

Dear Parents and Carers,  
**Harvest Festival**

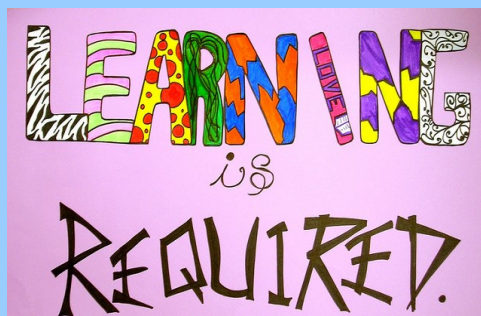


Thank you to the parents and carers who came to our Harvest Assembly on Monday. It was lovely to see so many of you helping us celebrate your children's performance skills. The children presented their songs and poems beautifully. We were joined by Rev. Jemima Strain who shared a highly engaging Harvest presentation with the children. She will be leading two Christmas services for us in the run up to Christmas.

Thank you too for all the kind donations of food, which Rev. Jemima took with her to the Kineton foodbank.

**Parents' Information Meeting -17/10/19@ 3.15 -3.45**

We will be holding a Parents' Information meeting next Thursday 17th October, after school for half an hour or so when we can share with you the exciting new curriculum changes that are being introduced at the moment in school. We would love to see as many of you attend this session as possible to find out more about what your child is learning in school and how best to support them.



## Staff training on medical conditions



On Tuesday, Mrs Thorneywork and Ms Walker attended training with school nurse Ashley Witnall at Sydenham. Ashley trained them in how to respond to emergencies when children are suffering from asthma or anaphylaxis and these staff learned how to administer epipens and inhalers when children need them.

If children with serious medical conditions do not have the correct (life saving) medication with them in school, we are able to refuse admittance. We need to make sure that we can keep all children safe.

Ashley gave us the following information to pass to parents:

### If your child has asthma:

School need to be aware of children who have asthma and use an inhaler. Please inform the school office if this is the case for your child.

Your child should keep a blue (reliever) inhaler in school. This should be prescribed to them and come with a spacer, which we also need in school. Your GP can prescribe these. We note that many of our children with inhalers do not have a spacer with them. If this is the case for your child, please contact your GP and provide us with a named spacer alongside their inhaler.

Children with asthma should have regular reviews at their surgery. Part of this process should be to draw up a care plan (written by the nurse). Please provide us with a copy of this (up to date) care plan. If your child does not have one, or if it is over 12 months old, please contact your GP surgery to request one.

### If your child has an epipen:

We need to know if your child has an epipen and, if this is the case, we need their medication at school. If this is relevant for you and you have not already told us, please inform the school office ASAP.

If your child has an epipen in school we will work with you to draw up a care plan so that all staff know how to respond in an emergency.

## **Data Collection**

Your child should have brought home a data collection sheet recently. Please ensure that the information we have is correct and return the form to us as soon as possible. This is done annually as part of our GDPR (data protection) requirements.

Have a relaxing weekend. See you next week.

Jacquie Birch

Associate Headteacher



# Lateness

We have noticed that a lot of children are arriving late in school at the moment. Please remember that the school day begins at 8:55 and anybody arriving after this time is classed as late. I have taken the following information from the Warwickshire Country Council website:

- Punctuality is a legal requirement for school student.
- Being on time for school is very important. Many schools concentrate on the key skills such as literacy and numeracy at the beginning of the school day. Children who arrive late can miss important learning.
- Late arriving children also miss important information about what is happening during the day. This can leave a child confused and distressed when he/she does not know what is going on.
- Schools will monitor lateness carefully because it is often a precursor to later disaffection and absenteeism.
- If your child arrives late at school, he/she will have to be signed in and a parental explanation recorded. Persistent, severe or unexplained lateness can be classed as unauthorised absence and may be referred to the Local Authority.

For more information please see the following website:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolattendance>

With attendance in mind we will be publishing the attendance figures for each class in school per week alongside the top attendance in the school.

The minimum acceptable attendance, as stipulated by Warwickshire Local Authority, is 95%. Low attendance results in poorer educational progress and



**Article 3** (best interests of the child)

The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children.

# House Points

Rabbits 73

Dogs 56

Guinea Pigs 96

Cats 64

## Lighthorne Heath Heroes!

Congratulations to all of this week's  
Lighthorne Heath Heroes! And our Smiler !  
Friday 11th October 2019





## Diary Dates

- 17/10/19 Parents' Information Meeting –3.15
- 18/10/19 Bikeability 1. Y5/6
- 21/10/19 RSC Actor Visit Valkyrie Class, plus Year 3
- 22/10/19 Valkyrie Planetarium Visit to School
- 25/10/19 Bikeability 2. Y5/6
- 25/10/19 Own Clothes Day/Cake sale  
Break up for Half Term
  
- 04/11/19 Return to school
- 04/11/19 Eco Week
- 07/11/19 Whole school Photographer
- 08/11/19 N/R Stay and Play Maths Session-09.00
- 13/11/19 Whole-School Immunisation Programme
- 15/11/19 INSET –school closed
- 25/11/19 Pyjama Day
- 06/12/19 Compton Verney Dementia Café Carol Singing  
Yrs, 4,5,6
- 20/12/19 Break up for Christmas



Curry Night  
Village Hall  
Tonight- 11/10/19



6.00- 8.00pm  
All welcome

## Vantage Class

Stratford-upon-Avon Herald—First Day at School Supplement



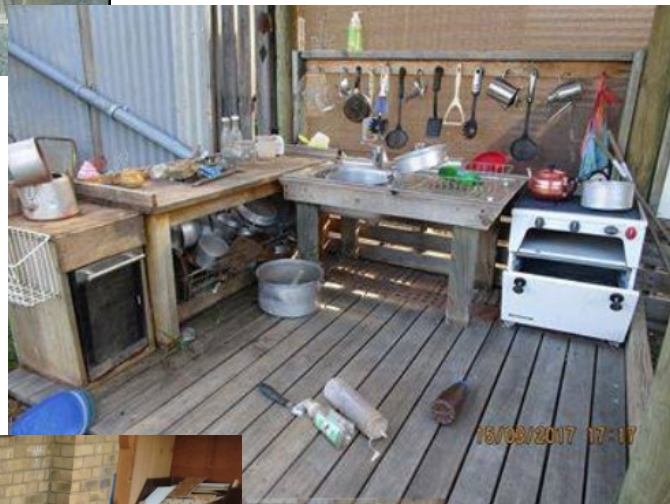
Following our Reading Information Workshop, we are hosting a **Stay and Play** with a Maths focus for our Nursery and Reception Parents on Friday 8th November. Please come and see how we teach maths in the Early Years.





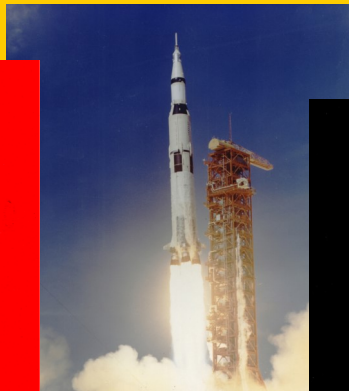
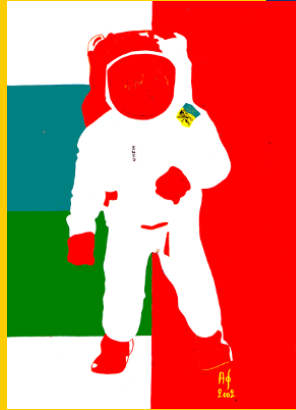
We would like to create an outdoor workshop/kitchen play area .

Mrs Hartley has acquired an usable wooden pallet. If any parents have any old DIY tools and scraps of wood and old kitchen pots/pans and utensils then please do send them in. Also– are any parents talented enough to make a basic mud kitchen out of pallets? Some ideas below...





## Valkyrie Class News



As part of their topic work on Space this term, Valkyrie have been learning about the female astronaut, Mae Jemison.

Tuesday 8th August 2019

LO: To act in role as a person from history

Today we hot-seated as Mae Jemison. This helped us to gain a greater understanding of her thoughts and possible motivations. We then went on to write in role as part of our work on autobiographies.



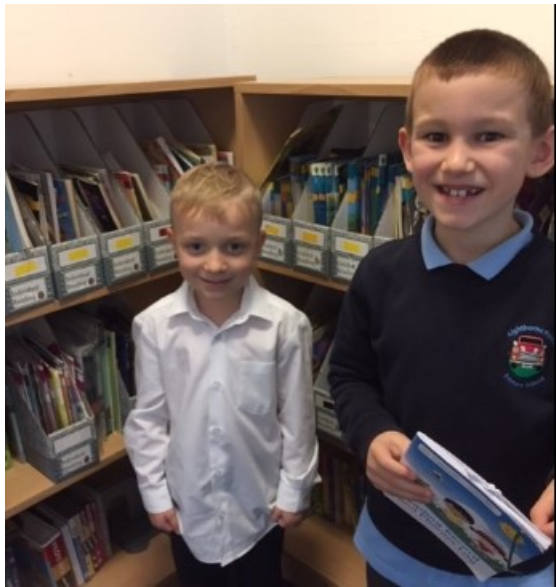
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## Vulcan Class News

Vulcan class are continuing their literacy work on *The Gingerbread Man*– they have been concentrating on the use of punctuation in their writing responses to the text.



Well done to Kasper and Spencer, both really good home readers :)



The children really enjoyed making Roman soldier helmets this week .





## *Calling all Parents*

Could you help your child's school claim all the funding it's entitled to?

**Pupil Premium** is extra funding that schools receive for any pupil who is entitled to a free school meal. Schools can receive £1,320 of funding per year for 6 years per pupil, totalling £7,920.

Many schools don't receive this funding because of the introduction of universal free school meals for all 4-7 year olds. Parents don't make a claim because their child receives a hot meal anyway.

For a school to access this funding, parents must apply for free school meals, but this doesn't mean the meal has to be taken. However an application must be made!

**We can help you to make this application AND check you are receiving your full benefit entitlement.**

Families do not claim all they are entitled to, and there is often more to be claimed – do you also want to see if you are getting your full benefit entitlement?

We are a **free and confidential** advice service

We can do a '*benefits and free school meals check*' to see if you are missing out and we will fill in any forms that are required.

Complete this slip, pop it in an envelope and post it to us using the **FREEPOST** envelope provided or alternatively *email* [info@wwras.org.uk](mailto:info@wwras.org.uk) or *call* 02476 372069.

I would like a benefit check, please contact me.

**PLEASE PRINT YOUR DETAILS:**

**School** .....

**Name**.....

**Address**.....

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**Postcode**..... **Tel number**.....

post to: **WWRAS, FREEPOST CV2104, NUNEATON, CV11 5BR**

Lighthorne Heath Primary School,  
Stratford Road,  
Lighthorne Heath.  
Leamington Spa



11/10/19

## **FREE Family, Food & Fun Holiday Club**

Dear Parents

I am pleased to let you know that a free Family, Food and Fun session will be run by Warwickshire county Council at **Lighthorne Heath Village Hall** on Thursday 31 October 2019.

These sessions are for **parents to attend along with their children** and will involve some fun activities to help us get physically active, the opportunity to make your own healthy, spooky lunch and then a creepy craft activity.

**This activity will run from 10am – 1.30pm on Thursday 31 October 2019.**

If you would like to attend please complete the reply slip below.

Remember to wear some flat, comfortable footwear and to wrap up for the outside activities if the weather is cold.

Kind regards

Jacquie Birch

Headteacher

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### **FREE Family Food and Fun Event 2019 – Halloween Special!**

Name(s) of parent/guardian attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of child or children attending: \_\_\_\_\_

We can attend Thursday 31 October \_\_\_\_\_

Do you or your child(ren) have any dietary requirements? If yes please specify below:

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**Article 31** (leisure, play and culture)

Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.