

Leaffield C.E. Primary School News and Notices

November Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Winners!



I want to start by saying a huge **congratulations** to our very own team of Lionesses! A team of girls from Rosen Class (Year 3 and Year 4) were victorious at the Burford Sports Partnership Under 9s Football Tournament on Tuesday this week. **What an incredible achievement!** There will be plenty more opportunities for children to participate in a range of Burford Partnership sport events throughout this year including: hockey, boccia, street dance, swimming, tag rugby, tennis and cricket. We are very committed to getting the children to these events but it is a challenge securing enough adults to accompany the groups of children. It is hugely helpful when parents volunteer their time to help at these events. If you think you could give a few hours to help (alongside a member of staff) please contact the school office.

The staff team had a very productive INSET day on Monday this week. The whole team were engaged in Read, Write Inc. Training, to expand and further develop our expertise in the teaching of phonics. In the last half term, some of our staff have also been involved in Special Needs training covering a range of topics including: Typical Language Development, Descriptive Commentary, Autism in Early Years and Emotional Regulation. In the coming weeks, the teachers will be working with the ODBE (Oxford Diocesan Board of Education) to reflect on how we can develop children's spirituality. We will also be embedding our work on 'Zones of Regulation'; a programme that help children to manage their emotions.

With regard to other school news, I'm sure our After School Club members has appreciated the developments in this provision. The children have been enjoying a wider range of activities, including crafting, sewing, art, making their own healthy snacks and movie night! (Thank you to Miss Wallace, Miss Winter and Mrs Newbury who create a lovely, relaxing environment for the children.

Finally, as you know I was due to have an operation on 12 Oct which was rescheduled to next week so I will not be in school for a couple of weeks from 9th Nov. During this time, Mrs Abberley and Mrs Kenny will be able to assist with any issues, that would usually be handled by the Headteacher.

Ms Dean
Headteacher

Diary

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

Curriculum Newsletters

Our Curriculum newsletters for Autumn 2 have been posted on the Class Pages of the website today. The newsletters have details about what your child will be learning between now and Christmas and practical updates/changes to class routines. You can access them via these links:

[murphy donaldson](#) [rosen](#) [blackman](#)

Life beyond Leaffield Assemblies

This year, we are continuing with our commitment to broadening the children's experiences. With this in mind, I would love to hear from any parents who would be willing to come into school to talk about their work/career in one of our assemblies. Please email the school office if you are interested in helping the school in this way.

Christmas Events

We have changed some of the dates and timings of our Christmas nativities and concerts. We wanted to give you plenty of notice about the new times/dates.

Murphy Nativity

will be Mon 11th Dec 2.30 p.m. in the School Hall

Donaldson, Rosen & Blackman Christmas Performance

Will be on Wed 13th Dec 5.00 p.m. in the Church

We hope you can join us.

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!

