

# LEE MOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL

*We work hard. We play fair. We try our best.*



## Newsletter 4.12.23

Dear Parents,

It has again, been great to see so many of you in school, attending our phonics information session and our celebration and sharing assemblies. Thank you for supporting your children with their learning.

Our fundraising continues. Last month we raised £401.71 for the Royal British Legion with the sale of poppies and associated items. Thank you again, for your generosity.

I want to clarify something that I put in the newsletter last week; the school dog, Winston, was chosen to be the source of fund raising following the bake sale, by the School Council. They all represent their classes and give their classes a voice. Even though Winston was donated to school, there are costs associated with him which are paid for by Mrs Luciano herself. The money raised from the bake sale went towards his training so that he can spend more time in classrooms with your children. Winston does not belong to me, he belongs to school, but he does have to go home with a family in the evenings, weekends and holidays, so he goes home with Mrs Luciano. He will still be here in January when I leave. The children love seeing him, helping with his training, love talking to him and helping walk him. He is still in training though and so cannot stay in classrooms all day but following training sessions at the weekends we are building up to this.

One reason Winston is allowed in school and other dogs are not is - as I am sure those of you who are dog lovers will appreciate - we know his history, we know he is good with children (as he is having additional training to do this job) and he knows and feels comfortable in our school setting. Even though I am sure your family dogs are lovely pets, we cannot let other dogs on school premises as this could potentially cause problems. I hope you understand and can support this.

I have not mentioned school dinners for a while! However, they continue to get more and more delicious! The menus are very child friendly, and extremely healthy. It is also nice to have a hot meal on a cold winter's day. If you would like your child to change to school dinners (and we want you to!) please contact the school office.

One more piece of lovely news was the In Harmony band trip to Leeds, Howard Opera Centre on Wednesday. As well as playing in a combined band with other In Harmony schools, the children sat in a rehearsal of Holst's The Planets with the FULL Opera North Orchestra. They watched, transfixed for 40 minutes. It was wonderful to see them enjoying live music so much.

I hope you can come and see your children who are in the concerts here on 11<sup>th</sup> December. Texts have gone out with full details.

Please keep your eye on all texts regarding the end of term activities. We keep going right until the 22<sup>nd</sup> December and, as you know, we need your children to all be HEROs (Here Everyday Ready On time).

Important dates as follows for the rest of term:

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Dec – Tae Kwon Do Tournament

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec – Y6 Primary Conference

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – Y4 In Harmony concert at 9.45am. Y5 In Harmony concert at 2.15pm

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Nativity for Reception and Nursery at 10am

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec - Nativity for Reception and Nursery at 2pm

Weds 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 1 / 2 In Harmony open sessions – more information to follow.

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Jumper day, Christmas dinner day & Reindeer Run in Shroggs park (see text for times)

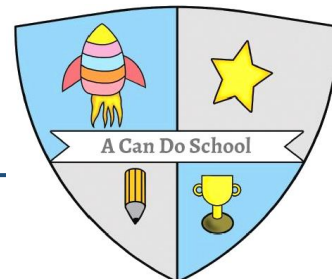
Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Non uniform day

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas disco for Reception to Year 6. 4:15 – 5:15pm. Places cost £2.50, cash payment only.

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Dec – Year 4 pantomime trip

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Class Christmas party day! Children to wear party clothes.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Ford



## Attendance & Celebration Results

### Attendance Winners

KS1:

**Mackintosh**

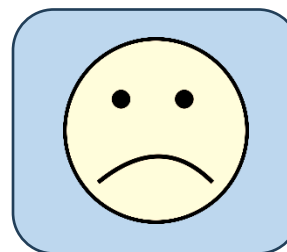
95.6%

KS2:

**Armitage**

97.9%

### Whole School Attendance



93.1%

School expectation is of at least 96.3%

### Attendance Figures

EYFS & Key Stage 1	
Reception (combined)	92 & 81.8
Shaw	92.9
Mackintosh	95.6
Johnson	93.2
Key Stage 2	
Delius	90.9
Dyson	92.9
Bronte	93.7
Priestley	96.5
Hughes	93.9
Armitage	97.9
Nyoni	93.2
Rusby	94.3

### Celebration Assembly Rewards

EYFS & Key Stage 1	
Reception	Keanna-Lou & Oscar
Shaw	Tate
Mackintosh	Brody
Johnson	Amelia
Key Stage 2	
Delius	Amelia
Dyson	Wanita
Bronte	Dorian
Priestley	Archie N
Hughes	Logan
Armitage	Parker
Nyoni	Jessica
Rusby	Reggie

For absences, please ring 01422 352856, or fill out the absence form on the website.

We have a pastoral team that support parents and children in any issues that may arise in school or at home, please do not hesitate to speak to one of them in the playground, or privately.