

Ladbroke Primary School

Friday 14th October



HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Half a Term has almost gone already!

It seems incredible that we have already approaching the half term break. Time definitely flies when you are having fun!

I hope everyone has made an appointment to see their child's class teacher next week. Following feedback from parents last year we have kept the hybrid option of some face to face meetings and some online meetings. After half term I will send home a short survey to find out if this is still what parents want.

I understand that some people, who did not go on to book early, may not have been able to book the appointment you would have liked. Please contact your child's class teacher if this is the case and they will try to do what they can. Please understand though, they often have work commitments after school (either meetings or after school club commitments). Our day does not finish when the children go home.

I would also like to thank those of you who are carefully reading this newsletter. It always makes me smile when I remind parents of things and their response is that they did not know that, even though it has been written on the last few emails or newsletters.

Happy reading!

School Uniform

A lot of time in school is being wasted looking for jumpers that are not named. Please ensure all clothes are named and you use full names rather than initials as initials can not always be very helpful in the first instance.



Can I also remind all parents that it is black shoes and trainers for school. If your child does not have black trainers, please send them in wearing their black school shoes and then they can change into their trainers for PE. When you come to replace trainers, please can you buy plain black trainers to match our uniform.

Parent's Evening

As mentioned above, it is parents evening next Tues 18th and Thurs 20th. If you have not booked yet, please make sure you book your slot by Sunday 16th October. Please bear in mind there will be limited slots left. Any problems please see you class teacher.

Scooters on Site

I am pleased to see so many children scooting and cycling to school. It is a great way to get the blood pumping before school and to ensure children are awake and ready to learn.

Please can I remind parents though that children need to get off their scooters and bikes when they arrive at school and walk them to the parking pods.

Thank You.

Mobile Phones on Site

For safeguarding reasons, mobile phones should not be used on the school grounds. Please would you ensure that any adult picking up your child from school is aware of this.

During school events, the school will take photos in school using iPad, cameras and iPhone which are owned by the school and only kept in school. Parents should not be taking photos at any event at our school or another school unless it is specifically stated that you can.

Thank you for your support with this





Bags For School Reminder



Thursday 10th NOVEMBER

Over half term please take the opportunity to clear out all your unwanted clothes that can be donated and used to raise money for our school. You can also donate soft toys, linen, towels, paired shoes, handbags, belts and bedding. Please use black bin liners or any other plastic bags to collect your donation. Your bags can be brought into school after school on Wednesday 9th November or first thing on Thursday morning (before 9am).

Thank You

Dates For Your Diary

TUESDAY 18TH OCTOBER
3.30 - Parent Consultations

THURSDAY 20th OCTOBER
3.30 - Parent Consultations

24th - 28th OCTOBER
Half Term

MONDAY 31st OCTOBER
Y6 Well Being Survey

MONDAY 7th NOVEMBER
Individual Photographs

THURSDAY 10th NOVEMBER
Bags 2 School Collection

THURSDAY 17th NOVEMBER
Y4 Class Assembly

WEDNESDAY 30th NOVEMBER
Winter Decoration Day

FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER
Winter Fair

WEDNESDAY 14th DECEMBER
KS2 Carol Concert at St Mary's

WEDNESDAY 21st DECEMBER
Term Ends 1.30pm

dress up day Friday 21st October

Wear What Makes YOU Happy!

£1 donation per child will be collected on the top gate

Children can dress up for Halloween if that makes them happy. However, please avoid anything too gruesome & scary as it scares the younger children. Please keep it fun, no masks and no blood.

Parents may be asked to adjust costumes if inappropriate

ATTENDANCE DATA

Here are the % for attendance in September
Our target continues to be over 96%. Overall our attendance for the
September was 96.1%

Class	%	Class	%
F1	94.5	Y3	95.2
F2	99.3	Y4	97.7
Y1	95.7	Y5	97.3
Y2	93.2	Y6	94.5

Well done to FS2, Y4 and Y6
Remember - Attendance Matters



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You can help raise funds for our school by doing your online shopping through www.easyfundraising.org.uk

All you need to do is register with www.easyfundraising.org.uk and select **FOLS_Friends of Ladbrooke School_Potters Bar** as your chosen cause. Then, any time you want to shop online, login using your username/password, click on the link to your favourite retailer and off you go! There are literally hundreds of retailers to choose from, including Amazon, Tesco, Asda, John Lewis, Argos and Marks & Spencer.

Your shopping experience with these retailers is **EXACTLY** the same as if you went to them direct, except we will receive a percentage of the amount you spend (subject to certain limits). You **DO NOT PAY ANY MORE** and you have the satisfaction of knowing that your shopping is benefitting the school.

HAPPY SHOPPING!

With Christmas Coming — Some ways you can help raise money for the school that do not cost you anything!



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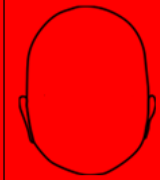
AMAZON SMILE

To choose Ladbrooke JMI as your chosen charity, follow the steps below

Sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser.
From your desktop, go to Your Account and **select** the option to Change your **Charity**.
Or, from your mobile browser, **select** Change your **Charity** from the options at the bottom of the page.
Select a new **charitable** organisation to support.

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RED BUMP NOTES

 LADBROOKE JMI SCHOOL  BUMP NOTICE	
Your child	Date
Your child has had a bump on the head at school today at approximately An initial check has been made and there seems to be no cause for concern.	
Details:	 Please indicate place of injury
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Please see reverse of form for symptoms to be aware of during the next 24 hours	
Signed	

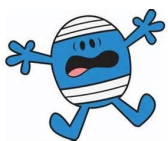
I am sure you are all aware of our red bump notes, some of you more than others! We have had a few concerns recently regarding how often children are coming home with these.

Red bump notes are given to any child who says they have had a knock to the head, even if it is very minor and there is no evidence at all that anything has even happened. The reason for this is that we are not prepared to take any risks when it comes to head injuries as it could be serious. If the trained office staff feel that the head injury is more serious you will receive a phone call from the office to explain what has happened.

You will find that the younger children, particularly those in Nursery and Reception will tend to come home with more red bump notes and injuries. The majority of the time this is due to them exploring their environment but with limited awareness of their surroundings. They tend to focus on themselves and get so involved in what they are doing they forget there are other children around and other obstacles they can bump into and fall over. In KS1, the additional issue is the love of an ice pack and red bump notes so children will say things have happened just to get the coveted ice pack and bump note.

Although we always want our children to be safe and not to be hurt, we do need them to explore, climb, build and learn about risk. If we never give them opportunities to take risks, they will not learn to manage risk and recognise when the risk is too high. In addition to this, in early years in particular, the children need to develop core strength as this will in turn support their ability to sit in class and focus and help them develop better fine motor skills which are needed for art and writing.

I just want to reassure all parents that receiving a red bump note does not mean that their child is being careless or overly clumsy, they are just learning. If we ever had any concerns over a child's physical development, we would of course be in touch with you to discuss this further. If at any point you have any concerns, please contact your child's class teacher.



Thank you.

