School Update

1st December 2017

Achieving Excellence Together
Ladybridge Primary School

Books,Glorious Books

Look what happens when <u>your</u> children know that new books have arrived in school …

Look at the exciting reading areas children get to read their books in …

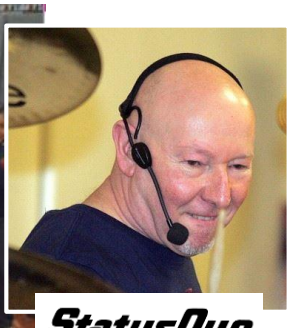
↑ Our Reception pupils' expressions show just how much they are enjoying their new books. ← Year 1's new 'Secret Safari Shelter' reading area. The PTFA contributed towards the cost.

Did you know that the more children are read to when they are young, the better they are at reading? If a child is read to five times a week before they are 5, they:

1. *Develop emotion and empathy about different characters, places & situations*
2. *Develop an important vocabulary store (which helps them with new and unfamiliar words in future reading)*
3. *Access 32 million more spoken words*
4. *Have a better understanding of punctuation and grammar*
5. *Have a better understanding of literacy devices (like figurative language)*
6. *Are more likely to develop a 'love' of reading.*

Please read to your children and listen to them read. **Mr Watson Headteacher**

We've Been Rockin' with Status Quo's Drummer!



StatusQuo

The rock drummer, Jeff Rich, of Status Quo fame, played some of the band's greatest hits. Wow!

We've been "Rockin' All Over the World" with Status Quo's former drummer, Jeff Rich, here at Ladybridge; what an amazing time we all had! Not only were pupils given a drumming masterclass, they also got to join in too. It was an incredible sight seeing pupils excitedly jumping up and down to the beat of the music, playing an array of instruments. It was an enthralling educational experience!

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 5th December
Open Day for Prospective Families: 9:15 – 10am

Year 2 Trip to the Staircase House Museum, Stockport

Friday 8th December
PTFA Christmas Secrets' Room

Wednesday 13th December
Whole School Pantomime Visit

Reception Stay & Play: 2pm

Thursday, 14th December
PTFA Christmas Fair: 3:35pm

Monday 18th (2pm) & Tuesday 19th (9:30am) December
Reception Christmas Production

Tuesday, 19th December
Winning House Point Party

Year 1 Sing Along: 2:45 – 3:25pm

Wednesday 20th December
Christmas Lunch for Children who have School Meals
KS1: Class Christmas Parties

Thursday 21st December
KS2: Class Christmas Parties

Friday 22nd December
Talent Show (pupils only)
Break Up for Christmas: 3:30pm

PTFA - Treat Fridays
Chocolates & Sweets (30p) & Drinks (20p) for Sale in the Playgrounds After School (weather permitting)

Useful Information

School telephone number:
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School email address:
office@ladybridge.bolton.sch.uk
School website:
www.ladybridgeprimaryschool.co.uk
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Attendance Matters

School Attendance Target = 97%

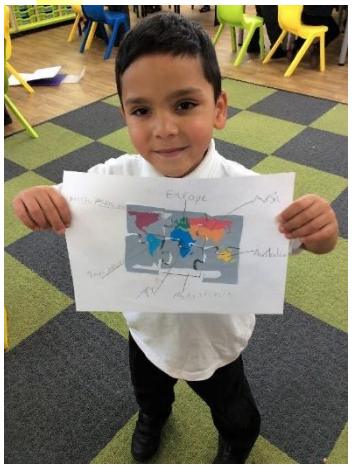
Actual Attendance – For week ending 24/11/17
97.28% ☺

Classes with the best attendance:
4L and 5L = 99.33% ☺

Most punctual class:
4L = 99.67% ☺

Class Focus: Lions (1B)

Each week, we will focus on work undertaken by a different class. This week it's the turn of Lions (1B) …



This week we have been focusing on geography and more specifically, naming and locating the continents!
We have learned that there are seven continents in the world and we have told a little story so that we can remember them all. North America and South America got married, then they went to Europe for their honeymoon. They had four children and all of their names began with A. They are: Australia, Antarctica, Asia and Africa!

← Adam 5B has created his own design company called 'Styal by Adam'. He's designed a wonderful leaflet promoting the benefits of working

ICE: When it is icy, please keep to the gritted areas around school and take extra care.
SNOW: In severe weather conditions, a decision to close will take into consideration various factors. If school has to close, this will be displayed on Bolton Council's website www.bolton.gov.uk a 'tweet' will be on the school's website www.ladybridgeprimaryschool.co.uk and a text message will also be sent as soon as a decision is made.

Christmas Secrets' Room

SHHH… It's back!

The PTFA's Secrets' Room will be open on Friday, 8th December. If you'd like your child to buy presents for a family member and/or friend, please return your completed form and full payment by Monday, 4th December.

Christmas Fair

Thursday, 14th December from 3:35pm

Bring all the family and come along to our annual **Christmas Fair** (enter via the Studio). Stalls will include: Chocolate and bottle tombola, children's raffle, lucky dip, various games, craft table and much, much more. Refreshments and food will be on sale.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated items in aid of the Christmas Fair. Your support is appreciated. If you are able to help at the fair, setting up, running a stall or tidying up, please contact the school office.

DON'T FORGET!

Pantomime: Payment of £7 per child to see the panto, Aladdin, is now due.
Trip Money: Please remember to hand slips/trip money directly to your child's class.
No Nuts: Please ensure you do not allow your child to bring anything containing nuts into school. This includes peanut butter. We have children with severe nut allergies.
School Text Service: Hoorah, it's working again! Any text messages from school will be prefixed with the letters **LPS**.

OPEN DAY

Is your child starting school next September?

Come and see our school in action…

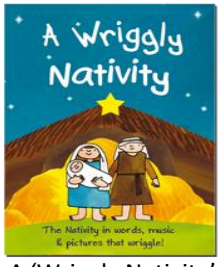
Tuesday, 5th December 9:15am to 10.00am

Everyone Welcome
No Appointment Necessary

→ Happy Birthday Kaitlyn, 6L. 11 years old today! The Birthday Bun is filling up nicely with donations for Derian House. Thank you.

Reception 2018 Application for Primary School

Application letters will be sent out to parents of children due to start Reception in September 2018 (born 01/09/13 - 31/08/14) next week by Bolton Council. If you do not receive a letter call 01204 332137. The closing date for all applications is the 15th January 2018.



Year 1 Christmas Sing Along

Tuesday, 19th December: 2:45 – 3:25pm
You are invited to come and listen to Year 1 pupils at their Christmas Sing Along taking place in the KS1 playground.

Reception's Nativity Play

A 'Wriggly Nativity' is being performed by Reception on:
Monday, 18th December at 2:00pm
Tuesday, 19th December at 9:30am.
Bookings can be made online (Parents' Evening system) up to 9am on Monday, 11th December (limit of four tickets per family across both productions). If you do not have internet access, please contact the school office staff who will be happy to book seats on your behalf.

PARENT VIEW

We would like your thoughts on our school, at any time…
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