



Lea Endowed CE Primary School  
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Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
Our theme this half term is  
**COURAGE**



This week we have begun the final half term of the year with our focus on the Christian Value, Courage. It fits in perfectly with many of our Y5/6 children going on their residential to Borwick Hall, where they will have had to show courage in many different ways. Discussing Courage and what it means has brought out some deep thinking, from all ages, about how we can put it into practice. I trust that by the time you read this letter those Y5/6 children will have arrived safely home, tired but thankful for a wonderful experience. I would like to give a special mention to **Sophie Collinson** in Y6 who has been extremely courageous in the way she has coped with the disappointment of not being able to go to Borwick, following an accident during the holidays. I am very proud of her and the way she has kept smiling 'til the end of the week.

#### **Mrs Seagrave's Good Manners Award**

Congratulations to **Alfie Brown** in Y2 who won my good manners award in the week before the holidays – Alfie has worked incredibly hard, increased in maturity and has had shining manners around school recently. We are all very proud of you, Alfie - keep shining and setting a great example.

#### **\*\*\* ATTENDANCE \*\*\***



As I am sure you are aware, one of the things that OFSTED highlighted during their visit, was that for a certain group of children, attendance at Lea, was low. Although this only related to a very small number of children, in recent weeks, we have seen the attendance of some children drop to a level that is causing concern. Whilst we of course understand about genuine illness (of which we seem to have had a great deal this term), children's poor attendance does have a negative impact on their learning. **The minimum attendance level which is expected at our school is 96%. If a child's attendance falls below 90%, they become a persistent absentee. This means they have missed a significant amount of schooling and their educational progress is at risk.**

The Attendance team from Lancashire County Council are working closely with school and we plan to hold attendance panel meetings with parents whose child's attendance has dropped to a level of concern. This will be to look at ways we can work together to improve attendance for those individual children in school.

**In order to help raise attendance, we are starting an inter class competition where the class with the best overall attendance for the half term will win a non-uniform day.**

**Please re-read the Attendance Information leaflet attached to this letter and make every effort to ensure your child is in school every day, thank you.**

#### **Parent Pay**

I am pleased to announce that following your overwhelmingly positive response to Parent Pay, we are going to trial the system from September. More details to follow.

#### **PTA Meeting**

The next PTA meeting will take place in school on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm**. Please come along. Coffee and biscuits provided.

#### **Paralympic Sponsored Event**

We are very much looking forward to Craig Mc Cann's visit and our sponsored event on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Please send in your child's sponsor money on Monday along with the completed forms. Many thanks.



Thank you for your continued support,

CM Seagrave