

Limbrick Wood Primary School
FAMILY NEWSLETTER
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School News

The first half term has flown by, we have had a great few weeks in school and the children are settled and working hard..

Questionnaires: This is a half term where we are really seeking the views of everyone to do with school. Please could you return your completed questionnaires as soon as possible, remember your views are important to us. In the meantime we are seeking views of the children as well as all staff members and parent helpers.

Father Brian would have been really proud of our whole community over the Harvest Festival period. Your generosity was truly amazing and your produce raised £400 towards helping children in Africa. A huge thank you to everyone involved, once again we demonstrate that even when times are hard, the Limbrick Wood community will help others.



Helping Hands Week will start on Monday 16th of November and finish on Friday 20th, "Children in Need" day. A programme of events will be sent out closer to the date, but I would like to give you early warning of several events that week:

- Recycle your once loved goods, this is a posh Jumble Sale that we will hold in school. Please could you look for anything that you might be able to donate to your class so that it can be recycled (sold) on.
- There will be a school disco during this week, separate times for our younger and older children.
- The Friday will be Children In Need day and we are asking children to pay £1 each and come dressed in blue. Staff will also pay for the privilege as well.

There will be lots of other events as well, so it promises to be a brilliant week.

Parent Night is on Wednesday 4th November at the end of the school day, please use this chance to come in and see the class teacher and find out how your child is progressing.

Attendance has now become a major issue for the school. Our school target set for us through Ofsted is now 93.5% and this year it is vital that we

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achieve this target. On Open Night you will be able to access your child's attendance record for this year, we are looking for every child to attend 93% of the time. Class teachers will monitor attendance for the children in their class on a daily basis as it is vital that the schools' attendance figures improve. If your child is on the Special Needs register it is absolutely vital that they attend, they cannot learn if they are not here.

Our children are becoming better timekeepers in the morning and we have far fewer late arrivals every day. A big thank you to everyone concerned, many of the really important learning intervention groups take place first thing in the day, this is essential learning and must not be missed by the children.

Our Education Welfare Officer is in school every week and she is a lovely person. If you are experiencing any difficulty in getting your child to school she is available to help, just give me a call and we can put you in touch.

A Walking Bus. Look out for a questionnaire coming from our Parent Council about a 'walking bus'. This is a way of getting children to school on time by getting them together with responsible trained adults and walking to school in a group. There is a set route that is travelled every day and adults collect the children on the way and walk safely to school. If you are

interested or feel that you could help, look out for the letter.

Early Learners

We currently have places available in the nursery. We are about to do a leaflet drop within the catchment area advertising the school. If you know anyone who has children that are Nursery or Reception age, please could you make them aware of us and the good work that goes on here.

Christmas Concerts

The concerts this year will be on the 15th, 16th and 17th December at 2.00pm. The concerts will last approx 45 minutes and there will be mince pies and a raffle available.

This year there will also be a Carol Concert in Jardine Crescent at the shops. We will be joined by Our Lady of the Assumption School for the event. The concert is planned for Wednesday 9th December at 2.15pm in the square. The Christmas lights will be switched on then also.

Thank You

A big thank you for your continued support and good will, it means a great deal to us. Have a great half term break and we will see you all again on the 2nd November.

School closes on Thursday 22nd October at 3.15pm and will reopen on Monday 2nd November at 8.55am.