



Autumn Term 2015 Newsletter - Issue 2

Message from the Headteacher

The last half term has been a busy but successful time for all our pupils and staff, who have worked extremely hard. Pupils have settled well into their new classes and are enjoying the topics they have been studying. Please take advantage of the upcoming parents consultation afternoon to look at your child's books and talk to them about their learning.

The school is continuing on its journey to excellence. We are off to a flying start with the new curriculum and our investment in mathematics is proving to be a success. Our focus on reading is continuing with more reading workshops for parents and a commitment of £10,000 to spend on new books for our children to enjoy. The project can not succeed without your support. We ask you to encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes everyday at home.

I thank you for your continued support and wish everyone a restful half term and a safe holiday. I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 3rd November 2015.



Attendance

1L	95.4%	4P	95.7%
1P	87.4%	5L	100%
2P	99.3%	5P	96.7%
2L	94.0%	6L	96.3%
3L	93.8%	6P	82.0%
3P	97.3%	6S	98.0%
4L	96.7%	RL	90.7%
RP	81.2%		

OPEN DAY - Wednesday 11th November 2015

We welcome visits from prospective families and encourage them to look around the school. We understand that choosing the right school is a difficult decision to make and we understand that as parents you want to have a feel for the school before you make your choice. We encourage new families to visit our school in order to make an informed decision. This is so you can see how we work, the beautiful work on displays that the children produce and first hand view of the lessons that take place every day.

We are holding an open day for prospective families who wish to come and have a look around.

When attending the open day, parents will receive a short welcome from a member of the Senior Leadership Team, have a tour of the school and have an opportunity to ask any questions.

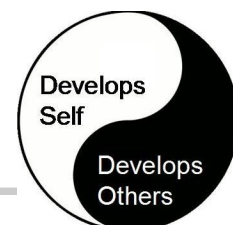
Open day will be on the 11th November from 9:30—10:30am and from 4:30pm until 5:30pm. We hope you can join us.



Parents make the difference-Developing character - Ms Grandison

'From small acorns, large oak trees grow' so the saying goes. Oak trees are beautiful, strong and full of character. We have the privilege of receiving lots of acorns (your children) at Ladypool school. Working with you, our job is to develop our children into the strong oak trees that they will become.

Together, we can develop children that are of good character with a strong sense of what is right and what is wrong. Hopefully, what we say at school is reinforced at home and vice versa. Simple things make such a huge difference. Coming on time to school, wearing the school uniform and following the school rules. All of these things contribute to your child's character so that they have a sense of purpose and in the future can take their rightful place in society.





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Important Dates for your diary

26th - 30th October - Half term holidays.

2nd November—Teacher training day.

4th November—Parents Consultation afternoon 1:30—5:30pm.

4th November—6th November—Book fair

8th November—Remembrance Sunday.

11th November— Armistice day

11th November—Diwali

11th November—Open day 9:30am to 10:30am and 4:30pm to 5:30pm.

16th November—Anti Bullying week

23rd November—Road safety week

New Parent Governor

Congratulations to Mrs Nazia Ambreen who is the new parent Governor for Ladypool Primary school.

Parent classes - Community room

There are a number of different parents classes running this term in the Community room. The Autumn timetable was sent out with your child last week. This is a great opportunity for you to learn new things, as well as further develop your skills, and meet other parents in a comfortable environment.

There will be other courses and workshops running throughout the year and we will keep you informed as and when they take place.

If you are interested in any of the courses please speak to Mrs Mockbil to register your interest.

E-Safety—Monitoring your child's internet usage

The Internet can be a wonderful resource for your children to help develop their learning, but if children are not careful when using the internet it can pose risks to their safety.

Parents need to ensure they monitor their child's internet activity in order to keep them safe and regularly communicate to them the importance of internet safety.

Mrs Hussain
ICT Coordinator

School Uniform

Please ensure your child is in the correct school uniform. And PE Kit. Parents are asked to take responsibility for ensuring that all clothing is clearly labelled with the child's name and that students wear uniform. Parents will be notified by letter when a pupil is not in uniform .

- Purple Ladypool Primary School sweatshirt
- Purple jumper/ cardigan (Girls)
- White shirt/ polo shirt
- Grey dress/ trousers/ skirt
- Black shoes
- No heels
- Black or dark purple balaclava head scarf



Parent contact information

If any of your details have changed, your mobile number, address or home phone number please can you let the school know immediately. Often crucial information is missed between the school and parents and it is important our information is correct in order for us to communicate effectively.

Help us to help you never miss out on all the events happening at Ladypool.

Free school meals—Do you qualify?

You can register your child for Free School Meals at the school office if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Play Co-ordinator vacancy

Ladypool Primary School is looking for enthusiastic and experienced play co-ordinators to join our lunchtime support staff team. The successful candidate will be expected to provide lunchtime supervision and interact with pupils through stimulating and creative play to make lunchtimes exciting!

You must have good verbal and written communication skills due to communicating with the children and other members of staff.

If you think this could be you, please contact Nagina Bibi on 01214647002 or email recruitment@ladypool.bham.sch.uk for an application pack.

Closing date 6th November 2015



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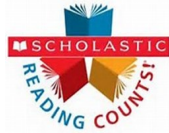
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Book fair

Roald Dahl Day 2015- Miss Hubble

BOOK FAIR
COMING SOON!



WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 1:00PM – 5:00PM
THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER – 3:15PM – 4:00PM
FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER – 3:15PM – 4:00PM

Ladypool Junior Hall
Our school goal of £500



During September, Ladypool School celebrated Roald Dahl Day for the first time ever. We shared lots of the author's amazing books and the children took part in lots of activities based around his writing. Many of the staff even came into school dressed as some of his well known characters including George, from George's Marvellous Medicine, Willy Wonka from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Miss Trunchbull from Matilda, and Mrs Aslam spent the morning as Fantastic Mr Fox.



Key stage 1 and Key stage 2 - Mrs Khan & Mrs Harries

We have made a positive start to the academic year and we are very proud of how smart all the pupils look in their uniform. The children have enjoyed receiving their house points for working hard and this week we held elections for House captains and Vice captains. We want all of our pupils across key stage one and key stage two to read every evening for at least 20 minutes. All children are receiving homework every week and this must be returned to their class teacher.

Dark nights—staying safe— Ms Habib

With clocks going back an hour the THINK! road safety campaign is reminding parents and children to Be Safe Be Seen as the nights draw in. The clock change means brighter mornings but darker evenings. The Be Safe Be Seen campaign is urging children to be safer by being more visible. That means wearing reflective clothing in the dark.

Be Safe Be Seen - Top Tips

Make sure you can be easily seen, especially at night, on dark days and in bad weather. Bright or fluorescent clothes show up best by day, even in dull or misty weather.

In the dark, reflective material is best and shows up in car headlights - remember fluorescent clothing doesn't work after dark. You can put reflective tape on your coat or school bag to help you be seen by drivers. Cross the road at the safest place possible e.g. zebra, pelican and patrolled crossings. Remember to use the Green Cross Code: Stop, Look, Listen, Live.

Year 6 SATs-Ways to help your child - Mr Ali

They may be your child's SATs but there is plenty you can do to help their revision go smoothly. SATS is important but needn't be scary – think of it as an opportunity to show off what you're capable of!

- Read with your child and think outside the book. Great opportunity for a discussion!
- Stay positive—Help them plan their time and create the right environment for their learning.
- Schedule time: - Help your child revise by arranging plenty of time for them to study and read.

Any problems, worries or concerns then please speak to your child's teacher. More information about SATS week will be sent home nearer the time.



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Music - Miss Twaite

We were delighted that over 70 children from Key Stage 2 put themselves forward for the school choir and after auditions with our singing teacher we now have both a strong choir and a singing club as well as our well established Nasheed club. We look forward to hearing more from them all at our celebrations and special occasions throughout the year. Year One are also working with the Music Service and have started their weekly singing lessons which they are very enthusiastic about! Learning a musical instrument has been proven to help young people with their studies and every child in year 4 has started to learn either the violin or the cello as part of their whole class music lessons with specialist teachers from the Music Service. Later in the term they will be allowed to bring their instruments home to practice and we look forward to them showing us their new skills in a sharing in the Spring.



SPORTS / HEALTH - Encouraging your child - Mr Croghan

School holidays are a great opportunity to encourage your children to become more active and healthier. Playing sports and taking part in activities you love, together as a family can have many benefits, first and foremost to your family's health. Every school holiday set aside some time to try something new, whether this is taking a walk in your local park or playing fun sports with your children.

It is recommended that children take part in 5 hours of exercise a week and if the weather is not so good there are also games that you can play in the house for example a treasure hunt and hide and seek. For more ideas this website is excellent for games to do at home <http://www.todayparent.com/family/parenting/20-fun-indoor-games/>



Harvest Festival

Our Harvest festival assembly took place on Wednesday 30th September. A big thank you to Mrs Bamber for organising the event and all the parents and staff for their generous food donations to the Sparkhill Food Bank. Together we donated a total of 134.4kgs of food! This is enough food to provide 320 meals!!

Early years & Foundation stage - Mrs Delgado

Nursery and Reception have had a fantastic start to the new year. We have already held some parent workshops and want to thank those who attended.

The learning environment, indoors and outdoors, is buzzing with excitement. In EYFS the children are learning all the time. When outdoors they are particularly enjoying the newly refurbished hill. When playing on the hill they have been learning to control their speed and movements, count steps and learn language such as 'up' and 'down'.

The teachers in EYFS continually spend time thinking about, creating and developing amazing spaces for your children to learn in. Now that the children are all settled in the teachers are adding challenges to the learning areas such as questions to think about or a harder activity to have a go at. If you wish to know more about how your child learns in the EYFS please speak to any member of the EYFS staff.

EYFS Home Learning

Parents who came to the Nursery book sharing workshop or the Reception Phonics and Reading workshop will already know how important sharing books at home is. Please don't forget how important talking is too. Ask your child about their day. What did they enjoy? What would they like to do the next day?

Young children love to have a go at writing so encourage this at home too. They could help you to write a shopping list. Sometimes it may look like squiggles but ask them what they have written and they may tell you. As they begin to learn more letters and understand the sounds that they make they will start to write using more letters.

Playing games at home such as Snakes and Ladders is a brilliant way of developing number skills. Try counting the stairs as they walk up them or counting the coins in your purse.