



LOCKSLEY NEWS

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Welcome

With Christmas fast approaching, we would like to thank all staff and our students for their hard work and commitment this term. We would also like to thank parents for their continuous support. This support goes a long way in reinforcing the standards we set for our students.

We continue to be very impressed with our students and the progress they have made. We have been delighted to support a number of our students in reintegrating back into a mainstream placement and we wish them well.

Alongside our varied curriculum, we absolutely value the importance of providing enrichment to our students. During this term we have offered a range of activities including biking, canoeing, swimming, football, computer club, art club, first aid training and a trip to Melsopp Farm to watch the Christmas performance. We hope all of our students have enjoyed these positive experiences.

When we return in January a key area we will focus on is preparing our Y6 and Y11 students for their SATs and GCSE exams during the summer term. We will be working closely with all of these students and their parents to understand how we can support them in preparation for this important time.

The end of term will see a number of staff changes with Mrs Maclennan, Mr Pearce and Mr Jones leaving us. We thank all of these staff and wish them all the best for their futures. We also look forward to welcoming Mrs Whitefield to the team in January.

Our uniform is very important to us, and your support in ensuring that your child is correctly dressed in uniform is really valued. We have attached a reminder of our uniform standards.

After Christmas, our students return on Thursday 3rd January. Until then we would like to wish each and everyone of you a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Mr Barton & Mrs Maclennan

Attendance

Attendance this year across the school (Secondary and Primary) has been 76.3% to date. Well done to Secondary students Cazy, Byron and Harvey as well as Primary children, Rylan, Aaron, Liam and Ethan for 96% or above attendance this school year so far.

Research commissioned by the Department for Education shows that missing school for even a day can mean a child is less likely to achieve good grades, which can have a damaging effect on their life chances. At the Locksley School, our aim is to work with parents and carers to ensure that all our students receive the most from their education and reach their full potential.

Merry Christmas from The Attendance Team.





Message From Primary

In Yellow Class the topic this term has been animals and we have really enjoyed this topic and it includes all areas of the curriculum.

In science we explored and grouped animals into categories of fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds & mammals. We looked at further groupings and really stretched our minds by looking at invertebrates and vertebrates, some good discussion took place around tortoises and butterflies. We looked at animals and their babies but the highlight was definitely caring for pets. We were very fortunate to have Pets at Home visit us allowing hands on experience petting rabbits and guinea-pigs, we almost ended up with a class pet!

In English reading, handwriting and spelling are completed daily. We regularly listen and respond to stories. We have compared the features of fiction with non-fiction texts. We have also looked at Punctuation and Grammar.

We have been very fortunate in PE this term. We had the Primary Sports Coaches for the first half term and swimming for the second half. Some children enjoyed swimming so much they didn't want to get out of the water!

For Halloween we got into the 'spirit' of things; staff dressed up, spooky stories were told and pumpkins were carved by all, I'm sure we are still sweeping up pumpkin seeds! It has been very enjoyable to use the fully functioning cookery rooms with specialist teaching by a secondary teacher, we found the 'sausage mummies' particularly scrumptious. Some of the children have also entered a design the Christmas cake competition, the result is not yet known but the winning design will actually be made.

The highlight of the term has to be our trip to Melsop Farm to see the Christmas Spectacular, there was shouting, joking, snow, fireworks, singing, ice-creams and the most memorable, Gary the Goat. We are very pleased to end this term back in our primary classrooms with fully functioning heating. We have just enjoyed our Christmas lunch and are ending the term in good Christmas spirits.

Merry Christmas and see you all next year!





Message From Primary

The autumn term in Red Class has been full of triumph and adventure. I feel that we have achieved an awful lot in a variety of aspects, including personal, social, academic and emotional development. English is definitely a class favourite: we have created many wonderfully descriptive pieces and really developed our ability to write at length. We have used a range of games to learn our Maths; we have particularly enjoyed using card games to practice our mental Maths. We have enjoyed studying the Egyptians and the Mayans and have been able to identify links between the two. We made sugar cube pyramids, canopic jars and had a chocolate tasting session- we weren't a fan of the pure chocolate! We also ended up looking into the Amazon Rainforest, due to its connection to the Mayans. We have really enjoyed learning about space in the second half term- we now have an arsenal of facts about all the different planets.

We have been fortunate enough to have a range of activities as well throughout the term. We have been really lucky to have Mrs Waller teach us cooking lessons every Tuesday, and we certainly have a few budding chefs in the class! We have been going swimming every Friday this half term, all the children have behaved really well and done some very exciting things, such as using underwater lights to find different toys. We were also very fortunate to be able to go Melsop's farm, we watched a very entertaining show and saw some very cute animals! All the children have worked hard in many different respects, and i'm so proud of how far they've come this half term.





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House Point System

The Locksley House system is an integral part of the pastoral system. There are two houses: Stebbings and Osbourne, into which students are placed upon joining the school. Both houses are named after previous students who have achieved great success during their time at Locksley.

Stebbings- Named after Mia Stebbings who achieved amazing success at GCSE. Mia gained A* in Art, alongside C's and D's in other subjects. Mia is a perfect role model to demonstrate how making the positive choice to take responsibility for the future can lead to great success.

Osbourne- Named after Cameron Osbourne who demonstrated the skills need to make positive changes in life by taking all the opportunities and support offered to him at Locksley. He focused on increasing his attendance, committed to working hard in class and encouraged others to do the same. Cameron's story is a clear example of what can be achieved when you have the confidence to believe in yourself.

Students can work towards gaining individual House points to reward their progress in areas such as behaviour, academic effort, attendance, positive decision making and teamwork. Also across the year students can contribute to their house by taking part in inter-house competitions or taking on a leadership role. Student's achievements are celebrated in house meetings and special recognition is given to students who continue to make progress in many areas of school life

School Trips

Whitlingham

Our students enjoyed an action packed day at Whitlingham Broad in November. They rode mountain bikes around the broad, on bikes that some of the children had built. They then enjoyed some fun on the water with a two hour session in canoes. This trip was a massive success and we are looking to do something similar in the New Year.

Street Doctors

A group of students were given access to a training session about the knife crime and taught emergency first aid at this Charity run session in Norwich.

Football

Students put themselves forward to take on another SSSFN School, Douglas Bader in a closely contested match which was played at the FA Football Development Centre in Bowthorpe. Students were praised for the conduct both on and off the pitch.

