



### Starling Class

We would like to say a huge thank you to Miss Laidler, who has been teaching in Starling Class for the last two weeks. Unfortunately she is unable to continue after half term but the good news is we have a new supply teacher lined up to cover Mrs Ball's absence. Mrs O'Callaghan is a very experienced former Headteacher who will be joining us for the next few weeks until Mrs Ball is able to return. She has already popped in to meet some of our staff and I know everyone will make her feel very welcome.

Meanwhile Mrs Ball has popped in today to catch up with staff and would like to pass on her best wishes to everyone. She has now been diagnosed with a large disc bulge in her lower spine and will shortly be receiving treatment. She is missing all the pupils - especially Starlings! - and is really hoping she will be able to come back and join us soon.

### Open Morning/Afternoon

This year we are holding both an open morning and open afternoon for prospective parents during November. The dates are on the flyer at the bottom of the newsletter and in our diary dates. This is an opportunity for any parents whose children will be starting school in September 2025 to come and see the great learning that goes on in our school. If you know of anyone with a child due to start school, please do let them know.

### Dress Up Day and End of Term

The children all had a great final day of term, dressed up in their spooky outfits. At the end of the day, FOLS put on a fantastic disco in the Memorial Hall. We hope you all have a great half term break and look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 4th November.

### Mr Turull

#### Notices

- **School Photographs** - Children will have brought home their school photographs this week. These need to be ordered online or returned to the school office by Friday 8th November.
- **Head Lice** - There has been a case of headlice in Goldfinch class. Please can all parents check and treat as necessary. Thankyou
- **Anti-Bullying Week** - On the week of 11th - 15th November we will be supporting anti-bullying week in school.  
On **Tuesday 12th November** we will taking part in 'Odd Socks Day' to celebrate everyone's differences. Please can children wear odd socks as part of their usual school uniform.
- On **Friday 15th November** it is Children in Need Day. Children are welcome to 'wear something spotty' or wear pyjamas. We will have a donation bucket available in the playground should you wish to donate.
- **Parent Consultations** - Sign up sheets for parent consultations are now in reception.
- **Rags2Riches** - If you are due a wardrobe sort out over half term, please consider donating. We have a collection booked for the 12th November. Please use the bags provided or a standard black bag.
- **Social Media** - If you would like to follow our school social media pages, you can find us on both Facebook & Instagram. @Leighonmendipschool
- **Term One Swimming** - With term one now coming to an end, we would be grateful for your contribution towards the travel expenses. This is available to pay for all children in Swallows and Goldfinches.



### News from the Classrooms



The children have been enjoying lots of Halloween themed activities this week! They have learned songs, made potions and created pumpkin and ghost art work. We also had a visitor in our garden on Tuesday, a little hedgehog came out from underneath our mud kitchen to say hello. The children in Robin Class named him Prickles.



Today we reflected on all of the learning we did this term and had lots of fun showing off our Halloween costumes.



This week in Starlings the children have worked really hard on their end of term assessments and in science they have learnt all about their muscles. They had their last session at Wren Woods in which they had some free time to explore and a well deserved hot chocolate!



This week goldfinch class finished decorating their diya lamps ready to celebrate Diwali, the festival of light. The children moulded their clay into sphere shapes then pressed the middle with their thumbs to create the candle hole. They decorated them with metallic paints and gems making sure to use a repeating pattern. How pretty do they all look!



In Science, Swallows have been looking at the effects that diet and exercise have on our bodies. We tested our resting heart rates before and after different exercises.





## Diary Dates

### November

#### Monday 4th

#### Start of Term 2

Wednesday 6th

Parents' Evening - sign up sheets in reception

Tuesday 12th

Odd Socks Day

Wednesday 13th

Open Morning - 9.30am - 11am

Wednesday 13th

Blue Cross visit to school to discuss Dog Safety.

Friday 15th

Children in Need Day

Tuesday 19th

Book Fair arrives at School

Wednesday 20th

Open Afternoon - 1.30pm - 3pm

Friday 22nd

FOLS Print and Prosecco Evening

Tuesday 26th

Book Fair ends

#### Wednesday 27th

#### INSET DAY

### December

Friday 6th

FOLS Movie night & PJs

Saturday 7th

Christmas Fayre & Christmas Tree Sale

Thursday 12th

Christmas jumper day

Friday 13th

Whole School pantomime trip

Wednesday 18th

KS2 Christmas Carol Service TBC

Thursday 19th

KS1 Nativity Play TBC

#### Friday 20th

#### End of Term 2

Requesting  
Recycling



Eco club need:  
Blue green and white bottle tops,  
toilet tubes, scrap paper/fabric,  
lolly sticks or any other recycling,  
or a project.

Please put it box in office.



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**STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2025?**  
Join us for a tour of our lovely village school and  
find out why our children love to learn.



**OPEN MORNING**  
13th November 2024  
9.30am - 11am

**OPEN AFTERNOON**  
20th November 2024  
1.30pm - 3pm

**TO BOOK  
YOUR  
PLACE**

Please call 01373 812592  
Or email - [office@leighonmendipschool.co.uk](mailto:office@leighonmendipschool.co.uk)



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## PRINT & PROSECCO-HO-HO

Come & join us for an evening of creative fun,  
designing & printing your own Christmas cards.

**Friday 22nd November 6:30-9pm**  
Leigh on Mendip Memorial Hall

£15pp includes a glass of fizz and a mince pie

Tickets available from the school office. Numbers are  
limited so be quick!

All materials will be  
provided

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