

Hello everyone! It's almost the end of Autumn 1! I will echo all teachers' familiar words—Where has the half term gone?

Election day was on Friday 6th October (pictures are attached) went so smoothly and every child in the academy had the opportunity to vote for the Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl. It was delightful to see most of the parents voting too. Leading up to this, the pupils made videos, presented in assemblies, made posters and canvassed the parents for every single vote! What amazing dedication and resilience shown by the 8 candidates in total. I am so happy to share the results with you—Head Boy is , Head Girl is , Deputy Head Boy is and Deputy Head Girl is . Congratulations to all the pupils—well done!

Parents evening is next week on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October—please make sure you have signed up to meet with the teachers to find out about your child's end of year target and how you can help them to achieve this.

The teachers at LFPA work really hard to ensure your child/ren make progress in their learning; so please work together to support them with the high expectations for positive learning behaviour, respect for all, completing all online learning and paper homework, including research projects; and always taking pride in their appearance and aiming high with everything they do.

It is half term holidays next week starting with the last day of Autumn 1 being next Friday 20 October. Please ensure you all have a safe, enjoyable and enriching break with activities relating to national and cultural days for eg Halloween, Diwali, Guy Fawkes aka Bonfire Night, etc. Looking forward to welcoming all pupils back on Monday 30 October!

**Important Dates :**

19th October 2023—Halloween Fundraising Party

20th October - Coffee Morning Phonics/Reading Fathia

20th October 2023—Year 6 Go Ape Trip

23rd October 2023 to 27th October 2023—Half Term holidays

30th October 2023—Children return to school after half term holidays

30th October 2023—Secondary school application deadline

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### Naming of uniform items

Can parents ensure all student uniform items are clearly named so that in the event they are lost, they can be clearly identified

Here are some tips on how to do this :

- ◆ Use permanent Markers : Use permanent markers to write your child/ren's name on the inside tag or label of each uniform item. You can also write it on the care label if the inside tag is not accessible.
- ◆ Iron-on Labels or Name tapes : Iron-on labels or name tapes are a convenient and durable way to label clothing. You can easily attach these label to the inside of garments, ensuring that they remain in place even after repeated washings.
- ◆ Sew-in Labels : Sew in labels are another effective option. These labels are sewn into the clothing and are unlikely to come off, ensuring a permanent identification method.
- ◆ Clothing tags : You can purchase clothing tags with your child/ren's name and contact information printed on them. These can be attached to clothing items by sewing to the uniform.
- ◆ Label shoes and accessories : Do not forget to label shoes, book bags, lunch boxes and any other school accessories that your child might bring to school. You can use stickers, markers or labels for this purpose.
- ◆ Teach responsibility : Teach your child the importance of keeping track of their belongings and encourage them to check their labels if they misplace something.
- ◆ Lost property : Instruct your child to check the school's lost property box if an item goes missing, This can be done before or after school or on selected days. Please check with the front office for more information.

### Parking around school

This is a polite reminder for all parents to park considerately and obey road traffic requirements when dropping off and picking your child/ren from school. This includes not parking on double yellow and zigzag lines and in front of the driveways of local residents. Thank you for your continued support of the school.

### Packed Lunches - Nut Free

We have several students with **severe nut allergies** at Lake Farm Park Academy and we want to ensure that they remain safe. As a result, we are requesting to parents that you do not provide your child with items for school that contain nuts or sandwiches that contain nuts such as Peanut butter, Chocolate spread etc. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to the Welfare officer. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



### Importance of Reading with children :

Reading with Primary school age children is of utmost importance, both in school and at home. It plays a significant role in a child's cognitive, emotional and social development. Here are some reasons why reading is crucial for children of this age group :

- \* Development of Literacy skills : Reading is a foundation of literacy. It helps children learn the alphabet, understand the concept of words and sentences and develop basic reading skills. These skills are essential for success in school and life.
- \* Vocabulary expansion : Reading exposes children to a wide range of words and phrases they might not encounter in everyday conversation. This expands their vocabulary and enhances their language skills.
- \* Comprehension skills : Reading books and a storyline and characters helps children develop their comprehension skills.
- \* Critical thinking : reading encourages critical thinking and problem solving. Children are often asked questions about the story, which prompts them to analyse and think critically about the content.
- \* Imagination and creativity : Reading stimulates a child's imagination and creativity. It allows them to envision different words, characters, scenarios, fostering creativity and a love for story telling.
- \* Emotional development : Reading books with emotional content helps children understand and express their own feelings. It also teaches empathy as they relate to the emotions and experiences of the characters.
- \* Bonding time : When parents read with their children, it creates a special bonding experience. It is an opportunity for quality one-to-one time, which strengthens the parent-child relationship.
- \* Positive Attitudes towards learning : Reading can instil a positive attitude towards learning and school. Children who enjoy reading are more likely to approach learning with enthusiasm and curiosity.
- \* Academic success : Children who are proficient readers by the end of Primary school are better prepared for academic successes in later years. Reading skills are essential for understanding and excelling in various subjects.
- \* Life-Long love for reading : Fostering a love for reading during the Primary school years can lead to a life long love for books and learning. Children who enjoy reading are more likely to continue reading for pleasure throughout their lives.
- \* In school, teachers can play a crucial role in promoting reading by creating a classroom environment that encourages reading, providing access to a variety of books and incorporating reading into the curriculum. Additionally, parents should spend time reading with their children every day. This day routine not only supports their child/ren development but also sends a clear message about the importance of reading in the family.
- \* Ultimately, reading with Primary school age children is an investment in their future. It equips them with essential skills, natures their imagination and sets them on a path to become lifelong learners.

## Whole School Attendance

### Top Attendance for the Week commencing 25/09/2023

	Week Commencing 25/09/2023	
1	Year 2: Otter	98.5%
2	Year 3: Cressida Cowell	97.7%
3	Year 2: Fox	97.0%
4	Year 4: Marie Curie	96.6%
5	Year 2: Badger	96.5%
6	Year 4: Charles Darwin	95.9%
7	Year 3: Maya Angelou	95.8%
8	Year 1: Squirrel Class	95.3%
8	Year 1: Mole Class	95.3%
9	Reception: Butterfly Class	95.0%
10	Year 1: Rabbit Class	93.9%
11	Reception: Ladybird Class	93.5%
12	Year 4: Nikola Telsa	93.2%
13	Year 6: Norman Foster	92.2%
14	Year 6: Renzo Piano	91.7%
15	Year 6: Zaha Hadid	91.2%
16	Year 5: Katherine Johnson	90.9%
17	Year 3: Charles Dickens	89.8%
17	Year 5: Maryam Mirzakhani	89.8%
18	Reception: Grasshopper Class	89.1%
19	Year 5: Archimedes	87.2%

### Top Attendance for the Week commencing 02/10/2023

	Week Commencing 3rd of October	
1	Year 4: Charles Darwin	97.9%
1	Year 3: Charles Dickens	97.9%
2	Year 6: Renzo Piano	97.4%
3	Year 2: Fox	97.3%
4	Year 6: Zaha Hadid	97.1%
5	Year 2: Badger	96.6%
6	Year 3: Cressida Cowell	96.4%
7	Year 1: Squirrel Class	96.3%
8	Year 3: Maya Angelou	95.3%
8	Year 2: Otter	95.3%
9	Year 4: Nikola Telsa	94.1%
9	Year 5: Maryam Mirzakhani	94.1%
10	Year 4: Marie Curie	94.0%
11	Reception: Butterfly Class	93.8%
12	Reception: Grasshopper Class	93.1%
13	Year 6: Norman Foster	92.1%
14	Year 1: Rabbit Class	92.0%
15	Year 5: Katherine Johnson	91.7%
16	Year 5: Archimedes	90.4%
17	Reception: Ladybird Class	87.4%
18	Year 1: Mole Class	86.0%

### Top Attendance for the Week commencing 09/10/2023

	Week Commencing 10th October	
1	Year 6: Renzo Piano	98.5%
2	Year 3: Cressida Cowell	98.2%
3	Year 4: Charles Darwin	97.2%
4	Year 6: Zaha Hadid	97.1%
5	Year 1: Squirrel Class	97.0%
5	Year 2: Otter	97.0%
6	Year 4: Nikola Telsa	96.6%
6	Year 3: Charles Dickens	96.6%
7	Year 5: Maryam Mirzakhani	95.9%
8	Year 6: Norman Foster	95.4%
9	Reception: Grasshopper Class	95.2%
10	Year 2: Badger	94.8%
11	Reception: Butterfly Class	94.1%
12	Year 2: Fox	94.0%
13	Year 1: Rabbit Class	93.0%
14	Year 5: Archimedes	92.9%
15	Year 5: Katherine Johnson	92.0%
15	Year 4: Marie Curie	92.0%
16	Year 3: Maya Angelou	90.7%
17	Reception: Ladybird Class	86.1%
18	Year 1: Mole Class	84.5%

## Attendance Reminders

Lake Farm Park Academy has high expectations for every student from the moment they join our school. Children have the right to a high quality education and we provide this at Lake Farm Park Academy. High attendance is necessary to ensure that your child benefits fully from the learning opportunities on offer and to ensure they leave school having developed positive lifelong habits and as well rounded individuals.

## Medical Appointments

Appointments, where possible, should be made outside of school hours or in the holiday period. This includes routine dental appointments. If this is unavoidable, your child should still attend school before or after the appointment where possible. Any session missed that was deemed reasonable to attend will be marked as unauthorised leave.

## Absence Requests

Absence requests will only be considered for exceptional circumstances and these are dealt with on an individual basis.

### What to do if your child cannot attend school:

**Absence must be reported on a daily basis.** You must contact the school (**before 9.00am**) on the first day of absence. This can be done by emailing

lfpaoffice@theparkfederation.org or by calling the school number 02085732622 option 1. Please leave the Child's name, class and the reason why they cannot attend school. If they are ill, please give a clear explanation of their condition. **For a prolonged absence due to illness, medical evidence will be requested.** This can be in the form of a prescription, medical paperwork or an appointment card/letter.



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## PUNCTUALITY

How does this affect children?

If your child arrives late in school, he / she misses the teacher's instructions and the introduction to the lesson. They also disturb the learning of other students as the teacher has to acknowledge the lateness and go through the lesson with the child. Did you know how much learning children might miss out due to lateness?

Minutes late per day during school year	Equal days of teaching lost in a year
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days
30 minutes	20.7 days

What can we do to help?

Ensure your child arrives on time. Children are able to come onto the school grounds at 8:30am or book them in the breakfast club through Get Active

Prepare for school the night before, including your book bag, lunch and uniform etc.

Punctuality is important for children to start the day well but also a good habit for life. If you need support or advice about punctuality please contact Miss. Dickerson or email

lfpaoffice@theparkfederation.org

**Head Boy & Head Girl**

**Deputy Head Boy & Deputy Head Girl**

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