

# Leaffield C.E. Primary School News and Notices

## February Newsletter 2024

### Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of a hard working, busy and creative half term, I'm sure parents will join me in wanting to express gratitude to the fabulous staff team that we have working in the school. Highlights of the school life over this half term include:

A wonderful trip for Blackman Class to Chipping Norton Theatre, to see our very own Sam Thomas in Year 5, playing one of the roles. Well done Sam!

We have had Rosen Class and Blackman Class enjoy trips out to Burford Secondary School as part of the Burford Sports Partnership. Blackman had an athletics focus and Rosen's morning was all about developing ball skills.

Murphy Class enjoyed a fabulous visit from the Hedgehog Rescue Team. Rosen had a fascinating trip to Ardeley Recycling Centre and today Donaldson are enjoying a Royal Tea Party.

As part of our continued school development, our staff have been involved in a second whole school phonics development day, we have increased our personal development plans for our pupils with the introduction of some new clubs (I understand Ukelele Club has been a big hit with the children) and we have done further work on developing our library space. We continue to increase the information available for parents on our website, so do have take a look at some of the updates, particularly in the pages about our curriculum and learning.

Congratulations to our Governor Cup Winners today:

Murphy: Poppy Kenny  
Donaldson: Isabelle Critien  
Rosen: Aiden Cox-Hayes  
Blackman: Oliver Moxey

May I wish you all a wonderful break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 19th February.

**Ms Dean**  
**Headteacher**

### Our Vision

**Our mission is clear.** We develop young people with *healthy enquiring minds, compassion for others and the courage to act.*

***Be curious, be kind, be you!***

### Diary

Please see our school dates are on the [website](#).

### Staffing Updates

There are a number of updates for parents regarding our staff starting after half term. We say goodbye to Miss Wallace. Miss Wallace has worked with us since September as a Learning Support Assistant and has been a wonderful member of the team. We also say to cheerio to Mrs Perrin who has worked in our Donaldson Class for this half term and we are grateful for her work with Donaldson and Rosen Classes.

I am pleased to let you know that Mrs Kelly will return to the school after her professional development placement at The Batt in Witney. We are also pleased to welcome back Miss Simmonds.

I am also delighted to let you know that we have recruited a new Learning Support Assistant Miss Sophie Howard. Our children know Miss Howard as she currently works as our School Cook. Prior to this Ms Howard worked as a Nursery Room Leader at Little Monkeys Nursery and she brings with her valuable childcare experience and qualifications.

Further to the letter that I sent out to parents this week about the change of headship at the school from September 2024, thank you to all our parents who have expressed such kind words and appreciation to me since the letter when out. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Leaffield and am moving on for my own professional development. As noted in my letter, I will be here until the summer, so it is business as usual until then!

### Support and Contacts

The winter months can sometimes be a difficult time for families. For support:

**Mind:** [www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk) tel: 0300 123 3393

**Domestic Abuse National Helpline:** tel: 0808 2000 247

If you worried about a child anytime, anyone can call the local authority Safeguarding team:

0345 050 7666 or national NSPCC Safeguarding line: 0808 800 500

