Hello from Mrs Mgs

Happy New Year everyone and I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas.

We are all ready for the next term, with all sorts of things planned including Mums in School, the Spring PSA Disco and a production from Years 3, 4 and 5. We are also looking forward to seeing Holywell in bloom by the end of term.

This term we will really start to plan for our end of year Golden Gala, part of this will hopefully be a large-scale raffle. I wonder if there are any parents or carers with businesses or who work for businesses who would be willing to donate a super prize for our raffle, to be drawn at the gala? We are hoping to print raffle tickets after the February half term, so if you could donate a prize, please let me know via the office.

Here’s to a fabulous term!

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**ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OUR**

**Census Day Lunch**

**Thursday 17th January 2019**

*Hot Dog (meat or vegetarian)  Chips, Peas or Beans*

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*Ice Cream Sundae*

**KS2 Children – Please pay on Parentpay or pay by cheque made payable to LCC for £2.25**

Change to menu - Thursday the 17th January is School Census day. As a “one off” we are allowing children to stay for a school dinner, even if they have sandwiches for the rest of the week. The number of meals taken this day will significantly affect the funding we receive for school meals, particularly for Infant Meals (which are paid by a government grant and free to parents) and Free School Meals.

We have changed the menu for this week to ensure there is a popular choice on this day and we would ask all children eligible to take up their free meal on this day. This will ensure that we have sufficient funding to provide meals for them in the future even if they do not take meals regularly at present. We hope you will be able to support us.
School Governor Column

Our Unsung Heroes.

Recently, I undertook a monitoring visit in school. I had arranged to spend a morning looking at how the role of the teaching assistants had changed since the last visit on this topic some years ago. I spent over three hours observing quite a number of teaching assistants in a wide range of roles. This includes oversight of KS1 arrival at school with all the message taking and helping required as young children arrive, full class teaching to cover for class teachers’ absence from illness or training requirements, working with children requiring extra help and guidance in the classroom, working with small groups outside the classroom to support their learning and monitoring children as they move around the school and playground as they require that level of care.

Just before I wrote this column I had been sorting out at home and found a certificate given to my daughter, now 19, by a Lunchtime Supervisor. I began to think about how our great teaching staff are ably supported by many people who help make the school a safe and supportive place for our children. I would really like to record our thanks for all the admin staff, support staff, caretakers and cleaners who are an integral part of the school community.

Rob Seager (Vice Chair of Governors)

Two Day Art Project

This term twelve Year 6s took part in a two day art project following on from our trip to Loughborough University Art and Design Degree Show.

To begin our Autumn Leaf project, we looked for inspiration in the playground, choosing leaves that really caught our eye. The pupils spent time observing the leaves closely, looking at the colours, shapes and patterns and recording their work in sketchbooks. By this point, with such close observation, everyone was an expert on leaves!

We next moved to working on a larger scale using chalks and pastels drawing leaves to fill our large sheets.

In our next activity we used our ideas in our sketchbooks to create stencils to produce screen prints. The work the pupils printed on fabric was imaginative and eye-catching.

The following morning we moved to paper-making. We soaked paper and blended it down to make pulp. Then we began to build layer upon layer to create a beautifully recycled sheet of paper. This followed by a return to the previous day’s screen prints to add further detail by sewing on top of the design.

Mrs Stevenson and I thoroughly enjoyed working with the Year 6s and would like to thank them for their enthusiasm over the two days.

Mrs Aulton

Year 3 Roald Dahl Workshop

Year 3 had a great day with Vicky from Divergent Drama. The day was tailor-made to our English unit ‘Play Scripts’ and the focus on our key author Roald Dahl.

Our first session involved the ‘Roald Dahl Ugly Game’ - this was to get our bodies and facial expression working! Using 1 - 5, 1 being our normal lovely self and 5 being the ugliest face/position we could make!!

After this, we learnt about the parts of a stage and the related ‘stage craft’ vocabulary. Why not ask us about stage direction?
Where’s it Bin? 2019
Monday 28th January - Friday 8th February

We’re supporting Rainbows again this year with their collection campaign, “Where’s it Bin?”. Please have a sort out of your unwanted items. Let’s try and beat last year’s winning total of over 200 bags.

Our Bins don’t want your rubbish!

They would however love:-
- Clean Clothing
- Shoes
- Household Linen
- Unwanted Gifts
- Jewellery
- Accessories
- Books
- Bric-a-brac
- Toys
- Mobile Phones

The bins will be located at:
School Entrance
Outside Office

Items in a plastic bag please.

For more information please contact Holywell office staff or Mr. Stephenson.
**PSA NEWSLETTER**

**PSA Planning Meeting**
When - Thursday 10th January 2019
Time - 7:30pm onwards
Where - The Priory Pub, Lough

The PSA will be meeting to discuss upcoming events for 2019.

Currently we have a core group of 6-7 people, we could do so much more with more volunteers we sincerely hope to see you at this event.

I am so proud of what we do and what we are able to achieve. We want to achieve more and it is a very simple fact that what we need is more support and more volunteers to do so.

On average since I have held the Chair position we raise circa £5k over the course of a school year. There is another school in the area that raises in excess of £8k at one single event. We too would love to be able to achieve this. They have a committee that is large, we do not and that makes all the difference when it comes to raising funds. So please come and join us - have your say and help us raise funds for our school.

We look forward to you all coming and helping us to move forward and growing stronger and raising more money in 2019.
Thank you The PSA

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**Snow**

We will endeavour to keep the school open wherever possible but it is dependent upon staffing.

Should Holywell have to close due to heavy snow or if there is a delay in opening.

- We will contact you via our text messaging service (have your mobiles on from 7am)
- We do not inform Radio Stations!
- Please do not ring the school.

Mr Lewis will undertake some snow clearing to allow for paths to the building, care will still be required as paths will still be slippery.

Should Loughborough College close, the Before and After School Clubs will not operate.

Children are to come straight into school from 8.45am onwards should heavy snow fall.

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**WATCH OUT for HEADLICE!!**

Could you please inform your child’s teacher or School Office of any instances of Headlice. The Health Authority recommend we do not send out notification letters unless numerous cases are reported in one class over a number of weeks.

Please check your child’s hair regularly:

a) wash hair with ordinary shampoo in usual way
b) apply hair conditioner
c) comb with wide tooth comb to get rid of tangles
d) comb with a nit comb (detector comb)
e) rinse hair

If headlice are found, comb every two days using conditioner for two weeks (this is to break the headlice cycle).

Please do not forget that adults can be carriers of headlice so parents and/or adults in close contact with children also need to wet comb their hair.
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**Farming**

To continue with our Food for Life accreditation, I need to ask for some help.

Does any parent have any connection to a farm or farming? If you do, please can you come and see me.

Thanks

Mrs Sutton Y3 Class Teacher

**Foundation Stage**

Before Christmas Foundation Stage held their annual Christmas Craft Day. Our lovely parent volunteers helped us with lots of different Christmas crafts. We made Christmas cards, party hats, presents and we even made our own wrapping paper. We had a wonderful day and really enjoyed getting to work with so much glitter and glue! We would like to say a huge thank you to our parent volunteers. We really enjoyed welcoming you to our classroom for the day.

Mrs Plasser

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**Y1 Christmas Experience**

On Tuesday 11th December, Year One were had a visit from St Mary’s Church. There were stations for us to learn all about Christmas. We made our own advent wreath, learned about what houses looked like 2000 years ago and followed Mary and Joseph’s route to Bethlehem. We even got to smell Myrrh! The magical morning finished with us making a journey to the stable to see the newborn baby Jesus. We would like to say a big thank you to all of our kind visitors.

Mrs Plasser