



# NEWSLETTER



**FEBRUARY 2016**

## **SPORTS COMPETITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

A group of children took part in the gymnastics competition. Although the team wasn't placed Elise (Year 5) got bronze in the individuals, well done Elise. We also have 3 children who got through to the Manchester Cross Country competition which is in a couple of weeks, which is a great achievement. We have entered more sports competitions this year and have been placed in some of them. We are very excited about this and hope to build on these successes in the future.

## **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

The after school clubs seem to have been a success this term. We decided to try ones that parents had to pay for as this meant we could offer a bigger range of clubs. We are hoping to develop this further over the next year so if any parents or children have any suggestion please let any staff know and they will pass them onto the Pastoral team or myself.

## **SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENTS:**

You may have heard in the news about the new curriculum and assessments. Over the last year all children have been working on age related expectations rather than the old levels. In May Year 2 and Year 6 children will be completing assessment tests that are different from previous years. Teachers have been working with the children to prepare them for these changes. However, the expectations are now much higher than in previous years and the standards expected at the end of Year 2 are closer to a high Level 2 and Year 6 are closer to an old Level 5. It is important to us that all children achieve and are ready for high school without feeling anxious. To make this easier for your child please can you ensure all homework is completed and sent back into school on time. If you have any spare time to spend doing additional work at home with your child then it would be appreciated if you could help with spelling and handwriting practice.

## **SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT AND VALUES:**

I have put a few mottos that the parents, governors, staff and children put together over the last half term on the school blog. We also want 6 key values that identifies us as a school and have started looking at what is important to us. I have put a survey on the School Information blog or use this link

<http://wcathie.poldaddy.com/s/school-mission-statement-motto-values>

Please take some time to complete it because it is important to us what everybody thinks.

## SCHOOL DIARY DATES

Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	1R Class Assembly 9.15am Infant Hall
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	WORLD BOOK DAY: Infants: Bedtime stories coming in PJ's. Please make sure these are suitable for school and your child has a thick warm coat on. JUNIORS: Dress as your favourite book character.
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Dance Competition: The children involved please come in your dance clothes and bring with you your book day character to change into when we come back. Parents welcome to watch; From 9.30am at Leigh Sports Village.
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Mothers Day assembly 9.15am Infant Hall
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Wigan Schools Cross Country Competition
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Trip: Delamare Forest.
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Book Quiz 5.30pm – 7.00pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	6W Class Assembly: 9.15am Main Hall Year 5 Football Competition
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Westleigh High School: Programming
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Key Stage 2 Easter Eggsperience Competition Easter Bonnet Parade Infant children 2.30pm in Church Parents welcome.
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Recorder Concert
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Spring Achievement Award
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 5 Westleigh High School: Programming
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Last Day of Term
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	School Closure Day: SCHOOL MOVE
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	School Closure Day: SCHOOL MOVE
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET DAY
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	School Opens Summer term beginnings 8.50am start                      3.15pm finish. For all children.

From 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016 all the children will be educated on the Main site. The day will start at 8.50am and doors will be open from 8.45am. Children who attend Breakfast club can enter using the hall door from Leigh Street. All children, except Nursery, will come into the school playground at the back of the new school building, from Faith Street, there are no parking facilities on Faith Street please park on Firs Lane or walk to school. There will be staff and signs around to explain where to go. Nursery will enter and leave the school from their own entrance at the front of school next to the main school office.

At the end of the day children will be picked up in their playgrounds, again on the first day we will make sure there are signs and staff around to explain where to go.

**PLEASE KEEP UPDATED AND GO TO THE SCHOOL INFORMATION BLOG:**  
**<http://schoolinfo.leighstpetersblogs.net/diary-dates/>**