

"The magic of December lies in the courage to chase the last dreams of the year."

Highlights...

What a busy end to the term we've had! The return to school began with the launch of Rocksteady! The children were so excited to join in with the 'rock band' and it is wonderful to have so many children signed up to start this officially in January.



Year 6 attended a workshop with the author S F Said, where he talked about his inspirations for writing. All children received a copy of his book, Tyger, too!

Christingle

Our Christingle Service at the Church was another wonderful event and it was lovely to have so many parents and carers there to join us. Once again, the singing was amazing and we were so proud of all of the children!



Staffing updates

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Shayler to the Leverington team. She will be teaching Year 3 and has already been in school to spend some time getting to know the children and staff ahead of the new term.

We are also very happy to confirm that Mr McVittie will be staying with us in Year 4 until the end of the Summer Term.

Miss Hodgson joins us in Reception.

We would also like to introduce two new Teaching Assistants to the team: Mr Connor and Mrs Ablett.

We are looking forward to the positive impact they will have in the classroom and beyond.



We say goodbye to Mrs Burch and Miss Thompson as they move on to exciting new opportunities and challenges. We would like to thank them both for all the energy, care and commitment they have given during their time with us and know they will be missed. Please join us in wishing them the best of luck for the future.

Leadership structure

We are excited to announce an exciting change to our Leadership Team, following the appointment of Mrs Shayler.

We will now have 3 Assistant Headteachers, responsible for the day to day management of the school in the absence of the Co-Headteachers, as well as

Mrs McMullen: Leading Reception, Year 1 and 2

Mrs Shayler: Leading Year 3 and 4

Mr Copeman: Leading Year 5 and 6

Further information about this structure to follow...

Let's Celebrate!

We love hearing about and celebrating the achievements of our pupils both inside and outside the classroom! If your child has enjoyed success in activities such as sports, Beavers, Cubs, or any other pursuit they do outside of school, we would be delighted to hear about it. Please send a quick email and photo to the school office, and we will proudly display these accomplishments in school for everyone to enjoy.



Thank you to everyone who has supported our festive fundraising this year. Our Christmas Tree decoration competition was a success and raised £60 towards our Christmas fundraising pot.



The conservatory tree looked fantastic with all the handmade creations!

Through your attendance and generous contributions at the Christmas Fayre, nativity performances, hot chocolate stall and Santa's grotto, we have raised a fantastic **£1161!**

This will be used to purchase a group set of iPads to support teaching and learning in school.

Wraparound Club

We are delighted to be able to continue our afterschool wraparound provision in January.

We welcome Mrs Johnson to the team as Midday Supervisor and Afterschool Club Assistant. She will be in wraparound every day. Mrs Baldry will work alongside her on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. She is also our school cook so the children will be familiar with her.

Mrs Edwards will continue supporting on a Wednesday.

The Golden Table

Introducing 'The Golden Table' - Celebrating Lunchtime superstars!

We are excited to share a new initiative at Leverington, designed to celebrate and encourage excellent, valued lunchtime behaviour. This has not been shared with the children yet, but will be introduced in January!

Each week, our Midday Supervisors and teaching staff will be on the lookout for children who consistently follow our lunchtime behaviour expectations, including:

- Talking quietly to friends on their table
- Using a knife and fork correctly
- Showing good manners to staff and peers
- Entering and leaving the dining hall sensibly
- Cleaning their space and plates after eating

Each week, 3 children who display these valued behaviours will be invited to sit at 'The Golden Table' with a friend of their choice - this is a special, celebratory table reserved for those who have demonstrated the above. Pupils will enjoy a little extra recognition, being served first, sitting at the 'golden table' and the pride of being a fantastic role model to others!

We hope this initiative will help reinforce the valued behaviours we expect and create a safe, calm and respectful environment for all children.

We look forward to celebrating many of our lunchtime superstars in the new year!

Diary dates...

Monday 15th December

Pantomime (packed lunches, please); please arrive at school at 8:30am

Wednesday 17th December

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 17th December

2:30pm Festive 'make and take' session for parents

Friday 19th December

Christmas parties in class - Christmas jumpers/outfits allowed.

Monday 5th January

Spring Term starts

Wednesday 7th January

Year 6 to Young Voices, Birmingham



Keep an eye on Class Dojo for updates and more diary dates for next term.

We look forward to a busy and exciting Spring term.
See you next year!

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May we take this opportunity to thank all of our staff, governors and parents for their support this term.

We wish every member of our Leverington community a wonderful and restful Christmas break, and a happy and healthy New Year!