

Leintwardine Endowed C of E Primary School

Letting Our Light Shine



Prospectus

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'Letting Our Light Shine'

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Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to Leintwardine Endowed CE Primary School.

We are a small Church of England village school set in a beautiful rural location on the borders of Herefordshire, Shropshire and Powys. Our size is one of our greatest assets! It enables us to provide a nurturing, family atmosphere where all our pupils are valued as individuals and are taught according to their needs.

Children experience a wide variety of learning opportunities across all subject areas and through after school clubs. We set challenging targets to stretch our pupils and they work hard to achieve their very best. Our pupils have been commended by 'OfSTED' for their excellent behaviour and the way they treat each other.

We are all very proud of our school and I feel fortunate to work with a dedicated and enthusiastic team of staff, who all work hard to make sure that the children who spend time with us flourish both academically and emotionally in a secure and happy environment.

We hope this prospectus gives you a flavour of what our school has to offer but there can be no substitute to seeing for yourself. We always welcome visitors, so please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you would like to come and find out more about our school.

Yours faithfully

Mrs N Gorry
Headteacher

*This prospectus is intended to be read alongside our website which has all the current information and many more photographs.

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Our School

Set in the historic village of Leintwardine in the heart of the countryside, our school offers an idyllic and inspiring start to a child's education.

Leintwardine Primary School enjoys a long and productive history. The school was originally funded and endowed by the Hon. Edward Harley in 1659. The present school was built in 1973 and was further expanded in 2008 when our Nursery, run as a Community Interest Company, was opened.

The school has 4 classrooms, a spacious central practical area and library and large school hall.

In 2020 we added the Learning Pod to our school teaching spaces to enable even wider opportunities.

Each class is well equipped with computers and an interactive whiteboard. Suites of laptop computers and a class set of iPads add to our ICT resources.

Our grounds are attractively landscaped, with a traditional playground, an adventure play area, tyre park, quiet areas with seating, a large playing field and other areas developed as gardens for vegetables and wildlife. The views from our school are idyllic.



Ethos, Vision and Values

Ethos:

Whilst truly embedding ourselves in the heart of the church and surrounding community, we provide outstanding learning opportunities for all our children and their families.

“Letting our Light Shine” Matthew 5:16

Vision:

To be kind so that every child will:

- **a**chieve their potential
- **b**ecome independent
- **c**onnect with the community
- **d**emonstrate resilience

At Leintwardine we provide a Values, Skills and Knowledge led curriculum. Values for life are linked to Christian Beliefs and these are evident in all aspects of school life.

We learn about all values and have chosen 4 that we feel are especially important to demonstrate in everything that we do!



Our SIAMs inspection in March 2020 stated - 'The school's Christian vision permeates and drives many aspects of the school's work. Consequently, this is a school which is outward facing and seeking to fulfil its Christian vision through imaginative learning experiences for pupils'

We are a one rule school - ***'We are Kind'***

A School for All

We welcome children from all surrounding areas in Herefordshire, Shropshire and Powys. We are always happy to accept new pupils into any year group providing we have space available.

Little Leintwardine Nursery is an 'Outstanding' provider and is situated in the school building, this means that we can offer a very smooth transition from Nursery to Reception class. Little Leintwardine Nursery takes children from 2 years old. Please contact us for more information on Nursery provision at Little Leintwardine Nursery.












We are of course always happy to welcome children who have come from other settings too. We are keen to meet children in their Nursery settings and provide a comprehensive transition into Reception so please get in touch with us as soon as possible to let us know that you intend to start your child with us in Reception.

Our induction and transition process includes:

- School and Nursery staff in each others sessions
- Visits to local Nursery Providers
- Visits of Nursery children into school
- Parent Workshops
- Stay and Play sessions



Our Classes and Who's Who

CLASS NAME	YEAR GROUPS	TEACHERS	TA
Bumblebees	Reception	Miss Bowen 	Miss Jones and Mrs Lewis  
Ladybirds	Years 1 and 2	Mrs Stead and Miss Cornes  	Mrs Higgins 
Beetles	Years 3 and 4		Mrs Blatchford 
Dragonflies	Years 5 and 6	Mrs Morris 	Miss Waters (part time) Mrs Webster (part time)  

Lunchtime Ancillaries - Mrs Webster, Mr Pearson, Miss Jones Mrs Waters, Mrs Harding and Ms Williams

Partnership with Parents

We actively encourage parents to become involved with the life of our school. We are always keen to hear parents' insight and knowledge of their own child and are very happy to meet with parents to discuss matters concerning their children's wellbeing and education.

Parents were unanimously positive. All who responded strongly agreed that their children were well looked after and that they would recommend the school to another parent. They universally agreed that their children are taught well and making good progress in their learning. Ofsted 2017

At present we have parents helping in classrooms; regular assemblies are held for parents to hear about the work the children have been undertaking; parents are invited to take part in a variety of lessons to gain more understanding of the curriculum; parent/teacher consultations are held for in depth discussion about their children's learning.



Friends of
LEINTWARDINE SCHOOL

We are fortunate to have a strong 'Friends of Leintwardine School' who work hard to raise additional funds for

the school. The Friends organise Bar-B-Qs, quizzes, theatre groups and other events which greatly benefit the school and contribute to the life of the village. The enthusiasm and fun generated by these events, as well as the money raised, are hugely appreciated by everyone. Regular meetings are held to plan events and allocate funds. Anyone interested in joining should contact the Chair of the Friends Committee through the School office.



Pupil Voice



School Ambassadors

Year 6 children are encouraged each year to apply to be an ambassador. Ambassadors take on responsibilities across school that include - representing the school at events, answering the telephone over the lunch break, showing visitors around school, helping the headteacher and leading by example.



School Council

We have an active School Council, with children voted in democratically at the beginning of each school year to represent their year group. Reception are represented by a year 6 pupil who attends meetings, often with a Reception child.

The School Council meets regularly to discuss how they would like to enhance school life and to raise any issues brought to them by their classmates.

Vision Leaders

Our Vision leaders are children who volunteer themselves to take on additional responsibilities during Collective Worship and in all aspects of school to ensure that we are - *'Letting Our Light Shine'*

They have led harvest services, organised reflection time in the Learning Pod at lunchtime and have led a mindfulness activity group.



Digital Leaders

Digital leaders are children that show interest in technology across school. They are keen to assist teachers and their peers and are fantastic role-models in digital technology. They attend Digital leader training sessions where they meet up with digital leaders from other Primary Schools and have been asked to present their work at conferences. If you would like to see some of the work that our digital leaders have been involved in please look on the school website.

<https://www.leintwardineprimary.org/leintwardine-our-village-in-verse/>

<https://www.leintwardineprimary.org/community-window-project/>



Teaching and Learning

Our curriculum is based on statutory requirements and we ensure that the children are taught the full range of Primary School subjects including French.

The children are taught in mixed age, mixed ability classes. Within the classes, the teachers have the flexibility to teach them as a class, a year group, an ability group or as an individual according to the circumstances.

We use ICT across all subject areas and actively seek opportunities to link subjects.

We use our outside environments to promote active and outdoor learning where possible.

The school is always happy to provide parents with more detailed information about the curriculum, please take a look at the Curriculum section of our website for more information on resources and schemes used in school.

Homework

Homework is an important aspect of a child's education and can be a significant factor in raising attainment. It gives children a chance to consolidate and practise what has been learnt in class. We set homework on a regular basis and encourage the children to become increasingly independent learners as they move up through the school.

We readily acknowledge, however, that play and free time have a vital role in a child's growth and development and we try to ensure that homework does not prevent children from taking part in after school clubs and other activities that play an important part in children's lives.



At the Heart of our Community

Leintwardine School is important in the life of our village, but also has strong links with the wider community. Our school has a close relationship with St Mary's Church, Leintwardine; the Vicar takes a weekly 'worship time' in school and the children lead services at the church for Harvest, Christmas and Easter. These are particularly joyous events to which parents and the local community are invited.

Local people are involved with the school on a number of levels. Governors and school staff all come from very close by. We regularly invite local people in to give talks and share their knowledge and skills with the children. We are very fortunate to live in an area rich in talent and have hosted visits from local artists, writers, historians and musicians.



Our Wider School Community

We have an international link with Nganana Primary School in Tanzania. The children write to each other regularly, sending stories, pictures and sharing interests such as football! Through a Connecting Classrooms project funded by the British Council, both schools have been working on similar whole school projects which are shared as much as possible. We are pleased to welcome visitors from Tanzania on an annual basis which is a wonderful way to learn about the wider world.



Sport, Music and Drama



We love taking part in all types of sporting and musical activities. Each year we put on two school productions and take a trip to the theatre to see a pantomime. Taking part in the school games is part of our school year and we take part in activities led by Luctonians Rugby Club, Ludlow Football Club and Shrewsbury Town Football Club.

We take part in the local Ludow Netball League with our players excelling both in skill and attitude.

We can offer music lessons with Perepetetic musicians Please let us know if your child would like lessons either in a one to one or group session and we will arrange this.

The School Day

8.00 – 8.50	Breakfast club available in Funzone (currently not running)
8.50 – 9.00	Children enter school and register
9.00 – 9.30	Focused Physical Activities
9.30 – 10.20	Session 1
10.20 – 10.40	Healthy snack, milk and story (Collective Worship)
10.40 – 11.00	Morning Break
11.00 – 12.00	Session 2
12.00 – 1.15	Lunchtime
1.15 – 2.15	Session 3
2.15 – 2.30	Afternoon Break
2.30 – 3.30	Session 4
3.30	End of the school day
3.30 – 5.30	After School Club – Funzone available

This timetable is very flexible and is given for illustration purposes.

School starts at 9.00 am but children can arrive from 8.50. In the morning there is a member of staff on the front gate. They will pass messages to class teachers.

Celebration Assembly on a Friday is a fantastic occasion where children and adults celebrate the successes of the week. Children are entered in to the Sparkly book by staff and other pupils, they receive a special sticker.

Children are also given awards for demonstrating the one school rule 'We are Kind' or the current value.

The top school award is Top Cat and this is awarded throughout the community for outstanding effort, contribution or resilience.



This is what the children and parents say about our school



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