

28th September 2017

Dear Parents / Carers



Here is an update on events and information regarding your child/children:

McMillan Coffee Morning & Our Race for Life

We will again be hosting a McMillan Coffee Morning on **Friday, 29th September**, from **9am-10am**. We invite all families to come along and enjoy a cuppa and a cake for £1.

As always we are collecting contributions for the day, if you could send in a cake or a packet of biscuits, these would be most appreciated. They can be given to class teachers or left at the school office.

Toast will not be served on this day, instead all children (including infants) will be able to buy a cake at break priced 10p.

Finally, we will also be holding our Fun Run, weather permitting, on this day and children may come to school in their sportswear. All monies raised from this will be going to Cancer Research. A sponsor form has already been sent home, if you require another please call at the office. All Sponsor monies must be returned to the school office by **Friday, 13th October 2017**.

Harvest Festival

Harvest celebrations will be led by Rev Nick on **Monday, 2nd October 2017** during assembly time. This event is for children only. Any donations of tins/ jars/ packets would be gratefully received. These will be distributed through Sure Start who are a main collection and referral base but linked in with Derby City Mission/Padley and now also Fairshare, providing essentials for families experiencing hardship and difficulty in our local community of Boulton, Alvaston, Allenton and the surrounding area.

Anomaly Screens

You may have noticed large screens that have been installed in the play grounds. Not only do these screens provide children with dance based entertainment at lunchtime, they also contain important information about events in school, children's health and wellbeing and over time will also include information about events and services locally. They will not be a tool for advertising local businesses.

Disco

The Autumn School Disco is **Thursday, 5th October 2017**.

Infants – 3.15-4.15 priced £2 which includes a goody bag. Infants should attend school in their disco outfit. Please note that tickets are limited to 80. Tickets are available from the School Office up until **Wednesday, 6th October**. Juniors – 4.30-5.30. £1 on the door and there will also be a tuck shop. Please inform the office in advance if your child is to travel to and from the disco independently – **Year 5 & 6 ONLY**.

Level 1 Bikability

Well done to the Year 5 children who completed their Level 1 course – they all passed.

Clubs

Please do not forget that there are after school clubs every night until 4.15. For further information please contact the office or see your child's class teacher.

Grab Bags

Many children are choosing a Grab Bag for their lunch. They include a sandwich, piece of fruit, yoghurt and a biscuit or cake etc. If you do not wish your child to be able to have a cold meal, especially as we move into the colder months, please inform the office, so we can ensure that they have a hot meal.

Homework

Homework will be set for all children on Wednesday and this will be collected on Monday. It is expected that all children complete all their homework each week. To support families, a free homework club is available on Wednesday from 3.15-4.15. Not completing homework with your child, or ensuring that they attend homework club, potentially disadvantages your child and puts them behind in their learning. I am sure that all parents will understand that the consolidation of learning at home is in their child's best interest and as such I thank you in advance for your support. Please note that children who have not completed homework, will be given the opportunity to catch up at break times.

Lost homework books will require replacing at a cost of 50p for the orange exercise books, £2 for the school diary and up to £4.99 for the Maths and English work books.

Targets

We have now completed all baseline assessments and all target setting letters for Years 1 – 6 have been sent home with your child; with Robins following next week. You will receive a progress update after half term.

Walking Home

Only Year 5 & 6 children are permitted to walk home alone. They are not permitted to act as the responsible adult for other younger siblings. Written permission must be provided to the school office.

School Diary

We are having issues with these as the spines are not tight enough and pages are falling out. We have arranged collection of these by the manufacturer and ask that you make sure your child returns theirs to school no later than **Friday, 13 October**.

Yours sincerely

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Did you know you can contact the school regarding any aspect of your child's education by email – parentcontact@lfadm.org.uk