



LEIGHSWOOD SCHOOL

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

I do hope you all enjoyed the summer break. It is so lovely to see all the children smartly turned out in their uniform, thank you. We have lots of events coming up and we thought that you would appreciate having the key dates for the whole year so that you can plan time off work if you should need to. They will be sent out later next week.

Mrs O'Dwyer

KS2 Library Opening

On Tuesday 10th September, we welcomed Steve Cole, author of *Astrosaurs*, to open our new Library at KS2.



During the day he worked with all the children from Y1 to Y6, reading extracts from his wide range of books.

Each session ended with a fantastic question and answer session where the children were fascinated with how Steve was inspired to become a writer and what it takes to get a book published.

Everyone enjoyed the sessions and the children were eager to get into the library and get reading.

As part of the Library update we have purchased over 800 new reading books for the children, partly funded by a generous donation from the PTA.

Look out for Steve Cole's latest releases.

LUNCHTIMES

Our Playground Charter

- A right to play.**
Adults will organise activities and equipment and teach us new games.
We will follow the rules.
- A right to be safe.**
Adults will check that equipment is safe. They will also make sure our school is a 'Friendly' zone.
We will play sensibly and treat others as we would want to be treated ourselves.
- A right to be heard.**
Adults will listen to what we have to say.
We will tell the truth, listen to others and speak respectfully.
- A right to be included and valued.**
Adults will make sure that everyone has someone to play with.
We will ask others to join in if they have no one to play with.



We are pleased to welcome Miss Swingler, as our lunchtime Pastoral Leader, to work with the children at lunchtimes across the school.

At lunchtimes, a range of clubs and activities are available for the children to take part in and a Lunchtime Charter has been introduced.

Forest School - Another exciting opportunity for our children! As you may have noticed we have a new Forest Practitioner, Mr Watson, working with us. Together with Miss Stanley, they are developing two new areas, next to Leighs Wood, as forest school areas for Y1 to Y6. A new fire pit area and has been built as well as a bird hide and there are plans to create a small orchard. Forest School Sessions will be starting soon for Y1 and Y2. If you have any wellies, that your child has grown out of, they would be greatly received as the area will be used whatever the weather. A big 'Thank you' to the PTA for supporting the purchase of the wet weather outfits for children from Y1 to Y6 to use and two wonderful sheds.

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