



Newsletter

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Family Learning Projects



This year we are launching an opportunity for pupils to engage in learning at home on a topic of their choice through '**Family Learning Projects**'.

Pupils select to complete a project on a topic of their choice. This can be anything from baking something at home to interviewing a family member about their memories of Liverpool in the past.

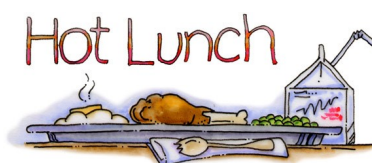
We will set up our school hall on a specified afternoon, with a booth for each child where they can display their project. During the afternoon, other classes will visit the hall and pupils will be able to ask questions about each child's project. We will also hold a session for parents and carers to view the projects just before the end of the day.

As a school, we are very happy for each child to work alongside family members in putting their project together. A great deal can be gained from such quality time with an adult. Presenting their project also provides children with an opportunity develop their **speaking skills**. An important aspect of supporting your child with the project is preparing them to answer questions about it.

Each year group from Year 1 to Year 6 will complete one project per year and these will be spread over the three terms. The first year groups working on the projects are **Year 5 and Year 6**. They will be presenting their projects in school during the first week back in **January 2019**. Letters have already been sent home regarding this. If you have a child in these year groups and have not received a letter, please contact the class teacher.

Year 3 and Year 4 will start work on their projects in the Spring term and present them after the Easter break. Year 1 and Year 2 will start work on theirs in the Summer term and present them in July. A letter regarding the project work will be sent out closer to the time, explaining the expectations in more detail and the dates for the presentations.

FREE SCHOOL LUNCHES



A reminder to all parents and carers of pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, that your child is entitled to a free school lunch **every day**. If you have not already signed your child up for one, please drop in and speak with the office staff who can add your child to the register.

WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

During October, we have a number of parent and carer workshops taking place during October which you will find beneficial. Please find below a brief overview of what is taking place.

Phonics Workshops: Monday 1st October

This workshop takes place at **9am** and again **4.30pm** in the school hall. It is aimed at parents and carers with children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. It will guide parents through the school approach to phonics teaching and how you can best support your child at home. These sessions will be led by our Phonics Leader, Ms. Fox and Early Years Leader Ms. Evans.



Children's University Workshops: Wednesday 3rd October

This year, Barlows are launching the Children's University. It is an exciting addition to our broader curriculum offer to children, and it will provide more opportunities for family learning. Our Children's University Coordinator, Ms. Mills-Baines, will be on hand to introduce the initiative and tell you more about how it works. Her sessions will be running at **9am** and again at **3.45pm**.

Reading Workshops

Reading Workshops for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: Thursday 11th October

English Leader, Ms. Williams, will be hosting two workshops for parents and carers of children in Reception and KS1 at **9am and 4.30pm**. She will provide guidance on supporting your child with reading at home and further information about guided reading in school.

Reading Workshops for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6: Wednesday 17th October

English Leader, Ms. Williams, will be hosting two workshops for parents and carers of children in KS2 at **9am and 4.30pm**. She will provide guidance on supporting your child with reading at home and further information about guided reading in school.

Out of School Awards



If your child has recently been successful and received an award, please email in a photograph and brief outline of the achievement to school. We would like to feature them in the newsletter. They can also inform Ms. Feenan or Ms. Bakstad who will be delighted to have them come up in assembly of a Friday and talk about their achievement.

PARENT/CARER MEETINGS



Our first parent/carer meetings with the class teacher will be taking place during the week commencing **Monday 10th December**. Specific dates, times and details on how to book will be sent out closer to the time.



COATS

With a change in the colour of the leaves comes a change in temperature. Can all parents and carers ensure their child comes to school wearing a coat.

APPLY NOW

Secondary School Applications

A reminder to all year 6 parents that the closing date for Secondary School applications is on the **31st October 2018**. During September and October, many secondary schools hold open evenings for families to find out further information and to have a tour of the building. We suggest contacting the schools you are interested in and finding out when they are holding their event.

Secondary school applications are completed online and can be found at the web address below.

liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/how-to-apply/



Have an enjoyable weekend