

Leavesden Newsletter



18th February 2019



Dates

11/2 Parents Consultations—Adventure, Star, Explorers

12/2 Parents Consultations—Diamond, Bear, Discovery

13/2 Parents Consultations—All classes (second hand uniform sale 2:45– 6:60pm)

14/2 Parents Consultations—Otter, Octopus, Rocket

15/2 Parents Consultations— Rainbow, Acorn, Puzzle

18/2 Half Term—**school closed**

25/2 School Starts

25/2 Nursery applications deadline

28/2 Diamond Parent Lunch

1/3 Octopus Konflux Theatre day

6/3 Friends of Leavesden bag collection

7/3 World Book Day—wear Pyjamas

Super Learners

Rainbow: Tyler, Umut, Leandro, Matthew

Bear: Shana, Paveen, Brooke, Evan

Acorn: Kelo, Malachai, Tida, Leon

Puzzle: Ruby, Maya, Jay, Jessica

Octopus: Emie, Adam, Evie, Tavish

Rocket: Riley, Amy, Ruby Rose, Harrison

Star: Rosie May, Cayden, Aston, Nikitha

Otter: Freddie, Kiki, Maria, Dennis

Diamond: Aryan, Molly

Explorers: Archie, Ella

Adventure: Tizarnie, Kye

Discovery: Emily, Charlie

All children in KS2 have been invited to write an article for the newsletter. If you and your child do something exciting, write about it and submit it for consideration.

Word Search

Every class has subscribed to two magazines! Find some of the titles of the magazines we will soon be receiving:

wildlife

pony

horrible

histories

Dr Who

match

national

geographic

spiderman

beano

Do you have a magazine at home? What's your read of choice?

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Coffee Morning

Thank you so much to the parents who attended the coffee morning this week. The focus of our discussion was 'Communication'. The parents who attended reflected that the positives of school communication with parents included:

- ✓ The class twitter pages (when they are updated regularly) are a great help in talking to your children their learning in the classroom
- ✓ The communication with parents about the Snow Day was timely
- ✓ Generally, emails to parents are helpful
- ✓ The termly list of dates is appreciated
- ✓ The new organisation of Parent Consultations is welcome
- ✓ The newsletter which includes a wordsearch for children and children's contributions

Suggestions for improvements include:

- ☞ Keeping the website up-to-date
- ☞ Providing parents with more information about events and reasons for them to attend
- ☞ Sending more reminders
- ☞ Trying to make sure we are a warm and welcoming school, even when things are busy
- ☞ Explaining decisions that we make as a school so that parents fully understand the reasons behind our actions
- ☞ Informing parents of whether or not we will be organising events that run nationally, for example, Red Nose Day
- ☞ Improving the visibility of how much our office team do—they work incredibly hard and we need to share that!
- ☞ Teachers to send letters home as soon as they receive them

It is crucial for us to improve communication with you, our parents and carers. Essentially, communication strategies create a much stronger bond between parents, pupils and teachers to form a strong community that works together to produce the best in education. Hopefully, as we continue to work on improving our school, you will notice improvements in our communication with you.

For our future coffee mornings, if you have any suggestions for topics and themes, please email them to the school office before the end of half term.

Written by children, for children

What it is like to have a new puppy?

By Molly Creed, Diamond Class

Care

You can fill a cup with lukewarm water and dip the baby wipes or cotton swab in it. After that, run the moist tip of baby wipes through their skin so they are nice and clean. Keep in mind that puppies bite alot when they are little and they usually cry there first few nights away from their mothers. Make sure that they are cared for and have a lot of attention.

Training

The first method is called capturing. Stand in front of your puppy holding some of his dog food or treats. Wait for him to sit – say "sit" and give him or her a treat. Then step backwards or sideways to encourage him to stand and wait for him to sit

Food

At around four weeks of age, puppies can begin to eat solid food., a high-quality dry puppy kibble can be soaked with warm water and milk .Puppies should be fed three to four times a day therefore if you are currently feeding $\frac{3}{4}$ a cup of puppy food twice a day you should consider spacing it out by feeding $\frac{1}{2}$ cup three times a day. Smaller meals are easier to digest for the puppy so energy levels don't rise to a high standard.

Sleep

The average dog sleeps for about 12 to 14 hours per 24-hour cycle. That's just the beginning, though. Puppies, who expend a lot of energy exploring and learning may need as much as 18 to 20 hours. Older dogs also tend to need more rest, as do certain different type of dogs