



# Leamington Hastings C of E Academy

## Plant, Grow, Flourish



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Welcome back to school. I hope that everyone had a great half term and was able to spend some time together as a family at some point within the week. The children have returned to school with enthusiasm, ready to start learning about their new topics.

Thank you to those who have sent well wishes, messages and emails since I have been physically absent from school due to having an accident. They are very much appreciated and I will be back in school as soon as I possibly can. In the meantime, I know that the school is in the very safe hands of Miss Scofield and the wider staffing team, and I remain in contact with them on a regular basis.

Yesterday, the Friends hosted a film night for the children. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all and was a great success. Thank you to the Friends for hosting the event, and to the parents who supported it.

You will see that the Muti Academy Trust have installed increased fencing around the school site. Due to the subsidence that we have been experiencing, the insurers have stated that some of our trees are causing problems with moisture being taken out of the ground. To resolve this, a number of trees need to be removed which would create holes in the fencing. It was seen by the trust as a good time to replace the fencing, increasing security around the site and greater safeguarding of the children when in the EYFS outside area.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Suzanne Marson

Headteacher



## **PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS THIS WEEK**

### **LEARNING BEHAVIOUR OF THE WEEK**

**Eagle Owls: Sam, Zara**

**Snowy Owls: Edith, Evie**

### **LEARNER OF THE WEEK**

**Eagle Owls: Emily**

**Snowy Owls: Jude, Emily**

### **LUNCH TABLE OF THE WEEK**

**Green Table**

### **5 READS RAFFLE TICKET:**

**Eagle Owls: Zara, Ava, Will**

**Snowy Owls: Benjamin, Evelyn**

### **CAUGHT SHOWING VALUES**

**Courage: Micaiah, James S, Sam**

**Forgiveness: Max, Barney**

**Generosity: Zara, Gregory, Corrin, Everyone, Barney, Arthur, Evelyn,**

**Matthew, Theo x 2, The Teachers, Edith, Sadie, Lilia, Edith**

**Friendship: Barney x 2, Connor, Evelyn, Sophia, Snowy Owls, Eagle Owls,**

**Ashlyng, Alasdair x 2, Gregory, Moriah, Charlie, James S, James U**

**Thankfulness: Jacob, Evie, Benjamin, Emily, Jude, Emile, Georgia, Zara, Emily, Will, Ava**

**Truthfulness: Leela, James U, Autumn**

### **ACHIEVEMENTS FROM HOME:**

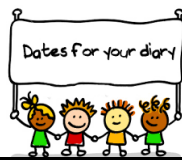
Achievements this week include swimming and gymnastics





Any new dates will be added in red

Tuesday 4th March	<b>Shrove Tuesday</b> Early Years children will be making and eating pancakes in school as part of Shrove Tuesday.
Thursday 6th March	<b>World Book Day</b> Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.  Competition for those who would like to take part—As we love reading at Leamington Hastings, we have decided to run an exciting 'story jar' competition to showcase our favourite books. Children are invited to think about how their favourite book could be represented in a jar or box, for example, by using certain items, quotes or clues about the story. If your child would like to take part in the competition, please send them into school on book day.
Tuesday 11th March	<b>Science week</b> As part of science week in school, <u>one parent per child</u> is invited to come into school from 1:30pm to join in with some science experiments with their child.
Tuesday 11th March	<b>Class Photographs</b> Class group photographs to take place on this date.
Friday 14th March	<b>Passport to world views afternoon</b> The children will be learning about the festival of Holi. This will include a colour celebration where children will walk through coloured powder. Please send your children into school in old clothes on this day.
Monday 17th March	<b>CBSO Centre trip</b> Children from reception to year 2 will be visiting the CBSO centre to listen to a selection of musicians from the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. Please refer to the letter.
Wednesday 19th March	<b>Oxford History Museum trip</b> Children in Key Stage One will be visiting the Oxford History Museum as part of their class topic. Please arrive at school early as the coach will be leaving school promptly at 8.45am.
Thursday 20th March	<b>Global recycling day</b> Children will be making bird feeders within school as part of this day. We would be grateful for any donations of bird seed, yoghurt pots, cardboard tubes or plastic bottles in the lead up to this day. Please send them into your child's class teacher.
Friday 21st March	<b>Red Nose day</b> Children are invited to come into school wearing non—uniform, including something red if they have it, for a voluntary donation. Children are also invited to bring their favourite joke into school to share with their class.
Wednesday 26th March	<b>Mother's Day service</b> Mums, or a female representative, are invited to attend a Mother's Day service within school. Please arrive in school for a 2:30pm start.



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Saturday 5th April	<b>Family games afternoon</b> Save the date! The Friends are running a family games afternoon, including games such as Easter bingo and a beetle drive from 2pm. Further information to follow.
Tuesday 8th April	<b>Easter Church service</b> Parents and wider family members are invited to join us for our Easter church service at All Saints Church. The service will start at approximately 1:45pm.  <b>We would be grateful for any volunteers to help walk the children to and from the church. We will leave school at 1:15pm. If anyone is able to help, please let the school office know.</b>
Thursday 10th April	<b>Easter fun afternoon</b> If your child is in nursery or reception, you are invited to come into school to join them in an Easter fun afternoon from 2pm.
Thursday 10th April	<b>Easter competitions</b> Children are invited to enter the following competitions, for a £1 entrance fee. This will be used to purchase resources to be used by the children.  Easter bonnet competition—children are invited to make an Easter bonnet and bring it into school to share with the rest of the school as part of the morning assembly.  Easter egg competition—children are invited to decorate a boiled egg and bring it into school to share with the rest of the school as part of the morning assembly.
Saturday 28th June	<b>Save the date—Rose Queen Day</b> All children will be invited to come into school to take part in maypole dancing and a traditional

**Alongside dressing up as your favourite character, This year we invite you to join in with our**

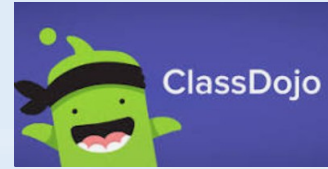
**'A Story in a Jar or Box'**

**Competition for World Book Day.**

**WORLD BOOK DAY**

Using an empty jar or box, represent a story with drawings or items.  
All entries to be in school by 6<sup>th</sup> March. Winners from each year group will be awarded prizes on the day.

# Spotlight on .....



As you know, we use Class Dojo as our method of communication with parents. As we are now half way through the year, it is a good time to remind ourselves of all the things that Dojo has to offer and how we use Dojo as a school.

Class Dojo is an APP that is **free of charge** for parents. We do not recommend that you sign up to pay for the additional features, as we will not use these features as a school.



It is possible for messages to be sent directly to your child's class teacher or members of the leadership team within Dojo. These are private messages that are between the sender and recipient. The leadership team cannot see any messages that you send to teachers, and we ask that any messages that you receive from school staff are kept private. Please note that staff have 48 hours to reply to any messages. Any urgent messages, or messages about appointments and illnesses, should be sent via the school office.

Parents sign up to Dojo through an invitation that is sent home. This invitation only extends to the parents of the child; we do not allow anyone who is not a parent onto Dojo unless there are family situations which have already been discussed with us in advance.

Parent

The 'school story' is where you will find information about what is taking place across the whole school, including nursery. This includes the publication of the weekly newsletter. This area can be viewed by all parents across the school. Feel free to 'like' or comment on posts—we love to hear your feedback.

The 'class story' is where you will find information about what is going on within your child's class. Only the parents of children in that class can see this page; it is not open to the whole school. Teachers are asked to share learning with you two to three times per week. Feel free to 'like' or comment on posts—we love to hear your feedback.

Within both the school story and class story you can see 'events'. This acts as a calendar to show you what events are due to take place in the future. We endeavour to place all events from the newsletter onto Dojo to serve as a helpful reminder.



Whole Class

**MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.** #AttendanceCounts

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Being just 10 minutes late each day equates to 30 hours of lost learning each year...

5 MINUTES LATE 3 DAYS LOST	10 MINUTES LATE 6 DAYS LOST	15 MINUTES LATE 10 DAYS LOST	20 MINUTES LATE 13 DAYS LOST	30 MINUTES LATE 19 DAYS LOST
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## Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole school: 93.8% (Target 97%)

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
100%	100%	83%

## PE Days

Children should wear their P.E. kits to school on the following days:



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Early Years KS1	-	-	-	Early Years KS1

## After School Clubs: Spring term 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Arts & Crafts	Gardening	Cookery Construction Club	Basketball	Street Dance

## BOOK OF THE WEEK

Title: A Sheepdog Called Sky

Author: Helen Peters

Recommended by: Sadie



Sadie recommended the book this week. The main character of the story is an abandoned puppy called Sky. She enjoys reading the story containing the sheepdog Sky and is delighted that Sky finds Jasmine the farm owner.



Click on [Family Information Service](#) for a wide range of information to support families.



Leamington Hastings Academy Parents Group

Please find the link to the Friends of Leamington Hastings parents group.

Please contact Mel Bailey if you have any questions.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/284583758355805/>

## ONLINE SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK



 UK Safer Internet Centre

This week's top tip for parents to  
keep children safe online.

Please find the [link](#) relating to online safety.  
These resources provide topics and suggestions  
for starting and having discussions with neuro-  
diverse young people about their online experi-  
ences.

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In collective worship this week, we explored world kindness day. We linked this with our values of friendship and generosity, and discussed how we can show kindness to one another.

We also learnt about St David's Day, and how St David believed you should 'do the little things'. We also linked this to our values of friendship and generosity.

## TERM DATES 2024/2025

### Spring Term 2025

Half Term: Monday 17th Feb to Friday 21st Feb

**Teacher Training Day Monday 24th February**

Term Starts Tuesday 25th Feb

Term Ends Thursday 10th April

**Teacher Training Day Friday 11th April**

### Summer Term 2025

Term Starts Monday 28th April

Spring Bank Holiday: 5th May

Bank Holiday: 26th May

Half Term: Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May

End of Term Friday 18th July

**Disaggregated Teacher Training Day Monday  
21st July**

For Warwickshire school term dates please [click here](#).

## CHRISTIAN VALUE



## LEARNING BEHAVIOUR

### Recap Rabbit



\* I can read through my work with an adult and correct a mistake.

\*\* I can read through my work independently to make corrections.

\*\*\* I can make additions to my work to make improvements.



## Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness



### Relaxation

Relaxation is when our mind and body is free from stress and tension. Research has found that this can help us to think clearly, concentrate, sleep well, feel more confident and even boost our immune system!

Relaxation can look different for everyone, and it can be helpful to try a few different relaxation techniques to see what works best to make you feel happy and rested.

#### Our Tips for Relaxation:

1- Try some **breathing exercises**, such as finger breathing or square breathing. Breathing exercises are great as you can do them in any place, at any time. Follow the QR code to try rainbow breathing!



2- **Drawing or colouring** can help you to express your feelings and focus on something peaceful. This is a great way to relax your mind!

3- Practice **mindfulness** by taking a break away from any screens and devices. This could be going on a walk or being outside in nature. Try to use as many of your senses as possible, think about what you can see, hear, smell, touch and even taste! You could even try cloud watching to calm your mind.



4- **Stretch it out**, practice yoga to stretch out your muscles to relax and reduce tension. Try following the QR code for a yoga video!

5- A warm **bath or shower** can be a soothing experience that helps to relax muscles and calm your mind. You could make it extra relaxing with quiet music and bubbles!

In Coventry and Warwickshire, for any urgent mental health concerns, contact the RISE Crisis Helpline available 24/7, by calling NHS 111. Alternatively, call 999 or visit A&E in an emergency, for example if medical attention is required.

MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays.

Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.



February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

#### RE: Meal prices

As you may be aware, we completed a trust wide procurement exercise for our catering services in 2020 and awarded the contract to Caterlink, specialist caterers for the education sector. Following this procurement, we have been pleased to see improvements in the quality and freshness of the lunches served in our academies.

Unfortunately, and perhaps inevitably, the prices charged for school meals across England have been steadily increasing. I am sorry to let you know that the prices we are being charged and therefore must pass on will increase to £2.80 a meal from 1 April 2025.

I know this news will not be welcomed, especially so soon after the January increase, but recent research completed by the Litmus Partnership has concluded that a healthy, sustainably sourced school meal should cost £3.16. I often share lunch with our children and remain confident that we are striking an excellent balance between fresh food, high quality, and affordability for all. Our school meals meet all the necessary food standards and I know that Caterlink is always happy to display and serve tasters of their food at parents' evenings, and other events. Please let the school office know if this is something you would be interested in trying.

Once again, I apologise for the price increase and would like to thank you for continuing to work with school and trust leaders as we strive to ensure everyone in our school community can flourish.

Yours faithfully

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Chief Executive Officer

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## Stop norovirus spreading

Norovirus, also known as the 'winter vomiting bug', is the most common stomach bug in the UK. It can spread easily through close contact, or by contaminated surfaces, food or water.

The main symptoms of norovirus include a sudden onset of nausea, followed by projectile vomiting and diarrhoea, usually 1 to 2 days after becoming infected. Other common symptoms include a high fever, a headache and aching arms and legs.

Good hand hygiene is important to stop norovirus spreading.

#### To stop norovirus spreading, you should:

- wash your hands thoroughly using soap and warm water after using the toilet or contact with a sick individual and before preparing and eating food.
- stay off school or work until you have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least two days
- not rely on alcohol gels instead of washing your hands, as these do not kill the virus
- wash any contaminated clothing or bedding using detergent at 60°C using disposable gloves to handle any items
- use bleach-based cleaners to disinfect surfaces

If you catch it, stay home for 48 hours after your symptoms clear

#### DO

Wash clothes and bedding at 60°C



Wash hands with soap, clean surfaces with bleach-based disinfectants



#### DON'T

Go to work or school, visit care homes or hospitals



Prepare food for others



Most people will make a full recovery in 2-3 days without needing any medicine. It is important to keep hydrated – especially children and the elderly.

Try not to visit A&E or GP surgeries if you have symptoms of norovirus unless advised to do so by a healthcare professional, as this may spread the bug to others. Call ahead to a GP or ring NHS 111 if you are worried about your symptoms.

Further information is available at NHS 111 or NHS.uk (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/norovirus/>)

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Rugby Borough Children and Family Centres (CFC) Spring Term Timetable 26th February - 12th April 2025				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Walk-in Wardrobe</b> Pre-loved clothes for 0-5's 9.30am to 11.30am <b>Toy Library</b> 9.30am to 11.30am Claremont CFC	<b>Toddler Time</b> <b>Booking essential*</b> Aimed at 0-5 years 10.00am to 11.30am Boughton Leigh CFC	<b>Little Stars</b> For 0-5yr olds with SEND 10.00am to 11.00am Claremont CFC	<b>Toddler Time</b> <b>Booking essential*</b> Aimed at 0-5 years 10.00am to 11.30am Claremont CFC	<b>Walk-in Wardrobe</b> Pre-loved clothes for 0-5's 9.30-11.30am Claremont CFC
<b>Baby Time</b> <b>Booking essential*</b> Non-walkers from birth 10.00am to 11.00am Claremont CFC	<b>Baby Time</b> Non-walkers from birth 10.00am to 11.00am The Barn @ Houlton (CV23 1AL)	<b>Baby Chatter Matters</b> <b>Referral Only</b> please see a member of staff 10-11am Wolston Village Hall	<b>Baby Massage</b> <b>Limited Availability</b> please see a member of staff 10.00-11.00am Claremont CFC	<b>Toddler Time</b> Aimed at 0-5 years 10.00am-11.00am Rogers Hall, Hillmorton (CV21 4EN)
<b>Toddler Time</b> <b>Booking essential*</b> Aimed at 0-5 years 10.00am to 11.30am Long Lawford CFC	<b>Toddler Chatter Matters</b> <b>Referral Only</b> please see a member of staff 10.30-11.30am Overlade Community Centre	<b>Walk-in Wardrobe</b> Pre-loved clothes for 0-5's 12-2pm Claremont CFC		<b>Baby Time</b> Non-walkers from birth 1.30pm-2.30pm Long Lawford CFC
<b>Toddler Time</b> <b>Booking essential*</b> Aimed at 0-5 years 2.00pm to 3.00pm Cawston Community Hall (CV22 7GU)	<b>Story Explorers</b> Starting 11th March (4 weeks) <b>Contact centre if interested</b> Course for parents and children 1-2pm Claremont CFC	<b>Number Explorers</b> Starting 6th March (4 weeks) <b>Contact centre if interested</b> Course for parents and children 1-2pm Boughton Leigh CFC	<b>Central Baby Time</b> Non-walkers from birth 1.30pm to 2.30pm Hill Street Youth & Community Centre (CV21 2NB)	<b>Rugby Children and Family Centres</b> are a source of information on a wide range of issues for families with children, young people 0-19 or up to 25 with SEND. Please ask a member of staff for further information or signposting.
<b>Saturdays</b> Stay & Play session for dads, grandpas and male carers 2nd Saturday of the month <b>Monthly dates:</b> 8th March 12th April 10.00am to 11.30am Claremont CFC	<b>Toddler Chatter Matters</b> <b>Referral Only</b> please see a member of staff 1.00-2.45pm Long Lawford CFC	<b>Baby Time</b> Non-walkers from Birth 2.00p to 3.00pm Cawston Community Hall (CV22 7GU)	<b>Baby Signing</b> <b>Limited Availability</b> please see a member of staff 1.30-2.30pm Claremont CFC	

## Draycote & Leam Valley Benefice

# Building Church

2nd Wednesday of the Month  
3.30-5pm  
All Saints Church, Leamington Hastings

A relaxed space for grown ups and children to:

- Chat and catch up over a drink, Lego build and/or craft activity
- Hear a Bible story
- Explore a prayer activity
- Sing
- Share a light dinner

Everyone welcome

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