

Follow us:



@leen_mills



Attendance



Website:

<https://www.leenmillsprimary.co.uk>

Leen Mills Primary School

This week: 98%

Message
from the
Headteacher

Welcome back!



It is so lovely to have the Leen Mills family back together again. It has been a rather sad start to the term with the death of Mrs Sladden. Thank you all for your kind words, they have meant a lot to staff. If you would like to donate towards a memorial bench the link is live on ParentPay.

I would like to say a big hello and welcome to our new reception children and their families. The children have settled in so beautifully.

We also have some new children who have started with us in other year groups, they and their families are very welcome as well.



We also have welcomed some new staff over the summer. Mr Charlesworth and Mrs Reid, they have already shown what wonderful additions they are to the Leen Mills Family.

There are lots of reminders on this newsletter as always if there is anything you are unsure about, please let us know.

Here's to a great new academic year in our wonderful school.

Mrs Goldson







Mrs Havill - Mrs Havill will be leaving Leen Mills at the end of September after 8 years here!



Mrs Havill is moving to a secondary school in Castle Donnington, this is a big promotion and we are so proud of her. Over her time here Mrs Havill has worked on many different projects and helped to drive change here at Leen Mills. We will miss Mrs Havill very much - her new school is very lucky to have her.

We have appointed a new business manager. I will let you know more about this on the next newsletter.

A few reminders

<p>Attendance</p> 	<p>Whole school attendance needs to be above 95% - 100% attendance would be ideal, but we know illnesses and medical appointments happen.</p> <p>We are changing how we celebrate attendance in school. Each week the whole school attendance will be shared with the children and on the display in the hall. Over the term if the average attendance is above 95% we will have a whole school treat.</p> <p>Every school day counts!</p>
<p>Absences</p> 	<p>If your child is unwell and cannot be in school please inform the school office and NOT your class teacher on Dojo as messages may not be picked up on time.</p> <p>Please remember that if children are off with sickness or diarrhoea, they cannot come back school until 48hours after the last time they were sick.</p>
<p>Term time holidays</p> 	<p>An unauthorised leave of absence of more than 3 days / 6 sessions (over a 6 week rolling period) for the purpose of a family holiday can lead to you being issued with a penalty notice fine of up to £120 for each child who is absent. The fines can be issued to both parents for each child. A penalty notice will be requested if the child's attendance falls to below 90% because of the holiday absence.</p>
<p>Pick up and end of day messages</p> 	<p>We know things can happen during the day and you may need to change who is picking up your child. Please can you inform the office of this as teachers do not have the time to check dojo regularly as they are teaching.</p> <p>If you know someone different is collecting your child it is your responsibility to inform the office. If teachers do not know the person picking up a child they will not release the child to their care.</p>
<p>Lateness</p> 	<p>Once the doors are closed at 8.45am the only way to get into school is via the school office. Any pupil who comes into school this way after 8.45am will be marked as late in the attendance record.</p>
<p>Communication and Dojo</p> 	<p>Letters and information will be sent to you via email. Please can you ensure that we have a working email address, if you think we do not have your email address please email the office on office@leenmills.notts.sch.uk</p> <p>Dojo is to be used as a way of celebrating the work we do in school, we have new iPads arriving soon for staff so they will be posting away. The messaging system on the app is a great way of communication with teachers but I do encourage staff to only check messages during working hours to ensure a good work life balance. If messages are long or relating to a bigger issue staff may invite you in to see them. Please remember when staff are teaching between 8:40am and 3:15pm it may take time to get back to you. Please ring the office with anything urgent.</p>

Please can I ask that if you need to speak with myself that you do not message me on dojo. I do not always see messages and as you can imagine I have rather a lot of parents connected to my dojo and it can easily take a day to reply to them all. You can ring the office, email or speak with me at the start/end of the day. I am always happy to speak with you.

Parking around school



Please can I take this opportunity to politely remind you about parking safely when dropping off and collecting your children from school. Please also be considerate to our neighbours at these busy times. The parking enforcement team have told us they will be making more regular visits and will issue warnings and fines. Where possible we would encourage you to walk to school or park in the leisure centre car park and walk.

The car park is for staff only, when dropping off for breakfast club the playground is open for you to park on. The morning is a busy time in the car park with staff arriving and deliveries and we want to keep everyone safe.

Bikes and scooters



Please ensure that no bikes or scooters are ridden on school premises. If children do come to school on a bike or a scooter then they should push them as soon as they get to the school gates.

Snacks at breaktime



Children are only allowed fruit and healthy snacks at break times as it enables better concentration and behaviour. All children in Reception and KS1 are provided with a piece of fruit.

Drinks



Please can I remind you that water bottles for the children's classrooms should be filled with water only. Juice can be had at lunch time in a separate bottle or in a carton. Milk is available from Cool Milk. <https://www.coolmilk.com/>

School dinners



We are very lucky to have our wonderful cook, Mrs Smith, in school to make us excellent school dinners that are healthy and delicious. Our menus can be viewed on the school website or on the notice board outside the school office.

All children in Reception and KS1 are entitled to a free school dinner. Children in KS2 need to pay for their school dinner at a cost of £2.58 paid via the children's Parent Pay account.

Payment should be made prior to your child taking their school meal, ideally paid for when you pre-book their meals. Cut off for booking is a Wednesday for the following week.

Trim Trails

The trim trails can only be used before and after school if your child is supervised by an adult. There are no school staff supervising the trim



trails at these times. Please can you talk to your children about this if they walk to school on their own.

The trim trail at the front of the school is only for children of up to the age of 7 (FS2 – KS1). The trim trail is not designed to be used by children who are older than this.

The metal trim trail is designed to be used by children who are in year 5 and 6. It has some very high elements that are not suitable for younger children.

School uniform



Our school uniform expectations can be found on the school website under the parents tab.

We do have a branded uniform, but pupils are able to wear plain burgundy jumpers/cardigans or plain white polo shirts that can be purchased from a range of supermarkets.

We have a range of second hand uniform available in school upon request. We will also be holding a second hand uniform stall on the last week of each half term.

PE Kit



On PE days children need to be in their school PE (white t-shirt, black joggers/shorts and a black top) and if they are not, they will be asked to come to school in their normal uniform and will change for PE in school. If you are having any problems acquiring the school PE kit please let us know. Long hair needs to be tied up and all jewellery must be removed for PE sessions.

WhatsApp



The legal age any child should have an account on WhatsApp is 16 (this changed from 13 in January 2022). Pupils are maybe using parents accounts to create groups and then engage in chat.





Parents are able to monitor this if they check regularly and if the messages are not deleted. We would like to respectfully ask parents to: Consider allowing their child no access to WhatsApp/Facebook etc at all even if they are accessing an adult account.

Checking more regularly and being aware that chats are often deleted or, the full picture is not seen as different children are in different chats so parents may not see all of the comments.

As a duty of care we will investigate and inform you of any inappropriate use of social media that is reported to us. This also means that we might have to report any underage usage straight to the company, citing the accounts being used for minors and attaching the screenshots of inappropriate comments, soundbites and pictures sent. This, however, does take teachers time away from teaching and learning.

Reading Diaries

We have some new reading diaries which will be handed out to the children in September (Yes, they have been ordered in time this year!). The new diaries are much smarter and we hope it will encourage reading at home. Teachers will be checking the reading diaries regularly. These new dairies have cost the school more than the paper

<p>Reading Diary</p> 	<p>copies, so we are asking that they are looked after and used. You will be asked to pay £3.29 for a replacement diary if;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The diary is lost/damaged • The diary is not used
<p>Apply for Free School Meal</p>  <p>Free School Meals</p> <p>Are you entitled?</p>	<p>If circumstances have changed at home your child may be entitled to Free School Meals. These can be applied for via the Nottinghamshire County Council website. Details can be found following this link: https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk</p> <p>Those children who are entitled to Free School Meals also receive Pupil Premium funding, which the school uses as supplement school trips and residential.</p>
<p>Inset Days 2023-2024</p> 	<p>Each school in Nottinghamshire has 5 days for staff training. Next year our INSET days are:</p> <p>Monday 4th September 2023 Tuesday 5th September 2023 Wednesday 24th July 2024 Thursday 25th July 2024 Friday 26th July 2024</p>
<p>Special mention assemblies</p> 	<p>Don't forget you can join us for our special mention assemblies on a Friday. Due to numbers in the hall we alternate between Reception/KS1 and KS2.</p> <p>Doors open at 2:30pm for a 2:45pm start. Your child's class teacher will dojo you to let you know if your child is receiving a special mention by the Wednesday of that week.</p> <p>We will start with KS2 special mention on Friday 15th September and Reception/KS1 will be Friday 22nd September.</p>



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
<p>12th September 2023 3.15 – 4.00pm</p>	<p>Crafty Club for Year 2 – weekly until 17th October Limited places available – booking through the school office</p>
<p>12th September 2023 3.15 – 4.15pm</p>	<p>Jelly Fitness After School Club for KS1 Weekly for the whole half term – booking via school office</p>
<p>13th September 2023 3.15 – 4.00pm</p>	<p>Crafty Club for Year 3 – weekly until 18th October Limited places available – booking through the school office</p>
<p>15th September 2023</p>	<p>Swimming for Year 4's – every Friday</p>
<p>22nd September 2023</p>	<p>Individual School Photographs – Whole School</p>
<p>4th October 2023</p>	<p>Balance Bike Day for Foundation (Caterpillars & Ladybirds)</p>

16th October 2023	Flu Immunisation - Whole School
17th October 2023 3.00 – 5.30pm	Halloween Disco for KS2
18th October 2023 3.00 – 5.30pm	Halloween Disco for KS1
23rd Oct – 3rd Nov 2023	Half Term
7th November 2023 9.00am and 6.00pm	Open Event for September 2024 New Starters
7th November 2023 3.15 – 4.15pm	Jelly Fitness After School Club for KS2 Weekly for the whole half term – booking via school office
17th November 2023	Non Uniform Day Bring a bottle or chocolate donation for Winter Fair
1st December 2023 3.30pm	Winter Fair Organised by Friends of Leen Mills
7th December 2023 9.00am and 6.00pm	Open Event for September 2024 New Starters
19th December 2023	Reception/KS1 Arc Cinema Visit
21st December 2023	KS2 Arc Cinema Visit
25th Dec '23 – 3rd Jan '24	Christmas Holidays
4th January 2024 8.40am	School Open for all children

Inset Days 2023-2024	School Holidays 2023 – 2024
Monday 4 th September 2023 Tuesday 5 th September 2023 Wednesday 24 th July 2024 Thursday 25 th July 2024 Friday 26 th July 2024	October Half Term: 23 rd October – 3 rd November 2023 Christmas Holiday : 25 th December 2022 – 3 rd January 2024 February Half Term: 12 th – 16 th February 2024 Easter Holidays: 29 th March – 12 th April 2024 Whitsun Half Term: 27 th – 31 st May 2024 Summer Holiday: 29 th July 2024 -



We are trying to post more on our Dojo page and our Twitter feed. Please give the school a follow on twitter @leen_mills .. like and Retweet. It helps us to get our name out there!



ClassDojo