



Lealholm Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Newsletter

To maximise quality learning time, we would like to remind all pupils to be in school no later than 8.55 so that they are ready to start work at 9.00 am. Children may arrive from 8.45 am onwards. Also to promote independence, we ask that parents escort their child to the school gate and then allow them to enter the school independently. If parents wish to speak to the class teacher, please could this be dealt with at 3.30 pm to allow staff to prepare the day. If you have an urgent matter, please speak to Mrs Ward or telephone the office.

Attendance Please see below our current attendance figures:

Group	Presents	AEA	Authorise d Absences	Unauthorise d Absences	Possible	% Attend
Infant/KS1	456	6	12	0	474	97.5
Junior/KS2	1367	74	12	9	1462	98.6
Totals	1823	80	24	9	1936	98.3

Our attendance is an area that requires improvement and it has been identified by ourselves and our Local Authority as a line of enquiry. This means that a school inspection would be asking very robust questions about it because our average attendance is too low.

Jack and the Beanstalk Reading Initiative The lucky winner of our reading initiative this week is: Robbie

Lealholm Community Led Housing A consultation exercise is being held between 12.30pm and 6.30pm on Thursday 23rd November in the Ley Hall. The Consultation is an opportunity for residents to find out more about an affordable housing proposal in Lealholm, led by local people. There will be a special children's session between 3.30pm and 4.30pm during which school children will be able to take part in a nationally recognised community planning exercise called Planning for Real®. A model of the proposed development site will be displayed and children will be able to plan the types of houses and green spaces they would like on the site. The children's input will then form part of the overall consultation.

Cross Country On Wednesday the junior children took part in a cross country tournament at Caedmon School. There were well over 100 athletes in each race with one race having 140 competitors, we had 20 children take part in this tournament and everyone tried their best and ran really well. Well done to the Robbie for achieving 2nd Place in his event.

FOLS Bingo Thank you to FOLS for organising the "Bonfire Bingo" on Wednesday evening this was a fun evening enjoyed by all and the tray bakes delicious.

Samaritans Purse On Friday afternoon the children worked in groups to prepare shoeboxes to send away for Operation Christmas Child. Thank you to all the helpers who came along and for all the generous donations received.

Poppy Appeal We have a box of poppies available in school, if any children wish to bring a donation into school for a poppy they are very welcome to.

PE Kits Please send outdoor PE kits and water bottles into school, Mrs Woods will be taking PE outside when possible. Please ensure that all items of PE kit, bottles and school uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Tetra Pack after half term the KS2 children will be collecting juice/milk cartons with a plastic screw cap for their DT project. If you have any suitable cartons would you please send into school - Thank you.



100 Club Please return your completed forms and monies into school as soon as possible (cheques payable to Friends of Lealholm School). **Please note:** The 100 club has four annual draws: Spring, Summer, Autumn and Christmas. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

H Ward
Headteacher

Key Dates- Autumn Term

NOVEMBER

Friday 17th Children in Need
Thur 23rd KS2 Athletics
Tuesday 28th Swimming Session

DECEMBER

Monday 4th Hamper Packing 9.00 am
Tuesday 12th Over 60's Christmas
Performance 2.00 pm

Wednesday 13th Parents Christmas
Performance 2.00 pm & 6.00 pm

Monday 18th Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 19th Carols in Church

Wednesday 20th Theatre Visit
Thursday 21st Christmas Party
Friday 22nd Close for Christmas Break

Holiday Dates 2017-2018

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Friday 22nd December Close for Christmas Break 3.30pm

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Monday 8th January Staff Training Day

Tuesday 9th January School Opens for Spring Term

Friday 9th February Close for half term 3.30 pm

Monday 19th February Return to School

Thursday 29th March Close for Easter Break 3.30 pm

Friday 30th March Bank Holiday

Monday 16th April Staff Training Day

Tuesday 17th April School Opens for Summer Term

Monday 7th May Bank Holiday

Friday 25th May Close for half term 3.30 pm

Monday 4th June Return to school

Friday 20th July Close for Summer Break 3.30 pm