



Together

Thank you to our PTFA

Our wonderful PTFA have generously donated funds towards the refurbishment of our new school libraries. The children are enjoying their class library visits, browsing quality texts by a range of well-loved authors.



Important Dates Coming Up

October 2024

Monday 14th October – 2KR Forest School
 Friday 18th October – 2LO Forest School
 Friday 25th October – 2FT Forest School
 Monday 21st October – 2KR Forest School
 Monday 21st October – EYFS RJG Parent drop-in – school hall - 2.45pm
 Tuesday 22nd October – EYFS RHH Parent drop-in – school hall - 2.45pm
 Wednesday 23rd October - ABC afternoon
 Half term - Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November

November 2024

Monday 4th November INSET day – school closed to children
 Friday 8th November- 2LO Forest School
 Monday 11th November – 2FT Forest School
 Wednesday 13th November - Individual photographs, Parents’ Evening and Book Fair 4pm -7pm
 Thursday 14th November - Parents’ Evening and Book Fair 4pm –7pm
 Thursday 14th November – 2LO Forest School
 Friday 15th November - Mufti – Children in Need
 Monday 18th November – 2KR Forest School
 Thursday 21st November – 2FT Forest School
 Tuesday 26th November – 2FT Inspire Workshop at 9:15am
 Wednesday 27th November – 2KR Inspire Workshop at 9:15am
 Thursday 28th November – 2LO Inspire Workshop at 9:15am and 2LO Forest School

Learning

Attendance

7th – 11th October 2024

| Class | % | Class | % | Class | % |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| RJG | 97.00 | RHH | 93.48 | | |
| 1KH | 98.46 | 1LI | 93.20 | 1SB | 95.65 |
| 2KR | 99.31 | 2LO | 99.33 | 2TF | 93.00 |
| 3EG | 96.79 | 3AC | 96.67 | 3ES | 96.90 |
| 4GO | 93.55 | 4KM | 99.31 | 4LH | 96.21 |
| 5LO | 96.13 | 5ZB | 97.00 | 5SM | 98.62 |
| 6BR | 95.94 | 6EG | 96.00 | 6AO | 98.33 |

Worker of the Week 11th October 2024

| Class | Name | Class | Name | Class | Name |
|-------|---------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|------------|
| RJG | Max P Leonardo N | RHH | Bryce A Henry D | | |
| 1KH | Molly C | 1LI | Annabelle M | 1SB | Mabel C |
| 2TF | Grace T | 2KR | Freddie S | 2LO | Ronnie T |
| 3EG | Henry B | 3AC | Carter R | 3ES | Zak D |
| 4GO | Grace H | 4KM | James W | 4LH | Keera C |
| 5LO | Seth M | 5ZB | Ella M | 5SM | Jennifer C |
| 6BR | Chloe L | 6EG | Cora H | 6AO | Betsie H |



Learning

Year 2 Forest School Autumn Term 2024



| Session | 2KR Mondays | 2LO Thursdays | 2FT 3 x Mondays 3 x Thursdays |
|-----------|-----------------------|---|---|
| 2 | 30 th Sept | 3 rd Oct New date – 11th Oct | 26 th Sept (Thur) |
| 3 | 14 th Oct | 10 th Oct New date – 18th Oct | 7 th Oct (Mon) |
| 4 | 21 st Oct | 24 th Oct New date – 8th Nov | 17 th Oct (Thur) New date – Friday 25th Oct |
| HALF TERM | | | |
| 5 | 18 th Nov | 14 th Nov | 11 th Nov (Mon) |
| 6 | 9 th Dec | 28 th Nov | 21 st Nov (Thur) |

Some dates have changed due to staffing. Children can come in non-uniform on their Forest School days, including long trousers and preferably long sleeves. As the weather becomes colder, please ensure children have a jumper or fleece, a waterproof coat and a hat and gloves. **Please also send wellingtons and extra socks in a carrier bag.** We will have a few spares but not many. We do have waterproof dungarees which we can loan out, if necessary, but if your child has their own waterproofs, they can bring them and put them on before we leave the classroom. We serve Galaxy hot chocolate and may toast marshmallows (vegan option available), so please inform the class teacher if your child cannot have these items.

Thank you for your support.

Appeal for Forest School Helpers



Our Forest School sessions take place on Monday and Thursday afternoons. We are reliant on a wonderful team of volunteers to ensure an adequate adult: child ratio and need to increase our numbers so that sessions can go ahead.

Current volunteers will testify that the experience of supporting sessions is both fun and rewarding; we even hold an exclusive 'thank you' session in December for volunteers and their children. If you can spare a few afternoons, please leave your name and e-mail address at the school office FAO Liz Cole. All volunteers will need to hold/obtain a Lutley DBS.

Thank you for your support.

Skills Builder Home Zone

At Lutley, we believe it is important for our pupils to build a set of essential skills to succeed in life: the ability to creatively solve problems, to self-manage, to communicate effectively, and to work well with others. These are skills that are needed to do almost anything well.

Skills Builder provides a consistent, universal approach to these essential skills. We define the essential skills as: Listening, Speaking, Problem Solving, Creativity, Staying Positive, Aiming High, Leadership and Teamwork.



If you are interested in supporting your child to build these essential skills at home, Skills Builder has a fantastic website. Here you can find activities that you can enjoy together at a time and pace to suit you and your family. If you enjoy the activities, we would love you to share this with us.

<https://www.skillsbuilder.org/homezone>

Come and join Lutley PTFA

We meet half termly on a Wednesday or a Thursday evening at 6pm or 7pm, for no more than an hour, with our annual AGM meeting due to be held online on Wednesday 16th October at 7pm. The next meeting after this will be held in person at school on Wednesday 4th December at 6pm.

Meetings take place in school in the main hall and online alternately, so we get the opportunity to meet in person as well as making it more convenient with online meetings too.

We encourage anyone who is interested to come along to our meetings and share fundraising ideas, as well as support our planned events, such as end of term discos and termly pre-loved uniform sales to raise more money and enhance our children's educational opportunities.

It's a great way to meet new people, make new friends and make a valuable contribution to our school community.

Please contact
ptfa@lutley.dudley.sch.uk if you
would like to join us.

We look forward to welcoming
you at our next meeting.



A session of fun and educational activities, songs and rhymes.

Lutley Primary School

Every Monday morning

Every Thursday morning

(during term time)

Limited spaces available

9.15am-10.45am

£2.00 per child

£5.00 for a Forest School session *

Stay and Play sessions are suitable for 3-4 years olds.

For further information and to book a session, contact

Lutley Primary School

01384 818 220

Brookwillow Road, Halesowen, B63 1BU

*Forest School Sessions: Thursday 26th September; Thursday 10th October; Thursday 24th October

Thank you!

What a creative school community we are!

Thank you to everyone who has made a gorgeous, knitted poppy for our remembrance wreath.

Thank you for your support.



Each week, we will share a useful parent guide on a range of online safety topics. These are also available free to you if you sign up to National Online Safety. Keep your children safe by staying up to date! Also, take a look at <https://parentzone.org.uk/> for more.



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many devices which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

for young people

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You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosy around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though; they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos; this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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