



NEWSLETTER

"Learning in mind, community at heart"

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How proud are we!

Our wonderful Year 6's are currently sitting their Key Stage 2 SATS – six tests in four days! They have been truly amazing. What a shame there are no marks for resilience and determination. If there were, everyone would get top marks from us. We could not be prouder and just think Year 6, one more day to go – HOORAY!

Safeguarding

During KS2 Assembly last week, we talked about safeguarding at Lodge Farm; how every member of staff is responsible for keeping the children safe and happy both inside and out.

We acknowledged that when we are worried about something, we often act differently. As the staff at Lodge Farm know the children extremely well, we can pick up on this and support the children in our nurturing way; the way we pride ourselves on. However, it is also crucial that all the children have a grown-up in school who they can turn to. This can be anybody who works at the school. Please could you all check at home who this person is for your child. It would be great if everyone could have a second person, just in case their first choice is absent from school for some reason.

Miss Turner is currently carrying out Pupil Voice by asking some children this question: *"What have you learnt at Lodge Farm that helps you keep safe online at home?"* The children have been extremely eloquent with their responses as well as full of ideas. It would be interesting to ask this question at home and let us know the answers, especially if you think there is a body of work, which still needs to be completed with the children.

Come and meet the team - We really would like this to be a popular event, so please come along.

If you have a child with additional needs or are concerned about your child in ANY way, we would like to invite you to a relaxed evening with our SEND team: Mrs Smith and Miss Brosnan (SENDCos) Mrs Buckley (Family Support Worker) Mrs Bull (Inclusion Manager) and Miss Turner (Head) on **Monday 24th June 7.00 – 8.30 p.m.** There is no fixed agenda, simply just a chat about what we can do to support your children at Lodge Farm. It will also provide you with an informal setting to chat with other parents. Herts Catering will be providing refreshments including a glass of wine. If you would like more information, please see Mrs Bull, Mrs Buckley or Miss Turner on the gate at the beginning or end of the day.

SAVE OUR SPELLINGS: Spelling SOS Project

All staff at Lodge Farm have been working very hard to support children to make progress in their spelling. To achieve this, staff analysed key errors children were making and planned sessions to teach these key rules and skills. Class teachers also planned in lots of opportunities for the children to practise these at school and many took them home to practise. This had a huge impact on the children's spelling and there was a decrease of 65% in age related spelling errors!

As well as sharing this fantastic news with you, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the support you give your children at home to develop their spelling.

Colour blindness: A personal note from Mrs Penfold

I wanted to share something with you, as it might be something you can relate to and want to know more information about.

My seven-year-old son is colour blind and can only see approximately 15% of the million different shades that I can see. He lives in a world of varying shades of yellows, greens and browns. We discovered this because he would argue about the

colours of pens, clothes, balls etc. After taking him to the opticians, it was confirmed. At least we all now knew, although there was nothing we could do about it.

However, we recently discovered that there is something that can help him. He now has glasses, which allows him to see a wider spectrum of colour. Over the past week, he has discovered that his school jumper is red not brown, that grass is 'really green', oranges and carrots are orange and not pale yellow and my hair is light brown! He loves his glasses as, 'everything looks brighter and I can see all the colours.'

If you or your child is colour blind, or think that you or your child might be colour blind and would like to find out a bit more about these glasses, and where I discovered them (in Hertfordshire), please feel free to pop in and see me or contact the office to arrange a chat.

Another star in the making...

It clearly wasn't enough to have Miss Smyth representing Team GB on our staff. We now have another star in our midst. Mr Brown is currently starring in a television advert for Nescafe. So keep your eyes peeled.....and remember there are other brands of coffee available!!!

LIVE Kitchen

Firstly, a big thank you for your support with our boiler problem. We will keep you updated and as soon as normal service can be resumed, we will let you know.

We will be introducing LIVE KITCHEN towards the end of the summer term. This is an exciting online tool, which allows you to discuss lunch options at home and to order your choices from home through an app on your phone. When the children are called in for lunch, they simply tap their name on an iPad at the hatch and their order will appear on the screen and can then be served. It is a great system and more information and details will follow as we get nearer the time.

Measles

An outbreak of measles is an increasing risk for schools in Hertfordshire and we have been asked to signpost you to a letter from Public Health England, which contains advice about measles for school and parents.

Read the letter here: <http://www.thegrid.org.uk/info/welfare/nhs/index.shtml#measles>

Goodbye for now and welcome back...

Mrs Randall will be leaving, temporarily, at the end of this half term as she starts her exciting maternity leave. We all wish her the best and look forward to cuddles.

Mrs Winwood is returning to Lodge Farm next week following her maternity leave. It will be great to have her back. She will be working in Year 6 until the end of the Summer Term.

