

Leaffield C.E. Primary School News and Notices

January Newsletter 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year! We have had a great first week with the children coming back refreshed from their Christmas break and everyone getting involved in their new curriculum topics. Curriculum Letters and Knowledge Organisers, with details of learning and practical arrangements will be posted to the website later today ([Class Pages](#)).

There are some staffing updates that I would like to let you know about. Mrs Kelly is currently on a professional development placement and is teaching at The Batt School in Witney for the next 4 weeks. As you know Mrs Kelly teaches across the school and during the time of her placement her timetable commitments are being covered by teaching staff that all the children know. We welcome Mrs Linda Day back to Leaffield, who will be teaching Blackman Class on Friday, for the next 4 weeks and I have the pleasure of covering Rosen Class on two afternoons of the week. In other staff changes, Mrs Jobson will no longer be teaching Donaldson Class on a Monday, due to her own family commitments, and we will be welcoming Mrs Hannah Reynolds who will start next Monday.

We have a new Teaching Assistant working at the school this half term. Mrs Jackie Perrin is supporting in Donaldson and Rosen Classes. I also need to let you know that Miss Hattie Wallace will be leaving the school at February half-term. Miss Wallace has enjoyed her time at Leaffield, but has decided to leave, taking up a new and exciting job in the hospitality sector.

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.* We aim to:

provide excellence: guiding every child to exceptional progress;
nurture enthusiasm: through a curriculum which challenges and inspires;
build confidence: where learners know the value of effort and perseverance.

Be curious, be kind, be you!

Diary

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

Hope We are exploring the Christian value of hope in our assemblies over the next few weeks. Here are some quotes about hope that were shared with the children this week and may provide some inspiration for our parents too, as we continue through the winter weeks!

“Once you choose hope, anything is possible” Christopher Reeve

“Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.” Bishop Desmond Tutu

Reception Places

If you are looking for a place for your 3 or 4 year old for September 2024, the deadline for applications is 15 January 2024.

We also have a couple of places in other years (Y1 and Y2) if you know of families looking for a place.

New Clubs

I am pleased to be able to let you know about a range of enrichment clubs that the school will run this Spring term.

Ukelele Club

We have a new music club where children will learn to play the ukelele which will be led by Mr Stoneham. It will take place on Thursday after school from 3.15 p.m. until 4.15 p.m. Children who are in Rosen or Blackman Classes can attend this club.

Art Club

We will also be running an Art Club for Y1 and Y2. It will also take place from 3.15 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. on a Thursday.

To cover our costs there is a payment of £2.50 for each session (for both of these clubs). If your child already attends After School Club, the £2.50 charge is still applicable.

Both Clubs will start on 25 January.

Bookings will go live from midday next Tuesday on SCOPAY. We can only accommodate 12 children at each club. So names will be drawn at random if we have more than 12 bookings for each club.

Gardening and Netball Clubs will be starting after February half-term.

Support and Contacts

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

Mind:

www.mind.org.uk tel: 0300 123 3393

Domestic Abuse National Helpline:

tel: 0808 2000 247

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

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

