



LUSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Value for the month: Generosity



Welcome to our latest newsletter. Don't forget we also have regular updates on our website. You can find out what is happening in each class, as well as reading the latest newsletters and 'What's On Flyers'. Do have a look. Feedback on what you would like to see on the website is always welcomed.

Happy New Year to you all and welcome to the Spring term! The snowdrops are appearing in the hedgerow, the daffodils are sprouting; do we dare to hope that the worst of the winter weather is over?

This half term will be a busy time at Luston. Whole school themes that we will be exploring in assemblies and within the classrooms are: Random Acts of Kindness, World Religion Day, the Chinese New Year and Learning Behaviours.

Class News

Cherry Class

This term Cherry Class will be going on an adventure around the world. They will begin by learning about the Arctic and Antarctic, the geographical features of these areas as well as the animals that live there. In contrast they will learn about hot countries, such as Peru.

Linked to these places we will look at the stories, 'Lost and Found', 'Dear Zoo' and 'Paddington Bear', these will help us to learn more about the different areas as well as inspiring our writing. Paddington Bear will also help us to learn about the Countries that make up the UK and we will learn to locate these on a map of the world, as well as the oceans and Continents of the world.

In Maths both Year 1 and Reception will be learning to add and subtract. Year 1 will also continue to learn how to

recognise numbers to 100 as numerals and words.

With Mrs Kilby on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon Year 1 children will be learning to classify and sort different animals in Science, in RE they will be learning about Christianity and the Bible.

Cherry class will have its own Post Office role play area this term as well as creating lots of opportunities for the children to be learning outdoors.

PE will continue on a Wednesday morning and Friday afternoon. Our Friday sessions will be led by a Rugby Tots coach.

We would like to welcome Miss Downes, Teaching Assistant, who will be working in Cherry Class on Monday mornings and Thursday and Friday all day. Also Melissa Rushton, a Student a Hereford and Ludlow College, will be joining us on a Monday and a Tuesday as part of her Level 3 Certificate in Childcare and Education.

Willow Class

This term in Willow class we will be travelling around the world learning all about the different oceans and continents. Our first stop is going to be Africa, where we're going to read the book 'Giraffes Can't Dance'. We're going to write book reviews, narratives and non-chronological reports about giraffes.

Our Science lessons are also going to link with our journey around the world and we're going to be identifying and grouping animals that we see along the way. We're then going to sketch, paint and make clay models of some of our favourite animals.

Larch Class

This term in Larch, we are excited to be starting our new topic, Ancient Egypt, which will also be our theme for our writing.

We will be going swimming for our P.E. sessions which the children always thoroughly enjoy and we are hoping some of the children can gain their red badge.

Larch will continue to learn the cornet this term and have a special invitation to look forward to at the end of the month where we will be playing our cornets at a schools' music conference in Hereford.

Redwood Class

This term the Redwoods are entering the world of the Romans whilst exploring the day to day life of time in this era. We will be experiencing this through a cross-curriculum approach involving all subjects.

Our Literacy lessons will feature playscripts, fact-files, story writing and a focus on the grammatical features of our writing, whilst our maths lessons will cover a range of different elements of the year 5 and 6 curriculum.

Science lessons will cover the topics of 'The Planets' and we look forward to many investigations!

Our Art and Design lessons will feature sculpture as a topic, resulting in the creation of sculptures inspired by the Romans.

PE lessons will involve gymnastics and tag rugby before half term and dance and football after half term.

As always we have a very busy term planned and look forward to the many opportunities that will be coming our way!

Safer Internet Day

Parents and carers are invited to attend an informative session led by Mark Sanderson, the Computing Advisor for the Local Authority, on how to keep

your child safe on the internet. This will be held on Safer Internet Day, Tuesday 6th February, at 2pm at Shobdon Primary School. The session will last for one hour. If you would like to attend please inform Mrs Mather in the school office as arrangements can be made for school to look after your child/ren at the end of the day.

Parent / Teacher Conversations

Parent / Teacher Conversations this term will take place on Monday 12th February from 2.00—4.00 pm and Wednesday 14th February from 4.00—7.00 pm. Letters will be sent out soon for you to book a time slot.

Thank You!

We are very grateful to the many parents and carers who give their time to the school especially in transporting children to sporting events or activities. Thank you very much. The children are superb ambassadors for Luston when

attending these events, and both enjoy, and are proud, to represent the school.

The running club on a Friday lunchtime is very popular. A huge thank you to our 'running' volunteer adults who turn up every Friday, regardless of weather or temperature, to accompany a group of children and often a member of staff for a 20 minute run around the surrounding fields and footpaths.

Our school library would not function as efficiently without the guiding hand of Victoria, Ella's mum. She spends many an hour checking the library system and ensuring that the library and reading is a cool activity.

News From the Governors

Happy New Year to all in the Luston and Shobdon School communities! The Federated Governing Body has been busy and the Governors have been enjoying and making the most of the chance to get to grips with their own roles and responsibilities. As we're an even mix of Governors who originally

had links with either Luston or Shobdon, we have been mindful to spread meetings and school visits between both schools and so our knowledge of both settings is expanding. While the schools are very distinct, it is lovely to see that both schools are very much in tune with each other, being very welcoming with a strong ethos of providing a safe, stimulating environment where love of learning is valued, as is the emotional well-being of each and every child. While there are lots of tasks being ticked on the governor to-do list it has to be said that it has been an engaging first term. Given my own heritage, I'm going to take the liberty here of using an Irish proverb we were always taught when we were in primary school: *Tús maith, leath na hoibre!* (A good start is half the work!). Governors are always available to chat about the governance of the schools, either in the playground, or by appointment through the school offices. There will always be a governor at parent-teacher conversations too.

Liz Connolly
Parent Governor and Vice Chair

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 16th January	Trip to The Judge's Lodging — Larch and Redwood Class
Wednesday 24th January (am)	Larch Class performing at School Music Conference in Hereford <i>Further details to follow</i>
Wednesday 31st January	Year 1 Hearing Tests
Tuesday 6th February 2.00 pm	Safer Internet with Mark Sanderson, Shobdon Primary School
Monday 12th February, 2.00 – 4.00 pm	Parent / Teacher Conversations
Wednesday 14th February, 4.00—7.00 pm	Parent / Teacher Conversations
Monday 19th—Friday 23rd February	Half Term Holiday
Thursday 29th March	Break up for Easter Holiday
Monday 16th April	Back to School
Monday 7th May	May Bank Holiday
Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June	Half term Holiday
Thursday 19th July	Break up for Summer Holiday