



## Ladybridge Weekly News

9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Applications are now open for children in year 6 to apply for a high school place. It is really important that when applying for high school that you put down 6 schools in the order of your choice. Last year some parents only chose one or two schools and their children were given places in High Schools in Reddish or Bredbury. This caused a high degree of anxiety for the children and families and many had to attend appeals to get a school close enough to home. High school places can be applied for by clicking this link: <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/the-application-process-secondary-school> If you need any support please contact the office or Miss Ratcliffe who will be more than happy to help you.

We have a vacancy on our Governing Body and would like to invite parents to join us. Please don't be put off by the process, we are really friendly and welcome applications from parents of children in all age groups. Any questions, please pop into school and ask or catch one of us at the door in the morning. All families received a letter on Friday with the following information:

### **PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION**

I am writing to you to invite you to stand for election as a parent governor, or nominate another parent to do so. In our school we have provision for 2 parent governors and there is currently 1 vacancy.

The governing board, with the Co-Headteachers, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. Governing boards have three core strategic functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

If you'd like more information, please have a look at the links below;

[The role of school governors and trustees - YouTube](#)

[The-role-of-a-school-governor.pdf \(governorsforschools.org.uk\)](#)

No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the work of the governing board. However, we would particularly welcome nominations from parents with the following skills: Health and Safety; teaching and learning; safeguarding, a love of school, wanting to make a difference. Training is available for all governors and this governing board has an expectation that those new to governance attend free induction training.

The enclosed sheet summarises the circumstances under which someone cannot serve as a governor. In addition, parents/carers who have paid employment in the school for 500 or more hours per academic year or who are elected members of the Local Authority are not eligible to stand in these elections. Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school on the day that nominations close. All new governors are required to have a DBS check which is required to have commenced within 21 days of appointment.

If you would like to stand for election please complete the enclosed nomination form and return it to the school no later than 18<sup>th</sup> October at 12:00pm. You may also include a short personal statement to support your nomination, which should be no longer than 250 words. Self-nominations will be accepted, but if you are nominating another parent please seek their prior consent.

**Please be aware that, in the event of a ballot being held, your personal statement will be shared with all the parents in school.** Please do not include any personal information for that reason.

If there are more nominations than vacancies the election will be by secret ballot. If that is necessary, voting papers will be sent to all parents together with details of the ballot procedure.

#### **ELECTION CALENDAR**

6 Oct Nomination forms to be given to children in school and posted to the parents of children who are absent. The election can also be shared electronically but there should not be a hybrid process.

18 Oct Closing date- 12:00 midday. *Please draw the disqualification clauses and code of conduct shown in the attached form to the nominees' attention.*

Headteachers should check the validity of nominations received. If the election is uncontested, please send me the details of the successful candidate/s; who will be **elected** parent governor/s.

In the case of a contested election ballot papers should be prepared and sequentially numbered.

30 Oct Ballot papers and reply envelopes issued to those eligible to vote if using a paper process:-

- i) for children in school to take home and
- ii) posted (first class) to parents of absent children.

8 Nov Close of poll - 12.00 mid-day. The Returning Officer will arrange for the checking and

counting of votes. Candidates may be invited to attend the counting of votes.

**8 Nov DECLARATION OF RESULTS**

- i) Parents notified by letter or newsletter of the names of parent governors elected.
- ii) Written notice of the results sent to me; I will then send the new governor welcome pack to the successful candidate/s.

Please join us for the Harvest Festival on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October at All Hallows Church; the service will start at 9.15 and is being led by Mrs Burke's class. If you would like to make a food donation for the Harvest Festival that we can give to the food bank please send it in on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>. We can accept new unopened food such as dried pasta, tins for food, dried lentils, biscuits, , toiletries etc. Please do not send fresh food such as fruit or salad as the food bank will not accept this as a donation.



The Halloween disco will take place on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October from 3.30 until 5. Tickets will cost £3.00 per child and will be on sale this week, purchased through School Spider. Tickets are limited to the capacity of the hall so make sure that

you buy your tickets this week to avoid disappointment. All children will get a drink and a snack as part of the ticket price. Children can dress up in scary costumes (if they wish). There will be an entertainer (the same DJ that we use for the beach party) so lots of fun for everyone.



This year we are having our annual Pumpkin carving competition; the pumpkins will be used to decorate the hall at the Disco. If your child would like to enter please send the pumpkin into school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to be judged and we will return the pumpkin to your child after the Halloween disco. Prizes will be awarded for the best pumpkins.



Best wishes

Mrs Hill and Mr Bolan- Ashworth

**Diary Dates**

- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – 9.15 Harvest festival All Hallows church
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Children break up from school
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – INSET day for teachers and support staff
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – children return to school
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October- 3.30 Halloween Disco
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – School Nurse drop in
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Non school uniform day for donations for the Christmas fair
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Non school uniform day for donation for the Christmas fair
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – 3.30 until 6.00 Parent consultations
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - 3.30 until 6.00 Parent consultations
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Flu vaccination
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas fair 3.30 – 5.30
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas dinner day and Christmas Jumper day
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30 Key stage 1 nativity dress rehearsal
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – 2.00 KS1 nativity performance
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30 EYFS Dress rehearsal for Christmas Sing-a-long
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – 2.30 EYFS Christmas sing-a-long
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – All Hallows Carol Service
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas parties/children break up from school
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – INSET day for teachers and support staff

**This Week our Class Captains are:**

Mrs Woodworth – Sienna, for always having positive attitude to her learning.

Miss Evans – Layla, for lighting up year 2 with her cheery disposition.

Mrs Burke – Lottie, for always showing respect

Miss Brownrigg – Ella-Rose, for an improved attitude this week – keep it up!

Mrs Davies – Mason, for showing a sensible attitude all week

Miss Irving – Houlin, for a great start at Ladybridge

Mrs Parker – Zayyan, for good contributions about 3D shapes in group topic maths

Mrs Hill's award goes to Roary for working really hard at home on his Read Write Inc

Mr Bolan-Ashworth's award goes to Isla for excellent work on Ancient Greece.

Children will be given a treat for being on-time for school every day and for 97% - 100% attendance each week. Please ensure that children arrive at school before the bell goes at 8.55 each day.

**Good attendance is vitally important for all children in order for them to make good progress.**

**Please ensure that your child is in school on time every day.**

### **School Uniform**

There will be termly rewards for children who consistently wear the correct school uniform from September. Children must not wear sportswear of any kind. May I also remind parents that children should be wearing black school shoes. Trainers can be worn during playtime and lunchtime, but these must come to school in a separate bag and be stored in lockers.

### **PE Kits**

PE kits are provided by school for all children from year 1 to 6, parents only need to provide pumps or trainers. PE kits will be washed regularly (as needed) by school in non-biological liquid. If you do not wish to use a school PE kit please let your class teacher know and provide a PE kit for your child.

Year 5 will have swimming on Monday each week, all other classes from year 1 to 6 will have two lessons each week where PE kits are used.

The school website address is [www.ladybridge.stockport.sch.uk](http://www.ladybridge.stockport.sch.uk)

The school twitter address is @LadybridgePS

The school phone number is 0161 428 5445

The school text number is 0161 850 1262

School uniform can be ordered from <https://mcsstores.co.uk/>