

LMS Matters

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Dear Parents and Carers

A massive welcome back to you all and an extra special welcome to all of our EYFS families (some old, some new) and to other new families who have joined us in other year groups. It's so great to have you as part of our family – you belong here.

With new people joining it was sad to say goodbye to **MRS FAWCETT** this week who is moving on to a job in the prison service. She has had a massive impact on our community and will be sorely missed. I'd like to thank her personally for all she has done for our school. We already have the recruitment wheel turning however and will be advertising for her replacement next week.

I hope you were able to attend one of our **MEET THE TEACHER** sessions this week and got all the information you needed about our school. If you were unable to attend, the presentations will be available on our school website (www.longmeadow.milton-keynes.sch.uk) for you to read at your leisure.

I am pleased to announce that our Business Manager, **MRS MAXFIELD**, gave birth to Bobby Francis James on 6th August weighing 7lb. Mother and baby are doing well. Mrs Maxfield is now on maternity leave and I know you will join me in wishing her all the best with her new arrival.

You may have seen some changes that have occurred over the summer break, Mr Bourke has been a busy boy. Following our whole school improvement theme of **PLAY** this year, (both in and out of the curriculum), Mr Bourke has built us a 'loose parts' play area in KS1 where children will be able to build, started our KS1 rolling hill and dress up area and has devised plans for our woodlands play area on the same playground too. In KS2 we have moved the table tennis areas to allow the table to be used more, as well as freeing up their current home for a loose parts play area and dressing up area. Our art and science rooms are now one room, meaning we can now fit a whole class in there with all the resources at their fingertips. This is just the tip of the iceberg of all the wonderful things he has completed – we are so lucky to have him.

Did you know that **360 PLAY** run **SEND** sessions? These sessions are on the first Wednesday of each month and are now from 3:30 pm till 7:30 pm. The centre will be exclusive to SEND children from 5:30 pm onwards. Purchase tickets online at <https://360play.co.uk/schools-clubs/children-with-send/>. Please see the flyer further on in the newsletter.

I am pleased to be able to share with you that, following the Tommy Flowers SCITT's Ofsted inspection at the end of last term, they received an **OUTSTANDING** grading! We work closely with them and support trainee teachers (most who stay on as teachers with us!) and are #proud of this result.

Finally this week, I wanted to share some science with you. At our INSET last week I shared some Maori traditions with my staff around the theme of **BELONGING**. From this we created our **LMS VALUES STONES** and the children have been having 'campfires' this week in their class 'tribes' to explore this. Did you know, studies today reaffirm the correlation between chronic loneliness, poor health and early mortality? Look out for each other!

It's so great to be back and on behalf of the staff thank you for all your kind words and gifts at the end of last year.

Mr Gray



Our weekly attendance trophy winners were...

EYFS/KS1

FROGS

who achieved

96%

KS2

FERNS

who achieved

99.3%





Long Meadow Legends

Pondskaters – Awadhya for excellent strategies to stay in the Green Zone

Sticklebacks – Ezra for fabulous maths learning

Newts – Anaisha for being brave and trying something new

Frogs – Noah for excellent contributions during class discussions

Bracken – Zac for being a kind and helpful member of the class

Hogweed – Ian for being a really kind friend

Foxgloves – Mari for super focus during learning time

Hawthorn – Teddy for a great attitude to his learning

Ferns – Martin for an incredible start to Year 5!

Thistles – Emma for always offering ideas during discussions

Brambles – Alfie for being such a help pupil!

Teasels – Kimmy for taking part in class discussions

Congratulations to the following children for achieving a

Doodle streak this week:

Dominic L & Valerie K for their 50 day English streak; Naomi R & Alba S for their 50 day maths streak; Dominic L, Amelia L & Noah W for their 100 day maths; Naomi R & Max B for their 100 day English; Max B & Ruby C for their 100 day maths; Hrishikesh D for his 250 day English; Ebun B & Eli G for their 365 English streaks & Ebun B, Enrico P & Eli G for their 365 maths streaks!

Well done!

Sports Person of the Week

Albie in Year 6, Brambles. Albie had a brilliant start to our Tag Rugby topic. He came into the classroom first, started to do jobs, giving books out and then got on with the morning task. During PE he was helpful, engaged throughout, enthusiastic, listened to everything and helped to show some excellent demonstrations to the class using his previous knowledge to support the learning of others and showed ownership to manage their own team's game.

LMS Well-being

The science writer David Berreby wrote:

"It's not hard to see why humans should have evolved to care about their teams and their place in those teams. Relying on each other is a sound survival strategy for a frail, noisy creature without a lot of built-in weapons. Living in groups is a ticket to survival, which is why most primates live in them"

The one true competitive advantage we know is their strength in our togetherness, this is what gives us a fighting chance of 'survival'. We have the ability to form strongly bonded and highly effective groups. Isolation or rejection from a group used to spell premature death - but even now they both still terrify the hell out of us. To feel a sense of belonging is to feel accepted, to feel seen and to feel included by a group of people, believing that we fit in, trusting we will be protected by them. To not feel belonging is to experience the precarious and insecure sense of an outsider.

There has never been a time in human history when our well-being has **NOT** been tied to belonging to a group. Studies today reaffirm the correlation between chronic loneliness, poor health and early mortality. Also, after a heart attack, the strength of an individual's social network is a greater predictor of survivability than exercise, nutrition or medication.

LMS Safeguarding

If you're worried a child may be struggling with their mental health, or is experiencing depression, or anxiety, the NSPCC have got advice to help you support them. Find some amazing resources on the link below.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/depression-anxiety-mental-health/>

D A T E S

FOR YOUR DIARY

School Term and Bank Holiday Dates 2023 / 2024

Term	Open morning of:	Close at the end of afternoon session of:
Autumn Term 2023	Monday 4 September 2023	Friday 20 October 2023
	Monday 30 October 2023	Thursday 21 December 2023
Spring Term 2024	Tuesday 9 January 2024	Friday 16 February 2024
	Monday 26 February 2024	Thursday 28 March 2024
Summer Term 2024	Tuesday 16 April 2024	Friday 24 May 2024
	Monday 3 June 2024	Friday 19 July 2024

Training days agreed to date: (on these days children do not come to school but staff do)

Friday 1 September 2023 / Friday 22 December 2023 / Monday 8 January 2024 / Monday 15 April 2024 / Monday 22 July 2024

Good Friday: Friday 29 March 2024

Easter Monday: Monday 1 April 2024

May Day: Monday 6 May 2024

Autumn Term 2023

Wednesday 6 September
Monday 11 September
Tuesday 12 September
Friday 22 September
Friday 6 October
w/c Monday 16 October
Monday 16 October
Tuesday 17 October
Thursday 19 October
Friday 20 October
Monday 23 - Friday 27 October
Monday 30 October - 1 November
Wednesday 1 November
Thursday 2 November
Friday 3 November
Tuesday 7 November
Tuesday 7 November
Thursday 9 November
Monday 13 November
Thursday 16 November
Friday 17 November
Monday 27 November
Friday 1 December
Thursday 7 December
Tuesday 12 December
Wednesday 13 December
Wednesday 13 December
Friday 15 December
Monday 18 December
Wednesday 20 December
Wednesday 20 December
Thursday 21 December
Friday 22 December

Meet the Teacher sessions (Thistles Thursday 7 September)
Early Year's Autumn & Spring starters
All Early Year's in
Jeans for Genes Day
Year 3 Holdenby House
Year 6 mock SATs
Parent consultations
Year 4 Fitzwilliam museum
PALs Bag2School
PALs Cookie Day
Half Term
Year 5 Bikeability
Biscuits & Books
Individual School Photos
Year 4 Learning Fair
Year 1 MK Museum
Year 6 Viking visitor
PALs Disco
Robin Hood Panto
Year 6 City Discovery Centre
Children in Need
Flu vaccinations
PALs Christmas Fayre
Christmas Jumper Day
KS1 & EYs Awards Assembly
KS2 Awards Assembly
PALs Movies & Munchies
Year 6 Learning Fair
Santa Run
EYFS Performance
Year 1 & Year 2 Carol Concert
Party Day
INSET Day



360 SEND Sessions

1st Wednesday
of every month
from 3rd May

£8.95 per child
all adults free

Westcroft

COMMUNITY LARDER



Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe
Parish Council

Fridays
10am - 1pm

Westcroft Pavilion
Cranborne Avenue
Milton Keynes
MK4 4GB

What is a community larder?

A membership programme
that provides:

- Access to surplus food
- Local business discounts
- Little larder club
- Access to other services and support
- Meet new people in a friendly environment

Who can join?

Anyone who wants to prevent
food waste and save money.
It is not means tested.

Where does the food come from?

A Didcot based charity, providing surplus
food, training and opportunities to young
people and organisations.

One Off
£10
Joining Fee



INDIVIDUAL
MEMBERSHIP
FROM
£3.50
P/WEEK

FAMILY
MEMBERSHIP
FROM
£7
P/WEEK

An **individual membership** provides up to 10 items of food per
week, plus a selection of fruit and vegetables. (family
membership is double that)

Want free food and a
bunch of other benefits?

Sign up today!
www.sofea.uk.com

Registered Charity Number 1155783



Are you concerned about a pupil?



Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

You do not need to wait until you have proof there is a safeguarding concern to step in. If you have a concern, please raise it as this could be the first step to protecting a child.

Staying silent because you do not have proof
may leave a child exposed to danger.

Remember it is not up to you to decide whether a child has been abused **BUT** it is up to you to report concerns so that appropriate action can be taken.

You must share your concerns without delay.

**Concerns are to be reported to the
Designated Safeguarding Leads:**



Designated Safeguarding Lead
Philip Gray - Head Teacher



Designated Safeguarding Lead
Emma Kidd - Deputy Head Teacher



Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Kerrie Evans - Assistant Head Teacher

Working Together to Safeguard Children



WESTCROFT

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FRIDGE

A simple solution to wasting less through the sharing of good-quality food.

Tuesdays 2pm – 4pm
Westcroft Pavilion
Cranbourne Avenue
Westcroft
MK4 4GB

For more details, call Karen on
07891 818 259 / 01908 521538 or email
karen.wheeler@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk



Mobile Top Up Shop
EVERY FRIDAY!
10 - 11.30AM

MKCC Car Park, Strudwick Drive,
Oldbrook, MK6 2TG

Call our Helpline for details: **0300 303 4933**



Mobile Top Up Shop
Every Thursday!
10:00 - 11:30am

Sir Herbert Leon Academy
Car Park, Fern Grove, Bletchley,
MK2 3HQ

Call our Helpline for details: **0300 303 4933**



Mobile Top Up Shop
Every Thursday!!
13:00 - 14:30pm

Rowans Family Centre Car Park,
Fullers Slade, MK11 2BD

Call our Helpline for details: **0300 303 4933**



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- Struggling to pay bills?
- Under pressure from creditors?
- Paying the minimum balance on your credit cards?

WE CAN HELP!



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Community Money Advice

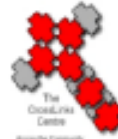


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CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
A BAPTIST CHURCH IN MILTON KEYNES

St Mary's
Bletchley



Grace
CHURCH



The GoodLink
Centre
Assistance & Guidance



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