Lockyer's Middle School

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Headteacher Update

Year 5 Coffee Morning

We remain immensely proud of our Year 5 pupils for their exceptional efforts and positive attitude throughout this first half term! They have settled brilliantly into middle school life and created some outstanding work. We are excited to invite Year 5 parents to join us next Tuesday, 17th November, to see the children's learning in action during their Maths lessons.

We hope you take great pride in watching your children flourish here at Lockyer's.

Year 6 SATs

Our Year 6 pupils deserve massive congratulations for successfully completing their first round of Mock SATs Tests this week, demonstrating wonderful determination and courage! We extend our sincere gratitude to all the parent helpers whose assistance was invaluable.

We would also like to thank all parents and carers who joined us for the Year 6 SATs Information Evening last week. The evening provided key information about the assessments, alongside engaging workshops focused on Reading, Mathematics, and SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar). We trust you found it to be a helpful session.

Remembrance Day

On Wednesday, our whole school observed a two-minute silence for Remembrance Day. We are immensely proud of our pupils, who represented Lockyer's and their uniformed groups at the Remembrance Day service with Corfe Mullen Town Council, St Nicholas Church and the Royal British Legion at the war memorial in the cemetery. They displayed remarkable maturity and respect.



Anti-Bullying Week

Next week's theme is **'Break the Silence'**, encouraging pupils to live out our values of **Ambition**, **Courage**, and **Respect** by speaking up and supporting one another. Through PSHE lessons and assemblies, we will focus on how we ensure nobody faces bullying alone. We are kicking things off on **Monday 16th November** with **Odd Socks Da**y, an optional, fun way to celebrate our individuality and differences! Find out more at anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk.

Parent Communication Feedback Survey

We would like to thank all parents who participated in our Parent Communication Feedback Survey. Key insights from your feedback include:

- **Preferred Channels:** School updates are most effectively received via Newsletters and Arbor Mails.
- **Message Volume:** Although overall contact frequency suits many families, a number of parents feel overwhelmed by the quantity of individual emails.

We appreciate our community's understanding that balancing communication frequency is complex. Nonetheless, we are actively reviewing our processes to reduce email volume while ensuring essential school information remains clear and timely.

Dates For Your Diary

Below are some upcoming key dates for the remainder of the term.

Monday 16th November -	Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 17th November -	Year 5 Coffee Morning
Friday 20th November -	Year 8 Arson Courtroom Drama
Tuesday 2nd December -	FoL Christmas Craft Evening
Tuesday 8th December -	Christmas Concert at St Nicholas' Church (Year 5 and Music Groups)
Friday 18th December -	Last Day of Term - Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Dinner Day
Monday 4th January 2027 -	Inset Day
Tuesday 5th January 2027 -	Pupils Return to School

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

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