and looked carefully at why William the Conqueror won the Battle of Hastings. We are currently limbering up in preparation for our Sports Week next week

Year 3

We have had a very busy Spring term in year 3. We started off the year writing narratives based on the story 'The Tear Thief' which children used to write their own version 'The Laughter Thief'. Next, we wrote instructions linked to being a pirate and how to survive in wild waters, which the children really enjoyed. As part of instruction writing, we made our own model rafts which were very successful and floated on water. To finish the term, we have been writing persuasive texts to encourage people to visit 'Phenomenal Fiji' and 'Perfect Penzance'. The children have worked incredibly hard to improve their writing skills this term.

As part of our Topic work, Year 3 have been learning all about 'Water Worlds'. They have learnt about what creates a tsunami and created beautiful posters on this as well as how rivers are formed and their journey to the ocean. This links closely to our current Science unit 'Who am I?' where we have looked at how we can separate sea and pond animals into different groups by asking questions to sort them. The children have asked some excellent scientific questions. Finally, in Maths we have worked on dividing, measurement, time and money. Overall, it has been a very productive and enjoyable term!

Wishing you all a very happy and restful Easter.

Year 4

We have been working really hard this term in Year 4. In Literacy, we have been writing a Persuasive Text to convince people to go to Perfect Picturesque Penzance. In Maths we have learnt all about fractions and this lead on to decimals. Hopefully by the end of this term we will be able to: convert fractions to decimals, order decimals and identify numbers which are 1 tenth or 1 hundredth

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Term Dates for 2019/2020

Term 1:

Monday 2nd September 2019 – staff training day
Tuesday 3rd September 2019 – Friday 18th October 2019

Term 2:

Monday 4th November 2019 – Friday 20th December 2019

Term 3:

Monday 6th January 2020 – Friday 14th February 2020

Term 4:

Monday 24th February 2020 – Friday 3rd April 2020

Term 5:

Monday 20th April 2020 – Friday 22nd May 2020
Monday 4th May 2020 – Bank Holiday

Term 6:

Monday 1st June 2020 – Wednesday 22nd July 2020



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Term Dates for 2018/2019

Term 1:

Monday 3rd September 2018 – Friday 12th October 2018

Term 2:

Monday 29th October 2018 – Friday 21st December 2018

Term 3:

Monday 7th January 2019 – Friday 15th February 2019

Term 4:

Monday 25th February 2019 – Friday 5th April 2019

Term 5:

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 – Friday 24th May 2019
Monday 6th May 2019 – Bank Holiday

Term 6:

Monday 3rd June 2019 – Tuesday 25th July 2019

In Book Study this term we have been reading one of Shakespeare's greatest play 'Romeo and Juliet' written as a novel. We recreated the romantic story into a modern-day version set in Old Leake, with some funky accompanying music to be presented to all Year 4 parents on Wednesday, 21st March at 9am. We hope you will enjoy our class assembly. Have a Happy Easter!



World Book Day



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Term 4:

Monday 19th February 2018 – Thursday 29th March 2018

Term 5:

Monday 16th April 2018 – Friday 25th May 2018

Monday 7th May 2018 – Bank Holiday

Term 6:

Monday 4th June 2018 – Monday 23rd July 2018

