

# LAMBLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## 1. LATEST NEWS

It has been a busy three weeks in school; with three more busy weeks to follow!

Our Value of the Month throughout January has been the 'Value of Empathy'. Empathy is the ability to understand other people's **feelings** and **connect** with them. It has been said that empathy is a beacon of hope. Primary schools are the perfect environment to discuss, teach and nurture such an important value.

Indeed, working in a school with nearly two hundred children and over twenty staff means that understanding and living an empathetic life is ever so important. For a school community to grow and flourish we need to be mindful of others and understand that other people see things and view things differently and may have different reactions to situations. We cannot live another person's life nor share exactly how they feel but we can always empathise with others. Empathy is so important because it strengthens human relationships, enables conflict resolution and, it has been said, is the cornerstone to effective communication.

Empathy is something we really focus on at Lambley and it has been great to see the number of children being recognised in assemblies this term for showing the value of empathy towards others. Susan Sarandon once stressed just how important this value is when she said, "When you start to develop your powers of empathy and imagination, the whole world opens up to you."

To finish, I want to share a wonderful story of empathy from this term. We have just welcomed a new member to the Willow Class. Starting school at such a young age can be quite daunting and even more so if you do not start in September with all your peers. You do not meet everyone at the same time, you do not learn the routines with everyone else, you have to be brave and step into a new environment. Our newest member of Willow Class has done just this and we are so glad they have joined us. Day one for this children must have been quite daunting but one of our youngest members of school took it upon themselves to look after him and make sure he felt welcome. He had empathised with how he must have been **feeling** and **connected** with him, making his first experience of Lambley a positive one. What a wonderful example of empathy and something we can all learn a little from.

## 2. IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Can I remind all parents that **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February** is School Photos day.

Please ensure your children are in full-school uniform on this day (if it is a usual PE day, please send PE kits in a bag).

If your school-aged child has a younger sibling that has not yet started school, we would like to invite them to join in with the photos as well. Please bring the younger sibling with your child/children for an 8:30am start.

School photo day is such a wonderful day in the school calendar, a day filled with big smiles and affection for family. I cannot wait to see you all on the day and see the photos that follow.

## 3. DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Elm & Beech Space Centre Trip - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

A quick reminder to Elm & Beech about the upcoming Space Centre Trip on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

Please ensure your children are in school for 8:30am (in full-school uniform) and with a packed lunch. Please also remember to provide consent and make payment via Scopay. It is going to be an incredible trip!

### Diary Dates

Diary dates for this term will be out later this week - keep an eye out on your emails, Class Dojo and Tapestry.



## 4. WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU

I have spent a lot of time in classes this week seeing what the children are learning and how they are applying themselves to every task. I have been so impressed by them all and as such certificates this week must have been so difficult for staff to choose! Our winners this week were...

**Reach for the Stars Award** – Isobel T

**Environment Award** - Hurain R

**Being Kind Award** – Lux S

**Showing Respect Award** – Ada B

**Phonics Little Wandler** - Harrie T

**Superstar of the Week:** Frankie S, Lennie H, Robyn H, Everley A-R, Caitlin H, Erin W

**Hardworking Hero:** Brooke A-J, Darcy H, Samuel A, Eva V, Jack LH, Imogen K, Jack W, Grace A

**Writer of the Week:** Clara C, Aine W, Joel W, Harriet B, Henry B

**Head Boy/Girl & Deputies Award:** Eva V

**House Point Winners of the week:** Marcus Rashford

Well done to all our winners! We are all so proud of you!



## 5. A NOTE FROM MR CHRISTOPHER



I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you all about the school's virtual library on the school website which can be found at <https://lambleyprimaryschool.org.uk/learning-at-lambley/library/>

This is a lovely way to extend your child's passion for reading. There are a range of books for all ages that are read in full (or in part) to the children. In fact, some of the authors also do a draw along at the end. Elm Class and I used the library last week to extend our work on Beegu and they really enjoyed this.

As well as novels, there are also books on values (such as empathy) which could extend their school learning at home with yourselves.

Mrs. Barnes even made us a French virtual library for those keen to learn French.

If you have time, please do take a look with your child.

## 6. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Clubs for spring term (so far)...

TUES: KS2 Musical Theatre Club (lunchtime)

TUES: Miss White's Art Club

TUES: Mr Robinson's Football Club for KS2 girls

WED: Mrs. Jordan's Chess Club (lunchtime)

WED: Little Foodies Cookery Club (after school)

THURS: Mr Conroy/Mr Clayton's KS2 Football Club

For more information, please contact the school office or the relevant teacher.

If there are any other clubs your children would like, please do let me know and I will see what I can do!

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You can find more information on our website: <https://lambleyprimaryschool.org.uk>

Please check Class Dojo (Y1-6) or Tapestry (EYFS) regularly for updates throughout the week