



# Leechpool Link

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## Updates for the Summer Term

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Last half term was very busy and we have a full range of activities for the coming half term. We are keeping abreast of all the Government requirements regarding restrictions and wish to reassure everyone that we will be following all Covid guidance to ensure that we keep everyone safe.

Recently the school website was updated and work on and this is continuing. The website can be seen [here](#). We are particularly developing the curriculum section so that you can keep abreast of what the children are being taught. This section keeps you updated on all the learning that the children are expected to complete in all year groups. This will support you in being able to help your child succeed.

This year primary schools are not expected to complete statutory tests in Years 2 and 6. However, we will be carrying out some testing to reinforce the teacher assessments that are currently being made. We will be sharing the outcomes of these and other year groups assessments, with families in the school end of year achievement reports which will be sent home on Tuesday 13 July 2021.

On 9 July we are hoping to organise a summer fayre from 3.00–5.30 p.m. if restrictions allow. Please look out for our updates over the coming weeks.

Please remember to check the diary page attached to this newsletter. Further updates are currently being added to the school website calendar.



### Special dates of Interest:

- **29.6.21 Tour de Leechpool**
- **2.7.21 Junior Sports morning**
- **5.7.21 Infant Sports after-noon**
- **22.7.21 9.00 a.m. Year 6 Leavers Assembly**

See the Diary Page Updates for further dates for this term and 2021 -2022

### Staffing Updates for 2021-2022

We are delighted to congratulate Miss Bennett on her up and coming marriage on 18 June 2021. Following this date she will be known as Mrs Hampton. We wish her and her new husband a special day of celebration.

On Friday 28 May the school said a sad goodbye to Mr Zafar, the school IT technician, who has left the school to take up a position in IT in business. Mr Zafar had been a great support to the school over the last two years. We wish him every success for the future. We are currently appointing a new IT technician who will be joining the school in July 2021.

Following recent teaching interviews the school has appointed Miss Brand to join our Upper Key Stage 2 Team. Miss Brand is an experienced teacher who is re-locating from Devon and has current experience of teaching in Year 6 classes.

Miss Brand will be taking on the responsibility of science lead alongside Mrs McIlwraith who is currently on maternity leave. Miss Brand has already started working with the staff and participated in our Inset day on curriculum development this week. We will be making arrangements for Miss Brand to visit the school to meet her new class before the end of term.

### School Places

The new reception classes for 2021- 2022 are again full and we have a waiting list, which we are all delighted about. Again, this year we were a popular choice for new families.

Due to a large demand for school places at Leechpool, could families please let us know if they will be moving children from the school at the end of this term. We have long waiting lists for some classes and we are keen to ensure that families wanting to come to the school are informed as early as possible. Thank you.

## Class arrangements for 2021- 2022

A separate letter regarding teaching arrangements will be sent to families. This letter informs families of the teacher allocations for September 2021.

All children will be told their Class Teacher's name and will have an opportunity to visit their new class on Wednesday 7 July 2021. We will be displaying all class lists outside the School Office on this day.



## Reminders

### Equipment in School

Please ensure your child has all the equipment in school for the start of each day, including lunches, reading books, appropriate clothing etc. We frequently have to take forgotten items up to class which is extremely time consuming for a busy office.

### Water bottles and sun cream protection

Could we please remind all families that children should attend school with a water bottle, hat and sunscreen cream already applied on hot sunny days. We do monitor the time children are exposed to the sun and plan accordingly, providing times out of the sun etc. See the school website for further information.



### Illness

Children must be free of any symptoms of sickness and diarrhoea for 48 hours before returning to school. This is for the protection of all children and staff to avoid spreading further illness.

### Parking

Could we please remind everyone to park away from the school at the beginning and end of the school day and especially during wet weather. Areas for safe parking are very limited.

At all times we would ask that you give full consideration to all our local residents who do much to support our school. Thank you.

### Scooters and Bicycles

Please can we remind you that scooters and bicycles **must not** be ridden on the school site. We would also ask that children are supervised as they ride their scooters along the pathways to the school.



We would also like to remind families that helmets should be worn at all times. We are no longer issuing bike or scooter licences and all children riding to school should be under parental supervision or have parental consent.

### Lost Property

Could all children please be encouraged to look after their equipment and uniform. We currently have a great deal of uniform without names on and this is now in the lost Property Boxes in the junior and infant playgrounds. Please check and reclaim your child's items.

### Playground Equipment

We are sure you have seen our lovely new sensory swing which children are using during their lunch and play times. Could we please remind you that the outdoor climbing frames and swing **should not be used** before school or after school as we do not have staff available to supervise or enough space for all the children to go on it at one time! The school will not be held responsible for any accidents should children use the equipment at these times.



### Telephone messages about going home arrangements

At the end of the school day, the School Office is very busy and it is very difficult to pass on picking up arrangements after 2.00 p.m. so please make sure any changes to arrangements are shared before this time. We understand that sometimes an emergency may occur and on these occasions we will happily help.

Thank you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

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