



**Race Leys**  
Junior School

# NEWSLETTER

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**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2019**

**Issue No 21**

## **Dear Race Leys Family**

Thank you to all parents and carers who have visited the school this week to meet with teachers to discuss the children's progress. Overall attendance has been very positive at 80%. There is a famous saying that *"It takes a village to raise a child"*. In essence this sums up that it is the contributions of all adults in a child's life that help a young person to grow, learn, thrive and ultimately be the best prepared they possibly can for the adventure of adult life. In partnership, home and school together can achieve great things. And so we are grateful to you all for your continued support at this and other events throughout the term.

On a more serious note I am asking all families to support us in ensuring children are using social media wisely. It is becoming apparent that pupils are bringing into school some aspects of their playing of online games, particularly "Fortnite". This is causing arguments between children and in other cases causing some pupils to be very tired in lessons due to late night playing.

Research has suggested that there is a link between the blue light emitted from computer devices and good sleep habits in children and young people. The US National Sleep Foundation has told parents that it is important to stop children using electronic devices before bedtime "because the blue light emitted from these screens can delay the release of sleep-inducing melatonin". We hope you understand our concerns and can support us in this matter.

During half term, we would be grateful for your support of the children's community service challenge. This opportunity to give something back to the community lay at the heart of our Founders' Day event last week and is designed to help the children show our values to others. During the week each child is asked to do three things to help people in their immediate community – in other words their family! Please do take this opportunity to get that extra helping hand with the dishes, or to get that bedroom tidied! Your feedback on the Community Service form will be gratefully received after half term and we will be celebrating our Race Leys heroes in assembly at the end of the week. We look forward to hearing what our Race Leys pupils have been up to!

**Suzanne Edwards - head**

### Attendance

Our current whole school attendance target is **96.5%**. This week our total is 95.5%. Our top three classes are 3CL , 3MA and 4HM.

### **Dates for your diary**

**School re-opens after half term on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**End of term: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 3.20pm.**

### PAL Learners of the week



**3MA Jacob**

**3CL Lawrence**

**4BM Curtis**

**4HM Lennon**

**5IP Madison**

**5BJ Cian S**

**6TJ Alex**

**6RD Charlie**



**Our shared value for February is: love**

### Community Professionals Day

Year 6 enjoyed listening about life in the emergency services last week as part of their ongoing community professionals learning. We were visited by two local paramedics, an A&E nurse and an ambulance! Thank you to both! The programme aims to help young people to develop a better understanding of the world of work and to help them to start to think about areas of work they might like to engage in when they are older. We are always on the lookout for people from the community who can help us, so if you could spare an hour or so in a day to come and tell our pupils about what you do, we would love to hear from you.



Please contact reception if you would be happy to help!



### Before and After School Safety

We would like to politely remind parents that the timber trail and MUGA are not to be used before or after school by children. These represent a risk of injury and as such we cannot take responsibility for any injuries caused due to unsupervised or inappropriate use.

### Uniform

We have had an increase in children wearing the incorrect uniform recently. Trousers should be black or dark grey- not leggings or jersey sweatpants. T-shirts should be white or light blue and black school shoes not trainers should be worn. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

### Chedworth Roman Villa

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March our Year 3 pupils visited Chedworth Roman Villa near Cirencester. On a wonderfully sunny but cold day the children were able to see at first hand the remains of this amazing villa nestled in the beautiful wooded valley. National Trust officers gave the children a guided tour. It was amazing to see 2000 year old mosaics and underfloor heating systems. The pupils were amused by the communal toilets and loved the story about “getting the wrong end of the stick!” They also had the chance to make a genuine Roman cure by grinding a selection of herbs and spices in their own mortaria, which they then bound in muslin. Finally pupils were able to handle a range of artefacts dug up from the site including pottery, roofing materials, bone and even original Roman nails. National Trust staff were really impressed with our pupils’ knowledge of Roman life and customs as well as their great interest in the subject. It was a lovely day out in which the children could really bring their classroom learning to life. All the children were wonderfully polite, well behaved, asked lots of great questions and were a credit to the school. Well done Year 3!





# MONEY MATTERS AND MORE



## COFFEE MORNING



Call in for a cuppa and a bite of breakfast with CAB  
9.00-10.00 on February 27<sup>th</sup>

Find out how to get the most out of your money, know your consumer rights, find how to get best deals, save money on your bills, manage your debts, seek housing advice, and legal advice, plus much more.



## SEND National Crisis Warwickshire

**How do we make  
sure that children  
with SEND get  
the education  
they deserve?**

### PUBLIC MEETING

**Thursday 7th March**  
7-9pm Assembly Room,  
Leamington Town Hall,  
CV32 4AT

**SEND National Crisis  
March and Rally: Leamington**  
(Top Park to Pump Room Gardens)  
**Thursday 30th May (details tbc)**

#### Speakers include:

- Matt Western MP
- Vikie Shanks, autism campaigner
- Simon Morris, parent
- Headteacher
- SEND National Crisis representative

Chair: Emma Mort, parent, teacher, Divisional Secretary, Warwickshire NEU

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