

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 18th January

Y6 SATs and Lledr Meeting for Parents – 3:35pm and 6pm

Thursday 19th January

Y2 SATs Meeting for Parents – 3:35pm

Wednesday 25th January

PTFA Meeting – 6:30pm

Monday 30th January

Monitoring Week – All Classes

Monday 6th February

Parents' Evening Online Booking System Opens*

Tuesday 7th February

Safer Internet Day for Pupils

Friday 10th February

Year 5 Class Assembly – 9:15am

Thursday 16th February

PTFA Valentines Disco*

Friday 17th February

School Closes for Half Term

Monday 27th February

Back to School after Half Term

Wednesday 1st March

Parents' Evening*

Thursday 2nd March

Parents' Evening*

*More details to follow.

Useful Information

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School Update

11th January 2017



Happy New Year

A warm welcome back to everyone and a Happy New Year to you all! I hope that you have enjoyed the festive period and that all our children are now eager and excited to return back to school. This term, although a short one, promises to bring lots of exciting new topics and interesting learning opportunities for all our pupils.

Staff look forward to meeting with parents/carers in early March, just after the Half Term break, to share your child's progress and attainment to date. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of my teaching team, if you have any queries in the meantime.

May I also take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to our new Deputy Head, Mrs Hall. She has been interviewed (grilled!) by two pupils in Year 5; see below for more information. **Mr Watson, Headteacher**



Welcome Mrs Hall, our New Deputy Headteacher

We are delighted to introduce Mrs Hall. Betty and Kirran, class 5L, thought it would be a great idea to find out more about our new Deputy Head by devising some interview questions and grilling her!:

Q: Are you happy to get a job at this school? **A:** *Yes; I am really happy and excited to join Ladybridge. It's a wonderful school.*

Q: What inspired you to be a teacher and how long have you taught for? **A:** *I've been a teacher for 22 years; it's something I've always wanted to do.*

Q: What are your favourite subjects? **A:** *English and art.*

Q: Which school did you used to teach at? **A:** *Lostock Primary.*

Q: Are you excited to meet our pupils? **A:** *Yes, but I am nervous about learning everyone's names.*

Q: Have you got any big plans? **A:** *I want to ensure learning is fun and varied, and that this school is an even better place for pupils to achieve their goals.*

Attendance Matters

School Attendance Target = 97%

Overall Whole School Attendance for the Autumn Term = 96.5%

The overall attendance for last term has seen a big improvement; we hit our 97% attendance target most weeks. Thank you so much to you and your children for helping us to achieve this goal. The main reason the overall attendance is still below 97% is because of time off for religious observance and holidays; illness is a very small percentage. The challenge is now to improve our attendance even further this term to reach our 97% target.

Remember Attendance Matters; Be in School All Day, Every Day.



Class Focus – 5L

Each week, we will focus on work undertaken by a different class. This week it's the turn of 5L who are learning to play the ukulele...

Having firstly got to grips with how to tune the instrument, pupils have since learned how to play the notes 'G, C, E and A', and how to play the chord C.

So far, they already have three songs they can sing and play along to.



Reactions from the children include:
"It's fun!"; "I like it!"; "It's like a mini guitar!"

Learning the ukulele is a hit!



Unclaimed Raffle Prize

We have one unclaimed raffle prize:

Ticket No: 481

Please come to the office to get your prize.

Unwanted Presents – Wanted!

If you have any unwanted Christmas presents lying around still in their original packaging (such as toys, games, toiletries, electrical equipment, bottles, books, chocolates etc.), then we would love to take them off your hands to use for future fundraising events. Thank you for supporting your school PTFA.

PTFA Meeting

Our first meeting of the New Year is on Wednesday, 25th January at 6:30pm in the Studio (Kids Club). It's a great opportunity for parents to meet and discuss forthcoming fundraising events.

Valentines Disco: 16th February

An evening of music, food, games and dancing for the whole family. **Tickets on sale soon!**



ICE: When it is icy, please keep to the gritted areas around school and take extra care.

SNOW: In severe weather conditions, a decision to close will take into consideration various factors. If school has to close, this will be displayed on Bolton Council's website www.bolton.gov.uk a 'tweet' will be on the school's website www.ladybridgeprimaryschool.co.uk and a text message will also be sent as soon as a decision is made.



Let's Fight Germs Together!

Please help stop the spread of germs and other little 'pests', like head lice and threadworms, by encouraging your child to follow these simple steps. Thank you.

Application Deadline - Reception Class

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2017, don't forget to get your application form in to Bolton Council by the 15th January. If you've misplaced your form, copies are available from the school office.

Paralympic Visit

We're very excited to announce we have a Paralympic sprinter paying us a visit on the 24th January. He's hoping to inspire our pupils to get into sport and to keep fit!

Lost Property

Is your child missing a coat, jumper, cardigan, trousers?

If so, please come and check our Lost Property box...it is brimming with unclaimed items!



Dinner Money Due

Dinner money for this half term is now due: £37.50 until Friday, 17th February or £6.25 per week. Please ensure your account is not in arrears. If you wish to change to packed lunches, 3 weeks' notice is required.

PARENT VIEW

We would like your thoughts on our school, at any time...

Please visit <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> and click on the 'Give Your Views' link to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school. You can visit the Parent View website at any time and complete the questionnaire. Parent View is accessed by Ofsted to check how parents feel about the school.

