

# Leigh Beck Infant & Nursery Academy



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## Newsletter

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to a new term and Happy New Year to you all. And a huge welcome to our new children and families who have joined the Nursery this week!

As always in school we have a very exciting term to look forward to with Australia Day for Year 2 and Year 1 are going on Polar Adventures. Reception are all excited about their Teddy Bear's Picnic which is coming up. We also have pancake tossing, World Book Day, Red Nose Day and Easter to look forward to!

I have included some information regarding the Winter Reading Challenge from the Essex Library Service! This is a similar program to their Summer Read and looks just as exciting!

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Smith x

## Wellbeing

January can be a tough month for everyone - its cold and dark most days, not to mention snowy, finances are low and payday can seem a long way off and the excitement of Christmas has vanished. This is the same for the children! So we are sending this half term promoting different wellbeing activities with the children leading up to Our Wellbeing Week in February.

All of the classes will be looking at a different strand of the 5 ways to well being each week to give them some ideas to help! There is more information attached to this letter or you can find it on our website.



## Attendance

We are continually striving to get our whole school attendance up to 100% but currently with all the winter illnesses we are not even close to this. Please ensure that you call us everyday that your child is off unwell as we need to have this information recorded on their file otherwise it is classed as an unauthorised absence.

0 DAYS OFF 190 DAYS ATTENDED	100%	★ PERFECTION ★ "EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT"
4 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	98%	IMPRESSIVE
7 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	96%	NEARLY THERE
9 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	95%	CAN BE IMPROVED "INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF BETTER GRADES"
11 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
20 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	90%	SERIOUS CONCERNS "CLASSED AS A PERSISTENT ABSENTEE" referred to Education Welfare Service
30 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	85%	RISK OF PROSECUTION "can be damaging to a student's social, emotional and mental wellbeing"
38 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	80%	

## P.E. Kit and Earrings

We have had a few children return to school after the holidays with hoop earrings in and with earrings in on P.E. Days.

Please ensure that all earrings are removed on P.E. days as we are not allowed to removed or cover then. This is a Health and Safety Issue and will mean that your child cannot take part in the sessions. P.E. is a compulsory part of the curriculum and children should be taking part in every lesson.



## Christmas Card Recycling Competition

As you may know we are currently collecting all Christmas Cards in a big yellow wheelie bin outside the front office!

Please bring in any cards (Christmas or birthday) and drop them in the box before 22<sup>nd</sup> January and help us to win



## Celebrations in school this month

So far in school this month we have celebrated in our classrooms New Year. We have talked a lot about how the new year bring a fresh start and we have all made some New Year's Resolutions which we are trying to keep. As a school our resolutions is to remember to always use our manners. **In January we will celebrate:**



New Year and Hogmanay



## Reminders

19 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Reception Teddy Bear's Picnic
22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024	2.45pm – Reception Reading Café
24 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	2.45pm – Year 2 Reading Café
25 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	2.45pm – Year 1 Reading Café
26 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Australia Day for Year 2 – Red White and blue clothes (Year 2 only)
30 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	2.45pm – 2S Australia Assembly
31 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	2.45pm – 2F Australia Assembly
1 <sup>st</sup> February 2024	2.45pm – 2W Australia Assembly
5 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Year 2 Forest School – More Information to follow
13 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Pancake Tossing – More information to follow
16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	School closes for half term
26 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Training day
27 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	School returns



## Winter Menu 2024 Week 1 – 15/1/24, 29/1/24, 12/2/24

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Sausage Vegetarian Sausage(V) Gravy (V)	Fish Fingers	Mild Chicken Curry Quorn Curry(v)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v)	Chicken Goujon Quorn Nuggets(v)
Mashed Potato	Potato Waffle	Fluffy Rice Naan Bread(v)	Potato Crispers	Chips
Sliced Carrots	Spaghetti Hoops	Cauliflower	Creamy Coleslaw	Mini Corn on the Cob
Homemade Biscuit	Ice Cream Pot	Chocolate Brownie	Fruit Pot	Mini Doughnuts
Water, Milk or Fruit Juice	Water, Milk or Fruit Juice	Water, Milk or Fruit Juice	Water, Milk or Fruit Juice	Water, Milkshake or Fruit Juice

## Winter Menu 2024 Week 2 – 8/1/24, 22/1/24, 5/2/24

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Meatballs served in a Tomato and Basil Sauce  Vegetarian Meatballs served in a Tomato and Basil Sauce (V)	Sausage Roll Vegetarian Sausage Roll (v)	Crispy Coated Fish Fillet	All Day Breakfast Bacon Sausage (v)	Ham Roll Cheese Roll
Pasta	Crispy Potato Puffs	Chips	Hash Brown Bites	Crisps
Sweetcorn	Baked Beans	Peas	Baked Beans	Carrot and Cucumber Sticks
Chocolate Chip Cookie	Fruit Yoghurt Pot	American Style Pancake Served with Fruit Sauce	Fruit Jelly Pot	Frube Yoghurt Tube
Water, Milk or Fruit Juice	Water, Milk or Fruit Juice	Water, Milk or Fruit Juice	Water, Milk or Fruit Juice	Water, Milkshake or Fruit Juice