

LOSELEY LIFE

Week ending 23 October 2009

LETTER FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Well, where did this half-term go? The school has made an excellent start to the Autumn term and we have been very busy getting to know our new teachers and teaching assistants and finding our way around the school. And that's just me!

Earlier this term, we arranged opportunities for parents to meet their children's class teacher and to hear about the work and activities in store. The parents that attended found the information very useful and these meetings will become a part of our school calendar at the beginning of each new school year. I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity next year, if you did not manage the meeting this term.

Acorns have made a fantastic start to their primary school career and have shown how the Children's Centre and nurseries prepare them so well for school. Last week, the school opened its doors to new parents and children to help them make a decision about their new school. Year 6 were very impressive guides, proudly showing parents around the building and giving them inside information about how fabulous we all are.

Acorns staff arranged a special coffee morning for parents and this gave us an opportunity to talk about the learning that happens in Acorns class and to see the children learning in the classroom environment. The staff and parents have agreed it was a great success and they are arranging a coffee morning a term.

Today we have had our own Harvest Festival Assembly and learnt about what harvest means and what it is called across the world. The whole school was involved in singing, poetry and pictures and Peter Hitchcock came and told us about the story of an apple and the wonder of its journey from a pip to a supermarket.

This week, parents have had a more formal meeting with their children's class teacher. We are concentrating on children's progress in writing and mathematics this year and I am sure your child will be talking about their targets to help them improve their literacy and numeracy skills. There will be evenings for parents about supporting your child in their learning. Please look out for dates after half-term.

The children have enjoyed earning their Headteacher's Award and gold stickers this half-term. They have received special mentions in our Celebration Assembly each Friday and receive the greatest accolade of all, the support and admiration of their peers. We are hoping that the new Headteacher's Award certificate will be ready soon and I congratulate Judy Taverner on winning the design of the Headteacher's Award competition. There are many children who have already achieved this award and I will dedicate a whole page of the Newsletter to listing their names. Well done to all those children.

I would like to wish everyone a great half-term. Keep safe and enjoy some time with your families and friends. I would like to thank all the staff for all their hard work this half-term and for giving the children such a positive start to a new year at Loseley Fields.

I can't wait to see what the next half-term brings. Can you?

DON'T' FORGET

The school is closed for a staff training day on Friday 23 October 2009.

Half term takes place next week, 26-30 October 2009.

We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 2 November 2009 at 8.45am.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Parents are welcome to come to these assemblies which start at 9.00am

6 November	Oak
13 November	3A
20 November	4C
27 November	5W
4 December	3E

ENTRY LEVEL CERTIFICATE IN NUMERACY

Broadwater School are running a course each Tuesday between 4.00-5.00pm in numeracy, for adults who would like to improve their skills.

There is no course fee and is designed to build your confidence in this area and gain a recognisable qualification.

For more information please contact Mrs Irina Ince on 01483 520652 or email I.Ince@broadwater.surrey.sch.uk

Our school is running a maths evening on Wednesday 18 November at 7.00pm. If you would like to understand the way we teach addition, subtraction, multiplication and division in school, so you can help your child with their homework, please join Mr Ellis for an hour in his classroom.

This will be an informal hour and you will have a chance to ask any questions you may have.

Your child will have been given a flyer about this event this week.

GREENING GODALMING

A Greening Godalming public meeting will be held at the Wilfred Noyce Centre at 7.30pm on Friday 30 October 2009.

Greening is a community action group aimed at combating climate change. The meeting will be an opportunity for residents to find out more about how they can work together locally to reduce the carbon footprint of the area.

GOLO

A big thank you to GOLO, the Godalming lottery, for supporting the school's recent Year 6 trip to France and their local activities visits. Their help ensured that every child was able to take part in the activity of their choice.

TOKEN COLLECTION

Just to remind parents that we collect ALL tokens. These include Nestle Books for Schools tokens, Morrisons Let's Grow Scheme (ends on 1 November) and The Times Books for Schools vouchers. Collection boxes are in reception.

We received £37.00 from the Flora Cooking for Schools voucher scheme that has gone towards providing resources for design and technology projects in school.

Please let the office know if you have seen any other token offers.

HARVEST COLLECTION

Items for harvest distribution to local residents will be collected after half term—please send any contributions to your child's classteacher. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 23 October	Inset Day
Tuesday 3 November	pm Soundbites Concert for senior choir
Tuesday 3 November	Open Box Theatre visit for Infant Department
Tuesday 3 November	pm Holly Class visit to St Johns Church
Tuesday 3 November	Year 2 SATS information evening at 6.00pm
Tuesday 10 November	Y6 Evacuee Day
Thursday 12 November	Y3 Farncombe survey walk
Monday 16 November	Y5 visit to the Natural History Museum
Wednesday 18 November	Y4 Greek Day
Wednesday 18 November	Maths Curriculum Evening at 7.00pm
Monday 23 November	am Fire Safety talks for Year 2 and Year 5
Week beginning 30 November	Whole school assessment week
30 November to 3 December	Book Fair in the hall
Thursday 3 December	Y3 church visit
Friday 4 December	Mufti Day
Monday 7 December	Y5 Space Day
Tuesday 8 December	Oak & Holly Class "Ralph the Reindeer" production
Saturday 12 December	Christmas Fair 11.00am-1.00pm
Tuesday 15 December	Acorns Nativity at 9.00am
Monday 4 January	Inset Day
Monday 11 January	Y5 Highwayman Visit
Monday 25 January	Y5 Mexicolore
Wednesday 3 February	Pied Piper Theatre visit for Infant Department
Friday 12 February	Inset Day
Monday 8 March	Inset Day
10-14 May	Year 6 SATS week

NATIONAL BUG BUSTING DAY Saturday 31 October 2009



You will have already received a leaflet about this national event to try and eradicate this annoying problem from school. Please ensure you check your child's hair on this day and together we will get rid of this unwelcome visitor

The Louse's Dream Home

The Loseley louse she comes to stay
When all the combs are put away.
She wants to make your head her home
And raise a family so she's not alone.
The Loseley louse she'll make you scratch
And in your hair her eggs will hatch!
Lice like to move from head to head
They can't fly or jump so they walk instead.
Their dream home is upon your head
And on your blood is how they're fed!

But we don't want them in your hair
And you don't really want them there.
There are ways to make them go -
It's really easy once you know.
Armed with conditioner and Bug Busting comb
You could almost do it on your own.
Just remember to repeat and
"Once a week to take a peek".

With thanks to Mrs Lockie