

Long Meadow Matters

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week saw our termly Awards Assemblies take place across the school. This is an opportunity to celebrate success for children who have shown effort, improvement and development in a wide range of areas. This could be academic in a specific subject or part of a subject, or pastoral – being a good friend, supporting others, etc.. Finally it could be for effort or consistency. We look at every child receiving an award across the two years of a phase (Year 3 and 4 for example). All children are able to be recognised in this way because, as a school, we believe that all children deserve to be celebrated for progress from their individual starting points. The second section of the assemblies are for our 'Golden Student'. This is only for those children who have consistently followed our Golden Rules. The child is randomly picked by our visiting VIP and wins a cinema voucher. This is just one way in which we celebrate the success of the whole child at LMS – well done to all our award winners.

The Junior Leadership Team and myself were out at the front of the school this week looking at the parking situation in and around our school. Parking has been, and continues to be, a huge issue for the safety of our children and the Junior Leadership Team. We 'ticketed' some cars with reminders about keeping children safe with parking. The children were upset about what they saw and worried about what might happen. They have written a report which you will find on the back of this newsletter. Please take the time to read it, but more importantly change the behaviour when parking around our school. If it was your child that was at risk due to your parking—would you continue to park in the same way? Food for thought.

Finally today, as we say goodbye to Mrs Kendall, may I say another huge thank you for all of your hard work and commitment to the children of our school. You have touched so many young lives and supported so many families. Thank you. I am however pleased to announce that we will have a new Learning Mentor/Parent Support Worker starting at LMS on the 29th April. Mrs Laura Fawcett will be joining the team. She is already a Learning Mentor in a school and can't wait to build on Mrs Kendall's work and get to know the children and families of LMS – I know you will join me in welcoming her after the break.

All that is left for me to do is wish you a happy and restful Easter break. Recharge those batteries and we look forward to welcoming you all back to the Summer term on Tuesday 23rd April.

Enjoy your time together.

Mr Philip Gray
Head Teacher



Congratulations to

Sticklebacks

who achieved **97.9%**

attendance this week!

**Well done
everybody!**

PARENT GOVERNOR OPPORTUNITY

There is an opportunity for one of our parents to become a Governor for Long Meadow School. If you would like to be considered for this role please email your interest to the main school address shown at the top of this newsletter. If more than one parent is interested, we will then start the election process.

Parking at Long Meadow

Disabled Parking

The two disabled parking spaces are for valid blue badge holders only. It is not a drop off point or for your convenience. These spaces should not be blocked in either. Please think of those who need these spaces.

Path Parking

Not only is it illegal to park on the pavement it is also very dangerous to any pedestrian wanting to use the pavement.

By parking on the pavement you are forcing children to walk on the road.

Anyone on a bike, pushing a buggy, on a mobility scooter etc cannot get through when inconsiderate people park on the pavement.

Lines

What does the highway say about double yellow lines and zig zag lines outside of a school? They say no one is allowed to park on them. So why do so many people do this? There is no excuse to drop off your children here either. The rule goes for everyone.

Parking on corners of the road could cause a bad collision, drivers pulling out can not see if there are any cars coming ahead which is highly dangerous.

Speeding

If you are speeding round our school area you are putting your life and others lives at risk. Remember our speed limit is 20 miles per hour and no faster than that.

Slogans

Be a smart Parker, not a collision starter!

If you park near our school, makes sure it's cool!