



# Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

## Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new year and a new term at LHPSN. I do hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas holiday and everyone spent time doing the things they enjoy with people they love? It's very rare that all four of my blended family 'children' are together at the same time as they work and study all around the country, so it was lovely to have everyone together to celebrate the festive season and to spend precious time with them all in one place.

It is always a pleasure to return to LHPSN, despite the dark mornings and evenings of term two and the fog over the Lickeys. The children bring their own 'sunshine' and have settled into the routines and structures of the school day, the first Golden Book visitors have been to see me already. As always we have some informative and enjoyable events planned for our children and families including class assemblies and Chinese New Year celebrations. Next week, we also welcome Mrs. Bowling our new Hive and school office administrator, to the LHPSN staff team. I know she is looking forward to joining us. We also welcome three new student teachers from the University of Birmingham learning from and working with our super staff.

Along with the newsletter, you will also find attached, a reminder letter of school's procedures to ensure that LHPSN continues to be a safe, happy and successful school for everyone.

Yours in learning,  
Miss A.L.Salisbury  
Headteacher



### Attendance Award

**KS1**

**2AH - 97.45%**

**KS2**

**3HC - 97.18%**

### LHPSN Wow News

Mrs. Tomlinson our Office Manater has raised an amazing £78.00 by making festive bookmarks. She has donated the money to KS1 for books.



### Safeguarding Update

**Collection from Clubs (not The Hive)**  
Parking when collecting from teacher and coach led clubs should not be on the school site or the allocated Hive parking area as there is not enough room on the site. The volume of cars at 4.15/30 along with children leaving various clubs is dangerous for both pedestrians and drivers therefore please do not access the school site by car.

### Miss S's Golden Book Stars



Danny (RJR)  
Orla (RJR)  
Liam (LB1)  
Marcus (LB1)  
Joseph (3HC)  
Oliver (1KG)

Well done everyone for making such a super start to school after the Christmas break. This week I have seen lots of:

Effort  
Perseverance  
Cooperation  
Trust  
Courage  
Empathy

Our new value for the next three weeks is forgiveness.

**Passwords** - you may wish to change your password this term, please contact the school office to inform them of the new password. As always, ensure that anyone collecting your child, other than you, has the collection password otherwise we will not release your child to them. If your child is going home for tea with another parent - they will need your password. Teachers will ask for passwords to ensure your children are with an adult you have entrusted.

### Dates for the Diary

14.01.19 - PTA Meeting in Bungalow - 6.00pm-7.00pm  
15.01.19 - Cut off day for Nursery Applications  
13.02.19 - Yr4 FAME Concert  
15.02.19 - Valentines Disco - 6.30pm-8.00pm - Tickets on sale soon from PTA



# What have we been up to this fortnight



**E** Nursery have had a wonderful return to school and it has been lovely to hear all their Christmas news. We are starting our winter theme and have enjoyed a walk around school to spot the signs of winter before warming ourselves up with a delicious hot chocolate and marshmallows. We are looking forward to making bird feeders next week, it will be exciting to watch the animals feed on them.

**F** **S** **R** **eception and nursery admissions deadline** is Tuesday 15th January. For Reception places you need to apply online through the local authority. Please note you need to apply to the authority of your home address. If you would like to apply for a school in a different authority, they will be able to guide you through how to do this. For nursery applications please contact the school directly for the relevant paperwork. Please get in touch via the office mail address if we can help you further.

Reception have had a wonderful start to coming back to school after the busy festive period and it's been lovely to share all their exciting news. We have got straight back into routines and are enjoying the Gruffalo's child this week as we begin a Winter's theme. We have had lots of lovely discussions about the characters in the story and enjoying making our own characters using different materials. Jo Reading

**K** **S** **1** We hope all of our Year 2 Parents/Carers had a lovely Christmas break with their children! The children have come back beautifully this week and have been working very hard. In Maths we are continuing to learn about measuring length and have started to apply what we have learnt into solving word problems, using bar models to help. We are using our column subtraction and addition skills to help with this. In English we are reading Jim and the Beanstalk! We have had a think what could be at the top of the beanstalk and included similes in our writing. In Theme we have learnt the names of the continents and oceans and where they are in our world.

**K** **S** **2** Welcome back Lickey Hills! I'm Will from 6CW and I'm Evie from 6MT and we are Head Boy and Head Girl. We wanted to wish you a Happy New Year and we hope you had a relaxing Christmas break. We all have lots to look forward to this half-term. Our talented Year 4's will be performing in a Fame Concert in February and we also have some very special visitors coming in to school to help us celebrate Chinese New Year! Keep an eye out for class assemblies too; we have one nearly every week! We hope you all are very excited about this term. Let's get this New Year started!

## Language Base 1

LB1 have had a great start to the New Year. They have welcomed a new pupil into their class who has already made lots of new friends. They are covering a topic called "Where are we in the World", and have made a map of their journey to school. We also had some astro turf fitted just outside the classroom area, which they will be making great use of.

## Language Base 2

Happy New Year from the teachers and children in LB2! It's been a good week because all our children have returned back after Christmas with a super attitude to their learning. Everyone is really positive and looking forward to finding out lots of new things with new topics and themes.

## News from the Hive



Welcome back and Happy New Year to all our children and families! It is lovely to have our children back. We have lots to look forward to in the Hive this term. Parents will be pleased to know that we are starting our home learning club next week, so the children encouraged to work quietly in our pods to complete their will be home work/ reading. If you have not had chance to complete our Hive questionnaire yet, we would be extremely grateful if you could, as we are always striving to progress further.

Thank you Zoe Lynch

## Additional News

PTA meeting - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January  
6pm - 7pm in the Bungalow on School Drive - everyone welcome. You don't have to be "on the PTA" to attend. We'd really welcome a few new faces. If you can't attend but are able to help out with either the Valentines Disco (15th Feb - 6.30pm - 8.00pm) or with helping to organise a golf day please get in touch and we will keep you informed of the plans.

Many thanks  
Sarah (PTA Secretary)