

Half Termly Newsletter

If you would like to sponsor our Half-Termly Newsletter, please see Mrs Turland our School Business Manager, in the office.

Important dates to note

Mon. 28 Nov. - Decorations' Day
 am Mrs Bruce's Class
 pm Mrs Jefferson's Class
 Tues. 6 Dec. 1.30pm - Christmas Concert
 Thurs. 8 Dec. 9.30am - Christmas Concert
Concerts are outside so wrap up warm!
 Tickets on sale from 22.11.11 at £1
 Mon. 12 Dec. - Christmas Party from 1pm

Whole School Events

Friday 4 November - Outdoor Learning Day -Bring your wellies and make a donation
 Monday 7-Thursday 10 November - Book Fair
 Thursday 17 & Friday 18 November - Family photographs
 Monday 14 - Friday 18 November -Anti-Bullying Week
 Friday 18 November - Children in Need
 Thursday 24 November 2pm - Home School Partnership Meeting
 Wednesday 7 December - School Christmas Dinner
 Friday 9 December—Choir performing at the Metro Centre 10-12noon
 Sunday 11 December - Christingle - All Saints' Church 6.30pm
 Friday 16 December 9.30am - Christmas Celebration at All Saints' Church
 Friday 16 December 3.15—School Closes. Reopens Wednesday 4 January.



Special Awards



In school we reward children for doing the 'right thing' and following our Golden Rules.

We CARE

Care
 Achieve
 Respect
 Enjoy



In Reception Class this half term the following children have demonstrated a great commitment to these rules.

Caring: Ava Robson and Hannah Thompson

Achieving: Anna Baylis and Beth Ward

Respecting: Tom Gilbertson and Cameron Drinkwater

Enjoying: Bobby Garrett and Matthew Holliday



Attendance Award: Overall attendance for the school was 95.5% for last half term. Please inform school if your child is unable to attend because of illness, phone 01914334080 before 10am.

Lobley Hill Primary School



Let's Celebrate!

Last half term we have celebrated excellent academic achievement across school, with Foundation Stage Profile, Key Stage 1 and 2 SAT data reflecting the hard work and commitment of children, parents and staff. This indeed is an exciting time at Lobley Hill Primary School! Already this term children have visited a number of places and Year 4 have completed their first residential visit at Gibside. A fantastic success! The outdoor environment is about to 'lift off' with an exciting menu of activities on Friday 4 November.

Lobley Hill Primary School and the Community

Money donated by 'Kular Stores' will be used to help change our outdoor environment. The huge shed donated, by a local charity, is so large an entire class can use it for activities! The sponsored run also helped generate funding to further transform our school environment.



Next year our school will make a major contribution to the Lobley Hill Community Festival and planning has already started. The committee for the festival needs a secretary to help co-ordinate this day of fun for the whole community. If you are interested please contact school on tel. 4334080 or Sue Shafto.

Home School Partnership

Calendar making will soon be upon us and a band of dedicated parents and carers usually offer their support to make these. Why not join them? They are also hoping to collect Christmas presents to send to Barnardos.



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Coffee Morning (& resource prep for staff) every Friday at 9am in our staff room. Do come and have a cuppa and chat.

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Reception

Reception have made a super start to school. We are pleased that many of the children are coming into school independently in the mornings. The children are now familiar with the rules and routines of reception and are building positive relations with staff. We are grateful to you and your families for helping us provide a smooth transition for the children into reception. As the children have settled well in school, please leave your child at the main entrance door in the yard, to allow them to enter school independently.

Reminders

Please can you ensure your child has a pair of named wellies in school for use in the outdoor learning environment. The children have access to the outdoor learning environment everyday, in all weathers. It is vital that the children are kept warm and dry for these positive experiences to continue. Your children are very active in school and we feel it is important to ensure they have access to a healthy snack to keep up their energy levels till lunch. We would ask that a voluntary contribution be made every week, of £1, which includes snack money. The children have access to their water bottles throughout the day, please ensure that these are filled with water only.

Year Visit

This Half-Term we have been lucky enough to be able to visit the PlayBus. This treat was arranged by Mrs McElrue to celebrate the success of settling in to school. Well done everyone!

Parental Consultations



We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 7th November at either 9.00 or 5.30 'Getting to know you' sessions. In these sessions you will be able to view your child's Learning Journal document showing the progress they have made in school so far. You will also have the opportunity to ask the team question.

Decorations Day

We look forward to seeing you for Foundation Stage Decorations' Day on Monday 28th November, Mrs Bruce's Class, am. and Mrs Jefferson's Class, pm. We can't wait to get gluing and glittering together!

Curriculum Update

We have begun teaching the children to read. This programme encourages children to learn each letter sound very quickly. We introduce a new letter sound at the beginning of each day, so it is very important that the children are in school promptly to enable them to learn the new sound. We would like your support to follow the learning up at home by being involved in your child's homework.

Our theme this term is *Ourselves*. We are learning about what makes us special and unique and celebrating our similarities and differences. We are asking children to share information about their likes, dislikes and what they do at home with their family and friends. Any discussion you can have at home will support your child in school.

We continue to make use of the wonderful resources in the nursery garden. We also have been making use of the Forest Classroom in our school grounds on 'Forest Fridays'. We have been using tools to whittle Willow, making homes for Hedgehogs, mending the Fire Pit fence and looking for signs of Autumn. Please contact any member of staff if you would like to join your child during the Forest School sessions.

Coming soon!

We are creating a new role-play area in our classroom. We have decided to focus on mathematical development by making a shoe shop. In this area we will provide opportunities for the children to measure, look at patterns, read numbers and count in a variety of ways. We would welcome donations of any footwear, shoe boxes, etc. for the children to use in their play. Next half-term we will be learning about Divali, the Hindu festival of light.

Wanted!

If you feel you would like to come into school to help with small groups, administration tasks or support the children in play, contact the office for a CRB form.

School dinner menu is available on the website. A reminder that as part of our Healthy School programme, we ask that children do not bring chocolate, sweets or fizzy drinks to school.

