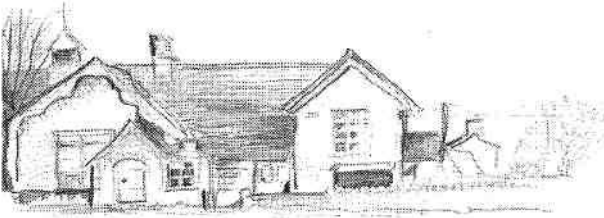


School News



Getting to know the neighbours!

As this is the first time we have contributed to the Wychwood Magazine we hope that those of you who do not live in Leaffield will find our news informative and interesting. It is always nice to know what the neighbours are doing!

What an eventful term we had at Leaffield! Half term came slightly earlier and was longer than usual as the School was forced to close due to flooding. The Governors were meeting to discuss future repairs and building works when the rain poured in, but were able to witness our staff with mops and buckets dealing with the crisis! Our thanks to all who helped for their hard work, so that the school could be dried out and repairs undertaken ensuring that the children could get back to school on time.

We had a well-supported Harvest Festival when the children sang and performed with their usual enthusiasm. Donations were sent to the El Shaddai Trust and the Oxford Refuge.

Our football team played very well in the Tackley Tournament and, although they did not win all their games, enjoyed themselves. Hockey has been added to after-school activities and has been very well sup-

ported. At the Annual Governors' Meeting for Parents our Head, Mrs Ryde gave a very informative and inspiring talk.

December brought the news that Leaffield School is among the top performers in the County, coming fourth out of 200 schools in the Primary

School Performance Tables showing the Key Stage 2 Results. Mrs. Ryde, who joined the school in September 2001, gives credit to the teachers and classroom assistants and to the children for all their hard work, which included booster classes where necessary. It is a great achievement for this small village school to attain an average points score, taking into account tests in English, Maths and Science, of 31. This is above the national average and exceeds the County average of 27.

Christmas came around all too soon and, thanks to all the staff, the children enjoyed activities including a trip to the pantomime in Chipping Norton, various Christmas Parties, our usual talent show and an excellent performance by all the children of 'It's a Baby', held in the Village Hall. December 20th saw the end of term marked with a Christingle Service and Christmas lunch. In the New Year we will have welcomed some new 'rising 5' children into our Reception Class, where they will benefit from being in a small class with plenty of attention as they start 'big school'.

Leaffield School is always open to visitors who wish to look round at any reasonable time, although an appointment will ensure that the relevant staff are available for discussion if necessary.

Vicky Greves, Governor

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