

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

Fri. 4 Nov. and Fri. 11 Nov. - Cycling
Tues. 29 Nov. am - Decorations' Day
Mon. 5 Dec. - Christmas Concert
at 2.30 pm and 6.00pm
Tickets on sale from 22.11.11 at £1
Fri. 16 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



Attendance: We hope to improve our attendance and become weekly Best Attenders each week as this remains our target next term. Attendance across the school for last half term was 95.5%,

Miss Meredith's Class 96.4% and
Mrs Armstrong's Class 95.4%.



We will also be continuing to have our weekly celebration time where the children can also nominate their friends for co-operation stars.

It has been a good start to the year, and we hope to build on this throughout the second half of Autumn term. Well done year 5.

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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Year Five News

The children have settled in well to year 5 and have enjoyed two visits so far during which their behaviour was outstanding. Most children are remembering to bring homework diaries and reading records in everyday - thank you for your support with this. We have also had lots of children attending our homework clubs on Friday and Monday lunchtimes.

Accelerated Reader

The children are really enjoying the challenges of Accelerated Reader both individual and the class competition to reach a million words. As part of our launch, we had a wonderful day at Chester Park reading in unusual places ranging from the playground to reading with swans! Your children should be reading their Accelerated Reader book and aiming to do a quiz twice a week. Well done to Hakan and Thejes who have read an amazing amount of words already. Keep on reading!



Year Visit

Year 5 have been on three visits this term: two to Watergate park and one to Chester park. We hope during future terms to take the children to the Discovery Museum to look at North East Inventors.

Parental Consultations

Parental consultations will be on the 8th November from 3.00pm and the 9th November from 3.30 pm. We will be discussing your child's targets for the year and how you can support them in reaching these targets. It will also be an opportunity to discuss how they have settled into year 5. Letters will be given out closer to the time to book your appointment.

House News

Redgrave have had an exciting term starting with our New Zealand themed day to celebrate the opening of the World Cup Rugby in New Zealand. We also worked together to produce a piece of contemporary Art to celebrate the Turner Prize coming to Gateshead. Decorations Day will be on the 29th November and you are welcome to come and participate with your child.

Curriculum Update

Literacy. This term we have been writing our own narrative for a non text narrative book. The children have developed a greater use of figurative language and successfully used 'Talk for writing' and drama techniques to enhance their story telling skills. We have used the outdoor environment to develop their use of adjectives. Next half term we will be writing imaginative explanation texts, linked to the year 5 theme of 'What a cracking idea!' and other inventions. We hope a visit to the discovery museum will inspire their writing.

Maths. We have looked at using place value to multiply and divide by 10 and 100, mental and written methods for addition and subtraction as well as 2d and 3d shape. We have also been working on our problem solving skills with a focus on finding all possibilities. Next term the number work will focus on multiplication and division.

Science. We have been looking at lifecycles with a focus on the flowering plant. We will be discovering about our solar system next term in Earth, Sun and Moon.

Theme. The children have been finding out about inventions in our everyday lives with a focus on problem solving in order to identify unusual inventions. Next term they will be researching inventions in history and key inventors especially of the North East. They will be designing and making a model of their own inventions.

P.E. The children will be continuing their work in Gymnastics.

Reminders. The children should be reading at least 5 times a week, and filling in their grey reading record to be marked daily. They also need to remember their homework diaries every day. Homework club still runs for all children to attend on Friday and Monday lunchtimes. As the weather gets colder, the children will need to bring a coat, hat, scarf and gloves to wear after swimming. As the dark nights draw in, they also need to be picked up from the school gates. Any problems with anything, don't hesitate to ask.

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.

