



# Ladbrooke Primary School

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September



## HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

**Welcome Back**

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope that you have all had a relaxing summer and are now getting back into the school routine. A special welcome goes to all our new children and parents. I hope that you have all had a successful start in the school. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or come and speak to me.

After our visit from OFSTED last year, we are now working on the priorities identified in this report. One of the biggest ones was improving attendance and punctuality. This is where we all need your help and support.

One of the biggest concerns we have is the amount of families requesting holidays during term time. We understand that holidays in term times are cheaper, as teachers we all have to take our holidays during the most expensive times too! However time out of school whether it is at the beginning, middle or end of a term does have an impact on your child.

Often I have heard, it is only one week or I won't do this when they go to secondary school (a particular bug bear of mine). The primary curriculum is very full and often topics are taught in weekly blocks, if your child is absent they will miss the block and it is very hard to catch up and it is not the same just giving work to take away with you—teaching is more than just completing work in books. Imagine a Jenga tower. We are creating the base for your child, if you suddenly have blocks missing, the tower may not fall straight away but the more you start to build, at some point the tower will collapse. We need to build strong towers and as such we need your child in school.

Already, we only have one class with full attendance, well done reception, what a fantastic start. We have a target of 97% across the school for attendance. Please check your child's attendance on the app and help us reach this target.



### School Uniform

The children are all looking very smart. Thank you for ensuring that they are in the correct uniform.



### PLEASE WOULD YOU ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD'S NAME IS IN EACH ITEM OF CLOTHING.

Whilst the weather is still nice, summer uniform can still be worn. Please note that only Ladbrooke polo shirts should be worn, plain white polo shirts are not school uniform. If your child is wearing a shirt, then they should also be wearing a tie.

Trainers are not allowed as school shoes.  
Thank you for your support in this matter.

### Friends of Ladbrooke (FOLS)

Are you interested in finding out more about how our parent's association works, if so, please come along to our FOLS Welcome Night on Wednesday 13th September at 7.30pm in the Builders Arms I hope to see you all there.

### Reading and Phonics Meeting

There will be a meeting for new reception parents (and any other parents who feel it would be useful) to explain how we teach reading and phonics on

**WEDNESDAY 27th SEPTEMBER**

At 6.00pm

In the school Hall

If child care is an issue, please bring your children with you.

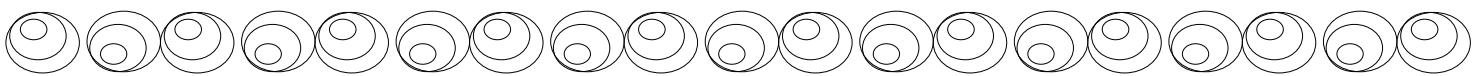


### Parent Information Meetings

Below are a reminder of the dates for the parent information meetings next week. Nursery and reception meetings will be arranged once the children have settled in.

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| Y1 | Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September at 8.45am   |
| Y2 | Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September at 8.45am  |
| Y3 | Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September at 3.00pm    |
| Y4 | Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September at 3.00pm   |
| Y5 | Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September at 3.00pm |
| Y6 | Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September at 3.00pm  |





## Y6 Art Project

Last year the Y6 children created pebbles to make a pathway in the *Friendship Field*. We are very pleased with the result although the pictures do not show it very well so you will have to come and take a look for yourselves



## Cashless School



We have been advised that under the new Hertfordshire insurance policy, we are no longer insured for any cash stolen from our site. Due to this we need all parents to pay for dinners, trips and clubs through the school gateway. We will only take in cash when we specifically say we can e.g. for charity and FOLS events.

If you are concerned about this, please come and see Mrs McCormack in the office and we will find a way forward.

### Dates For Your Diary

WK BEG 11th SEPT  
Parent Information Meetings

WEDNESDAY 13th SEPT  
FOLS Meeting - Builders Arms

WEDNESDAY 20th SEPT  
3.30pm - Y6 Meeting (Secondary Transfer and School Journey)

FRIDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER  
Jeans for Genes Day

WEDNESDAY 27th SEPT  
6.00pm - FS/KS1 Phonics Meeting

FRIDAY 6th OCTOBER  
Y4 Class Assembly

FRIDAY 13th OCTOBER (tbc)  
Whole School Disco

WK BEG - 16th OCTOBER  
Harvest Collection

23rd - 27th OCTOBER  
Half Term

MONDAY 30th OCTOBER  
8.45 Term starts

Thursday 2nd NOVEMBER  
Y5/6 British Museum

THURSDAY 9th NOVEMBER  
Parent Walkabout

### New Parent Governors Needed

We are now looking to recruit parents to join our team of governors at Ladbrooke.

If you are interested in becoming a governor but would like to find out a bit more about it, please do not hesitate to contact our Chair of Governors, Phil Cunningham on **07903202557**

If you are interested, please complete the forms attached with this update and return them to the school office by Monday 9th October



THANK YOU!

### Jeans for Genes

On Friday 22nd September we will be supporting Jeans for Genes. Please bring in £1 to support this cause and your child can come to school wearing Jeans. Please look out for posters displayed around the school. Thank You



### Dates For Your Diary

TUESDAY 14th NOVEMBER  
3.30 - Parent Consultations

THURSDAY 16th NOVEMBER  
5.30 - Parent Consultations

MONDAY 20th NOVEMBER  
Bags to School Collection

THURSDAY 23rd NOVEMBER  
Flu Spray Y1-Y4

FRIDAY 24th NOVEMBER  
Y6 Class Assembly

THURSDAY 30th NOVEMBER  
Winter Decoration Day

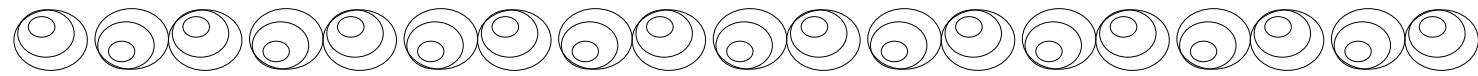
FRIDAY 1st DECEMBER (tbc)  
Winter Fair

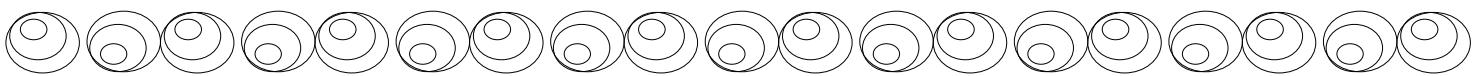
MONDAY 4th DECEMBER  
Whole School Panto

11th & 12th DECEMBER  
FS Nativity Play

14th & 15th DECEMBER  
KS1 Christmas Show

WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER  
Christmas Dinner





### Punctuality



Please make sure that your child is in the playground when the bell goes ready to start the day.

Learning starts as soon as the children come into the classroom and it is very disruptive when children arrive late.

If your child is repeatedly late, they will be kept in at break times to catch up on the work they have missed.



Thank you for your support.



### Reminders - Dinner Money

Just a reminder that dinner money is now £2.30 a day.

Please pay via the school gateway. You can pay daily, weekly, monthly, any way you choose as long as your child always has money on their account.

Thank You

### Results 2017

Foundation Stage 2	National	School
Good Level of Development	72%	67%
	National	School

	National	School
Y1 Phonics	81%	83%
Y2 Phonics		93%

KEY STAGE 1	National	School
Reading	% expected or better	76%
Maths	% expected or better	75%
Writing	% expected or better	68%

KEY STAGE 2	National	School
Reading	% expected or better	71%
Maths	% expected or better	75%
Writing	% expected or better	76%
RWM	% expected or better	61%



### Walk To School Initiative (WOW)



This week we have launched a new initiative to try and encourage more children to walk to school. Not only will walking improve our children's health and fitness, but it will also reduce the congestion around our school and the exhaust fumes that the children are breathing in as they arrive and leave school.



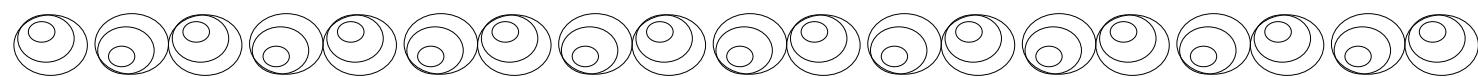
To start off, we have set the children the target of walking at least once a week to school. This can also include cycling or riding a scooter/skateboard. If you live a long way from school and need to use a car, why not try driving to school but parking a little way away and walking the last bit. We are fortunate to have two entrances into school which increases the potential spots you can park in. You could park half way down The Walk and walk up; you could park on the High Street and walk through the park to the back entrance. Or you could park on Billy Lows Lane and walk through the park to the back entrance. Please come and speak to me if you feel you cannot walk at least once a week and we will find a way to ensure that your child does not miss out on earning walk to school badges.

Each morning when your child comes into school, they will log on to the computer and record how they came to school. As long as they have walked at least once a week, they will earn a badge at the end of the month. There are 11 badges to collect. There is even an app you can download (WOW Walk to School), badges can be scanned and games can be played.

All the children were given a badge this week to celebrate the start of the scheme and we were very lucky to meet Strider the walk to school mascot.

Some of the children thought he was very familiar!

Have fun on your walks.



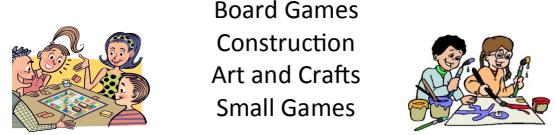
# CLUBS AT LADBROOKE

All our clubs are due to start next week.

If your child is interested in attending any club, please come to the office to collect a letter.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Who For</u>	<u>Run by</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Monday	Orchestra	After School	Y3-Y6	Mrs Swedensky	Free
Tuesday	Multi-Skills	After School	Y1-Y3	CSE Mr Palmer	Speak to office
Tuesday	Choir	After School	Y3-Y6	Mrs Prior	Free
Wednesday	Football	After School	Y3-Y6 Boys	Mr Carpenter	Speak to office
Thursday	Netball	After School	Y4-Y6	Mrs Dowdall	Free
Thursday	Recorders	Lunchtime	FS2-Y6	Mrs Doolan	Free
Thursday	Football Squad	After School	Selected KS2 Children	Mr Ward	Free
Friday	French	Lunchtime	FS2-Y2	Madame Elena	Speak to office
Friday	Girls Football	After School	Y3-Y6	Mr Carpenter	Free

In addition to these clubs we run a successful morning club (wake up and shake up) and after school club (Owlets)

<p><b><u>Wake Up/Shake Up Club</u></b> 8.00am - 8.45am Costs £3.00 a session</p> <p>Run by Emma and Nick from Rhythmix <b>In the School Hall</b></p>  <p>Monday - Multi Skills Tuesday - Circuits Wednesday - Dance Thursday - Drama Friday - Small Games</p> <p>+ every day an option of board games and art activities</p> <p><b>To Book</b></p> <p>Go to the School Gateway App and pay online. You can book on a daily basis if needed but places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment</p>	<p><b><u>Owlets: After School Club</u></b> 3.20pm - 5.30pm Costs £ 5.00 for one hour or £9.00 for two hours</p> <p>Run by Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Stoten <b>In the Owl House and the School Hall</b></p>  <p>Different activities every day including: Board Games Construction Art and Crafts Small Games</p> <p>Activities tailored to the children's interests</p> <p><b>To Book</b></p> <p>You need to complete a registration form before booking for the first time. This is available from the office. Go to the School Gateway App and pay online. You can book on a daily basis if needed but places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.</p>
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**If you do not already have the school gateway app then please could you download it to your phone (it's free)**

- Install the app and if you are asked then say yes to "Allow Push Notifications"
- When you launch School Gateway for the first time, please select 'New User' and enter the email address and mobile telephone number you have registered with the school
- The system will send a PIN code to your phone; please enter this PIN code and the app will be activated for you.

As soon as you've got the system set-up, all of the text messages we send you will appear in the app; you'll receive notifications/alerts as normal.

