



# Lethbridge Primary School Newsletter

October 2022



## Welcome to our latest newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a hugely successful start to the new school year. This first term several children have represented the school at cross country and football. Our Year 3 children have been learning ballet with the Royal Ballet School and saw some amazing ballet at the Wyvern Theatre too.

Our Year 6 children have completed their residential trip to Redridge in North Wales and experienced all kinds of new adventures including caving and kayaking. Those children who stayed with us in Lethbridge also had a great week with rock climbing, coding and pizza! We've enjoyed several class assemblies so far and all children took part in our annual poetry slam and harvest festival. We are also involved currently with several community projects including designing lanterns for the upcoming Enchanted Lights Trail at the Town Gardens and producing artwork on the theme of sustainability for Zurich. You may have seen our children's mural, produced with local artist Hannah Dosanjh, at the Mechanic Institute in the Railway Village. We have been busy!

Kind regards

Lisa Mayes



## Annual SEND Survey 2022

Have you received help, advice, support, or are a professional from any of Swindon's SEND Services? For example:

- Adult social care
- Advisory Teachers
- Aiming High
- CAMHS and TAMHS
- Children's Complex Care Team
- Children's Social Care
- Community Paediatrician
- Early Help Hub
- Educational Psychology Service
- Family Intervention and Support Service
- Health Specialists
- Local Community Groups
- Occupational Therapy
- Outreach Support Services
- Physiotherapy
- Project Me
- SIAS
- SENDo
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Statutory SEND Service
- STEP

*This list is not exhaustive. If a SEND service you use or work for is not listed, we still want to hear from you!*

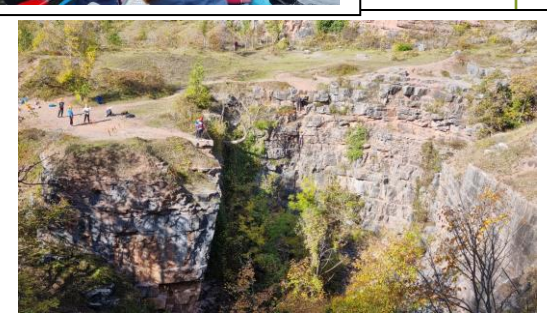
To help us improve our SEND Services, we would like parents, carers, young people and professionals, to give us their feedback.

Have your say

To have your say, scan the QR code or follow the link and answer our quick survey!

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/SENDAnnualSurvey2022/>

SCAN ME



**School attendance** – attendance at school is very important for your child’s further life chances. Days off soon add up to a great deal of lost education. If your child has a 90% attendance rate over their time in school this actually adds up to the equivalent of a whole year of education missed. When children miss school, they miss out on learning which in turn makes it more difficult for them to want to attend. They also of course miss out on social times with friends and this makes it more difficult for them to maintain those relationships. We know that it is not always easy to get your child to school but there is a lot of support here from school staff including our ELSA, Ms Power, and our attendance officer, Mrs Owen. Please work with us to ensure your child’s attendance is good.

Similarly, being 10 minutes late each day adds up to 7 days of school missed over the year or 35 lessons missed!

If your child is ill and will not be attending school you should call the school (535033) and leave a message. You need to call every day that your child is out unless we already know from you that the child has an illness that will require a certain amount of days off school, such as Chicken Pox. We need to have identified the reason for your child’s absence and ensure they are safe by 9.20am each morning for safeguarding reasons.

### Attendance Ladder



### Dates for your diary:

#### October

31<sup>st</sup> – start of term 2

#### November

1<sup>st</sup> – flu vaccines for all children

1<sup>st</sup> – parents’ evening

3<sup>rd</sup> – parents’ evening

10<sup>th</sup> – 6GB class assembly

14<sup>th</sup> – teacher development day, school closed to children

15<sup>th</sup> – years 5 and 6 trip to cinema

16<sup>th</sup> – year 2 trip to cinema

18<sup>th</sup> – non-uniform day for Children in Need and Xmas hamper donations

22<sup>nd</sup> – SENCO drop-in sessions

22<sup>nd</sup> – police visit to years 5 and 6 online safety focus

23<sup>rd</sup> – SEND Families Voice coffee morning for parents

26<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Bazaar

28<sup>th</sup> – year 3 trip to STEAM

29<sup>th</sup> – year 4 trip to STEAM

### VALUE OF THE TERM:

*friendship*