

Weekly Newsletter

11th October 2024



Message from the Head

AUTUMN TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

Harvest Festival

Thank you for all the lovely donations that the children brought into school on Wednesday. These go directly to DENS, our chosen local charity to support the foodbank and homeless people. The children also heard about the Bishop's Appeal which this year is about helping people with leprosy. More information can be found [here](#). Class 3 were lucky enough to enjoy Harvest at St Albans Cathedral on Wednesday where lots of schools gathered together for a wonderful celebration. In the afternoon they had a drama workshop, within the cathedral, to learn about St Alban himself and the Roman town of Verulamium. They all had a fantastic day.



Non uniform Day for Chronic Granulomatous Disease

Thank you for sending donations in today for the CGD charity. Two boys in our school have a very rare genetic condition called Chronic Granulomatous Disease (CGD). The money raised is going to the CGD society as they have given great support to the family while the boys have had their bone marrow transplants. Ben spoke very well in assembly today about their condition. Bobby is still having treatment following a bone marrow transplant earlier this year.

I look forward to seeing lots of you at the apple parade tomorrow.

Kind regards, *Mrs Laura Whateley*

SEN and PPG coffee morning Tuesday 15th October 9.00

The next SEND and PPG coffee morning will be held on 15th October. The speaker will be Andrea Elton - our family practitioner from Children's Services, Hertfordshire County Council. Please see the poster attached to the newsletter for more information and we would love to see you there.

Secondary Application for 2025- reminder

Don't forget the deadline for all secondary applications for September 2025 is the **31st October 2024**.

After School Sports clubs

Don't forget netball, multisports and tennis clubs held after school. If you would like to book your child on please [click here](#) for more details. Our numbers are much reduced from last year and if you have any feedback it would be much appreciated.

Values Award

Kindness, Respect, Resilience

Class 1

Robyn for helping a friend, looking after her when she was poorly - super kindness.

Class 2

Francesca for her resilience in all of her work, and trying really hard in everything that she does.

Class 3

Ava for showing all of our school values all of the time.

Class 4

Emily for settling brilliantly into class 4 and for demonstrating respect, resilience and kindness in her first week at LMS.

Class 5

Isaac for always being respectful and ready to learn.

House points

Larks 156

Martins 141

Swifts 155

Congratulations to the Larks!

Attendance this week

Class 1 82.4%

Class 2 96.3%

Class 3 99.8% Well Done!

Class 4 94.8%

Class 5 93.3%

Whole School Attendance this year: 93.9%

Target for this year: 96%



Coming Up

Monday 14th October

- Gymnastics
- Gardening Club

Tuesday 15th October

- Summer sports (KS1 & KS2)
- Tennis (KS1 & KS2)
- Game on Football Club (KS1)

Wednesday 16th October

- Multisport Club (KS1 & KS2)

Thursday 17th October

- Girls Football - lunchtime
- Game on Football Club (KS2)
- Netball (KS1 & KS2)
- French (KS1)
- Piano and guitar lessons

Friday 18th October

- French (KS2)
- Drum Lessons

Additional Information

For this week's letters [click on the image below ...](#)



Dr Kathy Weston - Raising a Child in the Digital World: Striving for Balance

Thursday 17th October, 6pm start, Tring School

Tring Schools have organised this talk by Dr Kathy Weston. She will share both the benefits and wide-ranging risks and harms associated with children's engagement with the digital world. Parents will leave the talk more knowledgeable, empowered and with strategies for talking to their children about the online world. They will also leave feeling more confident and with a better understanding of how to manage pressure from one's children and their peers to have unfettered access to social media and smartphones from an early age.

Ivy Mining Bees

You have probably noticed we have lots of bees who have taken up residence beside Class 5. These bees busy themselves at this time of year making homes in the ground and collecting Ivy pollen. They are harmless and won't sting you so we are removing the red and white tape so you can use the path again. Please stay on the path around Class 5 to avoid the bees. If anyone has a bee allergy and they are concerned, please do speak to us. Thanks.

Book Fair coming to school Tuesday 15th October!

A great chance to get books for Christmas. The book fair will be in the hall after school and classes will visit throughout the day. Children will be able to pay with cash but parents can use cards after school.



Class 1 snack donations

As part of our early years curriculum, we are enabling children to make their own snacks mid morning. To do this, we require a small donation each half term. If you haven't made a donation yet, the payment link is available via Arbor.



Parents' Evening Sign up- reminder

The link to sign up for parents' evening is live so please sign up for the slot you would like, either in person or online. This is the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and to discuss your child's progress so far this year. These are really important meetings and we urge everyone to attend or speak to your class teacher on the playground if you are not able to. Please use this link to sign up: [SchoolCloud - Long Marston VA CoFe Primary School](#).

Dates for this half term

| Date and time | Event |
|---------------------|---|
| Sat 12th Oct 10.10 | Tring Apple Parade children meet 10.10 The Old Church House. Dress in sports wear or bright colours. Parents to accompany younger children. |
| Mon 14th 3.30-6.00 | Parents' evening in person in school |
| Tues 15th 9.00 | Book Fair after school SEND and PPG coffee morning |
| Weds 16th 5.00-7.30 | Parents' evening online |
| Thurs 17th 6.00 | Dr Kathy Weston- raising a child in a digital world presentation. Tring School. |
| Tues 22nd Oct | Headteacher afternoon tea |
| Thurs 24th Oct | Perform Workshop to Class 1 and 2 |
| Fri 25th Oct | Break up for half term. No After School Club. |

PTA Update

 The PTA have organised a Christmas Design Project for this Autumn term. The project aims to encourage creativity and design skills whilst raising funds for our school. Each child has brought home a sheet of paper on which to create a festive design, this is also an order form for a range of items. Each child's design can be professionally printed and purchased on cards, gift tags, wrapping paper, and mugs. 

Please read the artwork guidelines printed on the order form. Some helpful tips:

- Most art materials can be used, but colour pencils, white or silver attached to a white background, and photographs are not recommended.
- Bold and bright designs that fill the paper produce the best effect. Large areas of white background are less effective.
- Important details must not be placed within 5mm of the edge of the paper.
- Artwork must be attached to the order form with the arrow on the form circled indicating the top of the work.
- Please keep designs flat and damage free, as marks will show on the final print.

Orders and payment may be made online using the code located at the top of the order form. Each order form is unique so please do not photocopy the form. If any other members of your family wish to join in, we have spare order forms.

Please place orders and return artwork to school by October 23, 2024. We can not accept any late orders. Orders will be delivered by the beginning of December.



Scarlet Fever

As many of you will be aware there have been lots of viruses in school in the last few weeks. However, we wanted to let you know that we have also had confirmed cases of Scarlet Fever within our school community. For more information about Scarlet Fever and the symptoms please [click here](#)

Caldecotte

Further to the letter sent out last week we will be offering Class 5 a residential trip to Caldecotte from Monday 19th-Friday 23rd June 2024. We need a commitment from the majority of the class as well as a **deposit of £50.00 by Friday 25th October 2024** and assurance that the full cost of the trip will be met.



Parent Consultations
Monday 14th and Wednesday 16th October

