



# Headteacher's newsletter

Autumn 2

13.11.23

## Autumn 1

Autumn 1 was a particularly busy term for us. Some of the year 6 children went on their residentials and had a brilliant time. Every year group either went on a school trip or had a visitor into school to enhance their day-to-day learning. We have also had a number of children who have been to sports fixtures and festivals representing the school. All of these children have shown outstanding behaviour during this time. Well done to all the children who took part.

## Attendance

As we are approaching the winter months please make sure your children are only absent from school if they are really poorly and not just for minor sniffles etc. We have already notified some parents whose child's attendance has dropped below 96% even though the absence was authorised. We will be sending letters out this week to parents whose child's attendance is below 96% with unauthorised absence.

## Religious Education

As a school, we are very proud of the way we celebrate all religions and cultures. Over the last couple of weeks, we have had a number of children who have told us they cannot take part in RE lessons or in the music lessons where they are learning Christmas songs for the Carol concert. If you do not wish your child to take part in RE lessons, you must write to myself explaining the reasons why. The MK guidance is as follows:

*The primary religious educator is the parent. Where parents object in conscience to the religious education provided by the school, they may withdraw their children from part or all of the RE curriculum. Where withdrawal takes place, by law a parent takes personal responsibility for the religious education of their child. **A pupil cannot be withdrawn from RE by a parent to support other areas of their learning. Schools have a duty to keep pupils safe, but not to provide them with additional work.***



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## Class attendance

Classes who gained 98%+ attendance

### Week beginning 4.9.23

HB5 100%, HB10 98.3%, HB11 100%, HB16 100%

### Week beginning 11.9.23

HB2 100%, HB3 98%, HB8 100%, HB10 99.3%

### Week beginning 18.9.23

HB4 98.8%, HB5 99.3%, HB10 99.3% and HB16 98%

### Week beginning 25.9.23

HB2 98.1%, HB5 99%

### Week beginning 2.10.23

HB1 99.2%, HB2 98.5%, HB4 100%

### Week beginning 9.10.23

HB1 99.2%, HB3 98.3%, HB4 98.5%, HB5 98.7%, HB9 99%, HB13 98.7%, HB16 98.3%

### Week beginning 16.10.23

HB1 98.1%, HB5 98.3%, HB8 100%, HB9 98.7%, HB10 99.2%, HB13 98.3%

**Rebekah Green**  
Headteacher



## Timetable changes

As of Monday 27 November, the children's timetables will be changing. Due to some recent redundancies we have had to make changes to how we provide our teachers with their Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) cover. Year managers are putting the new timetables on the year group Padlet pages and the children will be informed about the changes as well.

## Uniform

Please make sure the children are coming into school in correct school uniform and PE kit. We understand things may be difficult financially at this time of year, which is why we only make the school PE T-shirt compulsory. Children must be wearing black shoes, sensible boots or trainers for school. Trainers for PE days can be any colour as long as they support the children's feet well enough to take part in PE and games lessons. Please do NOT send your child to school in plimsols for PE or games as they do not provide enough support. During the winter months, the children will still be going outside, so base layers are fine for the children to wear but these need to be black or white please.

## Parent helpers

We welcome volunteers to join our team to support with a variety of roles across the school, enriching the provision for our children.

### **Voluntary positions available:**

**School librarian** - we are looking for someone or a couple of people to help with the day-to-day running of the school library and maintaining stock etc.

**Reading champions** - to support listening to children read and enjoy stories being read to them

If you are interested in any of the above please contact Mrs Charlie McNeaney on [Mcneaneyc@loughton.school](mailto:Mcneaneyc@loughton.school)

## Inter-house Cross Country results

### **Overall school winners: PANKHURST**

#### **Overall house for year 6 – Valentine**

##### **Year 6 boys**

1. Zacharia
2. Joshua
3. Ochineme

##### **Year 6 girls**

1. Lara
2. Stella
3. Isla

#### **Overall house for year 5 – Pankhurst**

##### **Year 5 boys**

1. Leo N
2. Elliot
3. Leo W

##### **Year 5 girls**

1. Isabella BR
2. Isabella M
3. Tiasha

#### **Overall house for year 4 – Pankhurst**

##### **Year 4 boys**

1. Rudy
2. Aiden
3. Pamanaan

##### **Year 4 girls**

1. Elsie
2. Khadiija
3. Ada

#### **Overall house for year 3 – Shakespeare**

##### **Year 3 boys**

1. Manvir
2. Roger
3. Phoenix

##### **Year 3 girls**

1. Tatiana
2. Ruby
3. Amiyah

