



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.

FLSA News

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Bingo night at Leominster Sports and Social Club. We have raised just over £1500 which will be used to benefit all of the children at Luston School.

Planned events for next term include a tea shop in February, Bunny Drive in March and our popular Easter Egg draw in April.

The FLSA are always looking for parents to join their team. Without the support and commitment of parents to organise and deliver events the FLSA is in danger of folding. This would hugely impact on the costs of the experiences that every child at school has access to including: transport to swimming, transport for trips, and resources such as outdoor equipment and the outdoor learning areas. Please get in touch with Mrs Mather if you're interested in finding out how you could be involved.

Town Lights Service at Leominster Priory



Thank you to everyone who attended the Town Lights at Leominster Priory on Saturday—what a lovely event! A special thank you has to go to Fenella for her fantastic solo and to Ella and

Owen for their role of Mary and Joseph, and to Ella's mum and dad for providing a pony as the donkey was unable to attend.



Class News

Cherry Class

Cherry class are very busy this half term learning songs and dances for the Christmas nativity, Prickly Hay. We are very excited about sharing it with you at the end of term.

Last week we had a visit from a guide dog and its owner. We learnt lots of interesting facts about guide dogs and experienced what it was like to be blindfolded. This has been a fantastic end to our science topic about the senses.

We are currently enjoying learning the story of 'Stick Man' and have been on hunts around the school looking for him and created 'lost' posters, we hope we find him soon.

Over the coming weeks we are looking forward to creating Santa's workshop role play area in the classroom, in which we will learn about 3D shapes whilst helping Santa to wrap presents.

As a Christmas treat we are looking forward to welcoming Sea Legs puppet theatre company to school next week to watch a performance of 'Little Bo Peep.'

Request from Cherry Class:

If you have any spare Christmas cards and wrapping paper, please can we have them for our 'Santa's Workshop'.

We are also looking for old padlocks (with keys) for developing fine motor skills and numerical matching skills. Thank you.

Willow Class

Both Mrs Hurley and I have really enjoyed our first weeks with Willow class.

We are learning about the Arctic Circle and will soon be going on safari to find

some animals from this region. We'll need to wrap up warm!

As part of our English work we will be writing reports about Wolves.

During our Science lessons we are thinking about seasonal changes between Autumn and Winter.

In addition we are excitedly and busily preparing for our Christmas production of Prickly Hay - not long now!

Larch Class

Larch Class have been learning about WW1 as a result of the one hundred year commemoration. We have read the story 'Friend or Foe' by Michael Morpurgo and written diary entries, setting descriptions and retold the story. We also make a trench cake and we were surprised by how good it tasted.

In PE the children have been playing the invasion games of netball and tag rugby.

The term in music we have been learning to play Samba with Mr Grove. This has been fun and we look forward to performing to the whole school before the end of term.

Redwood Class

This term, the Redwoods have enjoyed learning about WW1 and focusing on the 100 year anniversary. We have made trenches, designed PowerPoints, listened to 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo on the BBC radio, created fact files, written poems and letters home from the trenches. We have also discussed rations and sampled trench cake and decided that it tasted better than it looked, although we all preferred traditional fruit cake!

During PE, we have made the weekly trip to Leominster pool and have all shown a great determination to improve our swimming skills.

In computing we have built lego models and programmed them to move: crocodiles with opening mouths, swaying boats, drumming monkeys, moving goalkeepers and kicking legs!

Christmas Events

Prickly Hay

Cherry and Willow Class are busy practicing for their production of Prickly Hay. The dress rehearsal will be held on Monday 10th December at 9.30 am. There will be two performances on Tuesday 11th December, at 1.45 pm and 6.00 pm. We will be selling raffle tickets before each performance, with proceeds going to Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Christmas Sparkle Day

On Friday 14th December, we will be holding a 'Christmas Sparkle Day'. In exchange for a suggested donation of £1 in aid of Save the Children Fund,

children are invited to wear either a Christmas jumper, or one which is sparkly or brightly coloured.

We will also be holding a competition where children can decorate a template of a jumper (provided by school) in any way they choose. Further details to follow soon.

Christmas Parties

Cherry and Willow Class will hold their party on Monday 17th December (pm). Children can come to school in their party clothes for the day.

Larch and Redwood Class will hold their party on Tuesday 17th December (pm). They will be able to change into their party clothes at lunchtime.

Party food for both parties will be provided by the FLSA.

Christmas Lunch

The school Christmas lunch will be held on Wednesday 19th December.

Menus for the final week of term will be sent out soon.

Carols around the Christmas Tree

Everyone is invited to join us for Carols around the Christmas tree on the last day of term, Friday 21st December at 9.00 am. This will include contributions from all classes, plus entertainment from some of our musicians.

The FLSA will also be announcing the winners of their 'Santa Raffle' - similar to our popular Easter Egg raffle, but with a Christmas theme! Letters will be sent out for this next week.

Last day of term

We will finish at the normal time of 3.05 pm on Friday 21st December. Please note that there will be no After School Club on the last day.

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 4th December (pm)	Cross Country Santa Run at Luctonians - Years 3-6 <i>Please return the permission slip if your child would like to take part</i>
Tuesday 4th December 6.00 pm	EMC Schools' Carol Service at Leominster Priory
Wednesday 5th December (am)	Sea Legs Puppet Theatre — Nursery, Cherry and Willow Class
Monday 10th December 9.30 am	KS1 performance dress rehearsal
Tuesday 11th December 1.45 pm and 6.00 pm	KS1 performance of ' Prickly Hay'
Wednesday 12th December 2.00 pm	Nursery Nativity
Friday 14th December	Christmas Sparkle Day
Monday 17th December (pm)	Cherry and Willow Class Christmas Party
Tuesday 18th December (pm)	Larch and Redwood Class Christmas Party
Wednesday 19th December	School Christmas Lunch
Friday 21st December 9.00 am	Carols around the Christmas Tree and FLSA Santa raffle
Friday 21st December	End of Autumn Term (school finishes at usual time—3.05 pm) <i>There will be no After School Club today</i>