



# Legh Vale Weekly Newsletter



**Week Ending: 15/12/23**

## **Diary Dates**

<b>22.12.23</b>	School closes for Christmas at 2pm
<b>8.1.24</b>	Start of Spring term (1)
<b>9.2.24</b>	School closes for half term
<b>19.2.24</b>	Start of Spring term (2)

**This is our final newsletter for 2023! We would like to take this opportunity to say Merry Christmas to you all and to wish you all the very best for 2024. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year.**



## **KS2 Choir**

What a half term! All children involved in the choir have excelled themselves and performed brilliantly at both Colliers Croft and with Haydock Male Voice Choir. We are so very proud of all the children.

## **Y5 Playleader Training**

A group of twenty Year 5 pupils applied to become our school play leaders. All the candidates were successful and undertook training with the School Game Organisers. Playleaders are children who support other pupils on the playground to play games and develop friendship skills. The children have taken part in two training sessions and will begin to lead playground games in both KS1 and KS2 in the new year.

## **Year 3 British Sign Language**

Y3 children had the opportunity to participate in a British Sign Language after school club led by our visitor, Vicky. They did fantastically well by learning greetings, numbers, days of the week, months of the year, colours and much more! We are so incredibly proud of their maturity and enthusiasm- Vicky was very impressed by our children. It is Year Four's turn next half-term, and we would highly recommend signing up for it!

## **Girls Football**

Congratulations to both our Y4 Girls and Y6 Girls who have represented our school at football events this term. On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, a team of Y6 Girls went to the St Helens Girls' Football Festival at Ruskin Drive. The girls played brilliantly, their confidence increased with every game and their behaviour was fantastic. Well done girls!

## **Athletics**

This term, we had three Y5/6 teams compete in the local town athletics events. We have previously mentioned that two of our teams finished their competitions in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place.

## **St. Helens Champions**

Last week, our final team took part in the main tournament and as reported on social media, they were crowned Large School Champions. On Monday, all the results were merged together and the overall champions were announced. We are delighted to inform you that Legh Vale are this year's Overall St. Helens Champions. In addition, this latest victory means that a very special milestone has been reached; for the past **15 years**, the title of town champions has belonged to Legh Vale! Amazing!

## **Trip to the World Museum.**

Year 5 had a wonderful trip to Liverpool World Museum. They enjoyed participating in activities based on the Ancient Egyptians and Space as part of their English, History and Science topics. The children's behaviour and manners were impeccable.

## **Swimming**

Year 5 have worked hard during their swimming lessons. The children took part in a 6 week block of lessons where they all made great progress. It was lovely to see their confidence in the water and knowledge of water safety improve week after week.

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### Christmas Parties

On their respective party days, children should come to school dressed in their party clothes. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas parties will take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December and for KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) Christmas parties will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

### Christmas Bingo and Raffle Donations

Many thanks to everyone who donated an item that will go towards the prizes for our Christmas bingo and raffle events.

### Christmas Concert

It was lovely to see so many friends and family at our Christmas performances.

### Christmas Performance Donations

As you are aware, during our Christmas Performances, we have been collecting donations for Willowbrook Hospice and Zoe's Place. We would like to say a big thank you.

### Christingle

Many thanks to Dan Leathers and his team at St.Mark's Church for giving our children a wonderful Christingle experience. If you would like to make a small donation, all proceeds are going to [www.tearfund.org](http://www.tearfund.org).

### Children in Need

Thank you so much for your support with this annual appeal



### Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone for your support with this year's Poppy appeal for the Royal British Legion, at Legh Vale we raised a fantastic £562.50! Your support will make a real difference, without this support the British Legion could not do the work they do for the Armed Forces community. Thanks you!



### Holiday Dates

To support parents, holiday dates for 2023/2024 are now available on the school website.

### Contact Details for Parents/Carers

Please ensure that school has your latest contact details as we will use these details when school staff need to contact you about your child. Thank you.

## Star Outside School

### David —Y5K

David has worked really hard and has achieved a Yellow Belt in Sport Karate.

We are always delighted to share the children's success outside of school. Please ensure that we receive the information by Wednesday so that we have time to include it on Friday's newsletter. Thank you. (Any information received after Wednesday will appear on the following week's newsletter)

### **KS1 ATTENDANCE WINNERS**

1st— Y1JL-94.3%

2nd— Y2CF-91.5%

3rd— Y1HD&Y2PM-90.7%



### **KS2 ATTENDANCE WINNERS**

1st— Y5K-97.2%

2nd — Y3W-95.5%

3rd —Y4C-95.1%

