



LUSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

September 2019

Value for the month: Caring



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.

Welcome and Staff News

Welcome to the Autumn term, the start of a new academic year. I trust that you have all enjoyed a relaxing and happy summer time. The children have settled into the school routine very quickly and look so smart in their school uniform.

We are a growing community and currently have 93 pupils on role who are taught in the four mixed year classes, plus 17 children in the nursery.

In addition to our new Reception pupils, we would like to welcome Carter, Nojus (Willow Class), Evie (Larch Class) and Corey (Redwood Class).

The staffing team for 2019/20 is as follows:

Oak Nursery:

Chloe Lambert and Stacey Mills - Nursery Supervisors
Jenny Adams and Melissa Rushton - Nursery Assistants

Cherry Class:

Elizabeth Davies - Class Teacher
Lisa Mantle, Kate Collyer - Support Staff

Willow Class:

Briley Hurley - Class Teacher
Caroline Byard, Stacey Mills, Alex Vaughan - Support Staff

Larch Class:

Kim Kilby - Class Teacher
Judy Taylor - Support Staff

Redwood Class:

Sarah Turner - Class Teacher and Head of School
Margaret George, Lucy Tookey - Support Staff

Mel Mather is our School Administrator and Nicky Kelly is part of the lunchtime team. Rhiannon Thomas, our Inclusion Lead works at both Shobdon and Luston and is based at Luston on a Wednesday and a Thursday.

In addition we have a new face, Chris Bashford, who is employed by the Federation to deliver PE activities across the two schools. Chris works at Luston on a Thursday and Friday.

Key Stage 2 Results

I am thrilled to share that we have received a letter from the Local Authority commending the school for our achievements at the end of Key Stage 2.

Luston Primary, as well as Shobdon Primary, are in the top 25% best performing schools in the country. What an achievement for the Federation and a huge congratulation to the committed teaching team and the resilience and desire to learn of our wonderful pupils. Well done!

Morning Drop Off

The 'kiss and drop' system in the morning is very successful in reducing the number of cars that need to find a parking space in Westland View and along the main road. If you choose to park and walk your child to school, please be aware of the residents of Westland View and park in appropriate and safe places.

Home School Diaries

All children have been given a Home/School Diary for this academic year. Please use the diary to record reading at home with your child, any message or question and of course to sign it on a weekly basis. The school staff will also use it as a record for reading, administration of minor first aid and general reminders. It is important that your child brings it to school every day along with their reading book.

Aldi—Kit for Schools

We are collecting the Aldi 'Kit for Schools' stickers this half term. These will be available in Aldi every time you spend £30, until 3rd November—please ask for your sticker(s) when shopping and bring them into school.

FLSA News

The Friends of Luston School Association (FLSA) is a group of parents / carers and staff members who meet approximately once every half term to discuss and arrange fund raising ideas for the school. Meetings are always friendly and informal and are a great opportunity to meet other parents / carers.

We will be holding our AGM soon, date to be confirmed. We hope that some new parents / carers will be able to join us.

Class News

Cherry Class

Welcome to Evie, Quinn, Noah, Chester, Jessica, Bailey, Sasha, Carmen, Richard, Bawan, Poppy, Emelia, Amelia, Ruby and Alice - they have all made a flying start in Cherry Class. The children have been busy learning

routines and are responding well to the demands of the day! We also welcome back our year one children who have proved to be excellent role models for our reception children.

The children have had lots of play opportunities and the Wendy house and the wooden fence is looking super clean! Buckets of water and paint brushes appear to be a favourite with our new cohort.

This week, the children have been introduced to the story 'Oliver's vegetables' which led to us hunting for our own vegetables in the school garden. We were excited to find enormous courgettes and long beans that we think are magic! The children have loved cutting these open and counting the beans inside. Year one children have been sequencing the story and have tried hard to use their phonics to write captions with their pictures.

We are looking forward to sharing the photos reflecting the lovely learning in cherry class and you will be emailed a link to activate your child's learning journey next week.

Willow Class

Willow Class have settled into the new school year beautifully and are now very at home in their classroom.

This term we have an art topic called 'Art is Everywhere!' We have already been surprised at the patterns all around us and been thinking about the type of art we like. Over the next few weeks we will be exploring cave paintings, sculpture and bubbles in science.

Larch Class

Larch have had a very creative start to term. We've investigated different types of kites and look forward to making our final product.

During English we have studied the book 'Voices in the Park' by Anthony Browne. We discussed the illustrations and enjoyed finding all of the interesting elements to the pictures. We are now reporting and researching recent dragon sightings and will be writing a Guide to British Dragons.

In Maths we began learning about Roman numerals and we look forward to our toga dressing mathematical challenge. We will be focusing on the

place value of numbers this term.

Our Topic is North America and this will inspire lots of art and craft work and will be learning about it's wide range of habitats, environments and it's culture.

Redwood Class

During this half term in Redwood we are learning about volcanoes and earthquakes; how they are caused and what we can do to prevent the damage from them. This topic will be closely linked to our literacy lessons and the creation of fact files and newspaper reports.

During science we will be investigating properties and changes of materials – lots of mixing and experimenting with our own solutions!

Our design and art focus will be researching different artists' impressions of portraits and forming our own creations.

In computing we will be learning about coding using Scratch and how to become safe, confident bloggers, whilst during PE lessons we will be perfecting our swimming skills!

We're all looking forward to a busy term ahead for us!

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 18th September	NSPCC visit — whole school
Thursday 19th September	Larch Class trip to Queenswood
Monday 23rd September	Year 2 Multi Skills at Luctonians (pm)
Tuesday 24th September	Redwood Class Enrichment Day at Earl Mortimer College
Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November	Half Term Holiday
Monday 11th November	School Photographer—individual & family photos
Friday 20th December	End of Autumn Term
Tuesday 7th January	Start of Spring Term
Monday 17th to Friday 21st February	Half Term Holiday
Friday 3rd April	End of Spring Term
Monday 20th April	Start of Summer Term
Monday 25th May to Monday 1st June	Half Term Holiday
Friday 17th July	End of Summer Term