

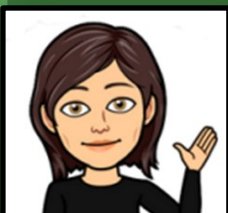
Welcome to October!

September has sped by and summer holidays feel like a distant memory. The children have settled into their new classes really well and have already made lots of progress with their learning.

We have noticed a really positive change in the number of children arriving at school on time each day. Thank you for all your support with this. Being on time makes a huge difference to children's well being, their learning and helps their classmates and teachers start the day undisturbed.

We have lots to look forward to in October including Hello

Yellow Day, World Mental Health day, Parent's consultations, Book fair and Diwali celebration day. We look forward to seeing you at some of these events.



Attendance

The children's attendance at school so far this year has been great and we are grateful that you prioritise your child's education so highly.

Please can we remind you that term time holidays will not be authorised and may incur a penalty notice.

Please see the chart below which shows how absence impacts attendance:

Every School Day Counts		
Attendance during the school year	Equates to days absent	Which is approximately
96%	6 days	1 week
94%	10 days	2 weeks
90%	19 days	4 weeks
85%	29 days	6 weeks
80%	38 days	8 weeks
75%	48 days	10 weeks
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks

Important dates for this term

w/c 30th September	Food bank collection for Oadby Foodbank
10th October	World Mental Health Day and Hello Yellow Day. (wear something yellow to school)
w/c 15th October	School book Fair
16th /17th October	Parents evening
30th October	Dress up for Diwali day and special school lunch
5th November	Special Bonfire lunch
11th November	Odd socks Day to launch Anti Bullying week
13-15th November	Year 5 Residential
15th November	Children in Need – wear something spotty
20th November	Open classrooms 9.00-9.30am
29th November	Staff inset day school closed
11th /12th December	Foundation Stage performances
18th / 19th December	Year 1 and Year 2 performances





500 Words is finally open for entries, it's time to get writing! [Submit your stories here](#) before 9pm on Friday 8 November 2024.

There are two age categories: [5-7 and 8-11 year-olds](#). All children need to do is write a story they would love to read in 500 Words or less.

We would love children of all abilities to enter; **spelling, punctuation and grammar** are not marked - it's all about creativity!

50 finalists will be invited to go to a glamorous [grand final](#) at Buckingham Palace in February next year, where the bronze, silver and gold winners in each category will have their stories read out by celebrities.

There are also lots of [prizes to be won](#) - each winner will take home a bundle of [books](#) and the gold winners also win 500 books for their school library.

Not only that, [the winning stories will](#) receive an original [illustration](#) from Dapo Adeola, Nigel Parkinson, Lydia Monks, Momoko Abe, Rob Biddulph or Yasmeen Ismail.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

Leicestershire County Council's Warm Homes service

Leicestershire County Council's Warm Homes service provides advice to residents to support affordable warmth. Residents can obtain advice by telephoning 0116 305 2524 or visiting our advice pages: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/home-energy-grants

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/community-schemes-and-funding/energy-efficiency-grants>

The service is currently delivering two projects:

Home Energy Retrofit Offer

Eligible residents living in energy inefficient homes can receive tailored support, via home visits, to access grant funding or assess their homes to identify suitable improvements. To find out more visit the HERO webpage or telephone the Warm Homes service on 0116 305 2524.

Home Upgrade Grant

The Home Upgrade Grant administered by the Warm Homes service together with YES Energy Solutions and E.ON Energy Solutions can provide homeowners and private tenants (subject to landlord contribution) with fully funded energy efficiency measures improving the warmth and comfort of homes, whilst also reducing energy bills, carbon emissions and levels of fuel poverty across the county.

For more information including the full eligibility criteria, eligible postcode areas or to apply, visit the County Council's Green Living Leicestershire Home Upgrade Grant webpage or call project delivery partner YES Energy Solutions on 0330 912 6199, who will support residents with their applications.



Driving children to school is seen as the most convenient choice for parents with busy lives. Many parents take the view that by driving their children to school they are keeping them safe. Yet the combination of each individual decision means an increase in vehicle traffic and congestion particularly at the school gate.

Many children now miss out on the opportunity to develop vital road safety skills with their parents on the way to school. They fail to build up confidence and learn the ability to manage risk walking around their local community. Walking can improve overall fitness levels in children and adults. It is a cheap low impact way to exercise. Getting active in our daily lives can have a big impact on health issues such as obesity.

We realise that there are some parents/carers who have no alternative but to drive their children to school, however, many are driving short distances where walking is a real option. Even those who have to drive to school can do their bit by parking away from the school entrance and walking for part of the journey.

What can you do to help keep everyone safe around the school gates?

Please don't:

- **Block the road - emergency vehicles and other traffic may need access**
- **Park on yellow lines, zig-zags or block the school entrance**
- **Park on the pavement, across dropped kerbs or residents' driveways**
- **Park opposite or within 10 metres of a junction**

Park where you will cause inconvenience to other road users

These changes make a real difference to the congestion around schools, making the school run less stressful and far safer for everyone. Not only that but they will help your child's education. Research has shown that children who walk or cycle to school are more receptive to learning at the start of the school day than those who travel to school by car.

Keeping children safe online

We all have a part to play in keeping children safe online. Find out how with our online safety guides.



We know that IT presents many opportunities for children today. However, we are all aware of the dangers it also presents.

As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. The NSPCC have some useful advice to regarding staying safe online as a family.

[NSPCC Online Safety advice](#)