



Leechpool Link 2021

Academic Year 2020-2021

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General Updates and Information

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Dear Everyone

May usually brings the sunshine so fingers crossed the sunshine will arrive soon! Due to the colder temperatures and rain showers could we please remind all families to ensure the children have coats for outside activities at all times.

In school we are starting to ease the Covid routines. Most of our staff have now been vaccinated and are currently receiving their second doses. We are continuing to encourage face masks on the school site and for families to use the one-way system from the gates.

Changes in school are:-

- We have removed the one-way system **inside** school for everyone.
- We have introduced book bags and daily reading books between home and school.
- We are opening the library so that children can have library books to take home.
- Weekly assemblies being introduced for half the school. Mondays for Koala, Years 1, 3 and 5 and Fridays Kangaroo, Years 2, 4 and 6.

Systems still in place:-

- We are still keeping the wearing of PE kit to school on PE days.
- Enrichment lessons are still being held in year group classrooms up until half term.
- Lunchtimes are still taking place in year group bubbles.
- Pupils are washing hands regularly and not sharing equipment in classes.



School Improvement and development

The school is currently reviewing its work and we would like to invite families to complete a survey. This survey will help us to review our practices and ensure that we continue to aim to improve the provision of education on offer at Leechpool.

Currently the school is focusing on the curriculum provision across all ages to ensure continuity and challenge and the development and coaching of all school staff. This is linked to performance management.

We are very proud of the many opportunities we provide for the children across the school, but we would be very happy to receive ideas and suggestions as part of the survey.

To complete the survey please click on the link [here](#). Thank you.

Staffing Update

We are currently looking to recruit a class teacher for Year 5 for next year. This vacancy has arisen due the promotion of Mrs Tye in another school. Interviews will be arranged before the end of the May. After half term we will be sharing the teacher allocations to year groups for 2021/2022. Class allocations will be confirmed at the beginning of July 2021 to all families. This is in line with school policy.

SUMMER FAYRE

FRIDAY 9TH JULY 2021

FUN FAIR RIDES ★ BBO ★
 ★ JOLLY JARS ★ GAMES
 CHILDREN'S STALLS ★ BAR
 ICE CREAM ★ RAFFLE
 COME AND WATCH YOUR
 CHILDREN'S PERFORMANCE

09 July | 15.00 - 17.30 *ALL WELCOME
 * — BBO —
 Leechpool School * BAR OPEN

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Allotment Project

Over the last few weeks the school has been preparing a plot on the allotment site backing on to the school grounds for the children to develop. Initially it was overgrown, and with lots of hard work, the area is now ready for planting. All children will be involved in the project going forward — EYFS (Yr R and Nursery) will be developing a vegetable garden, Key Stage 1 (Yrs 1/2) will be developing a herb garden, Lower Key Stage 2 (Yrs 3/4) a fruit garden and Upper Key Stage 2 (Yrs 5/6) a flower garden. We have lots of gardening tools but are now looking for donations of seeds and plants. If anyone can help with this we would be very grateful. We would also appreciate any advice or offers of help with the allotment.



Please contact the office with any ideas or suggestions. Thank you.



Transition—Year 6, Year 2 and Year R

We are aware of how confusing it can be for the children and families in the transition years. Due to this, over this term we will be working with the families and children of Year 6, Year 2 and Year R to ensure they are prepared for the next stage of their education as a priority. We will aim to provide some information session with teachers. More information will be shared with families once it is confirmed.

Summer Fayre

The school is hoping to hold a Summer Fayre on Friday 9 July from 3.00—5.30 p.m.



To make the event successful we will be asking for donations from the children in return for wearing their own clothes (Mufti Days). We do hope you will support this event as all the money raised will go towards supporting the play areas of the school. This will support the children in their development and also strengthens their mental health and well-being.

DATE	KEYSTAGE 2	EYFS and KEY STAGE1
28 May	Carton and cans of drink	Jolly Jars
18 June	Bottles for Tombola	
9 July	Jolly Jars	Cakes

Dropping off and Picking up outside the school

It is true that the staggered drop offs and pick ups are reducing the amount of traffic outside the school at any one time. This is good for the safety of everyone. However, we have had a number of reports of near misses with cars reversing and turning. **Reversing and turning in this area is very hazardous.**



Could we please ask families where possible to avoid driving into the cul de sac directly outside the school. We currently have a number of taxis that transport children to school and we need to ensure these children are dropped off and picked up quickly. Please work together to keep all families safe. Thank you.

Emails



Thank you for your patience whilst we are rolling out our new communications platform. We hope that most of you have logged into the portal and are finding it useful. We know that some people are not getting all of the emails that have been sent out. E4education have informed us that email providers such as Hotmail do not always allow some emails due to their filters. To avoid this please add this email address to your safe senders list. website@leechpool.comms.e4ecms.co.uk. Please also ensure you have the most up to date version on your device to ensure you can open attachments.

Mental health and well being

Remember it is important for us all to ensure everyone is healthy and has an opportunity to talk through any anxieties or worries they may have. If you are concerned about your child, please contact the school office to leave a message for your child's class teacher to contact you.



If you have any questions regarding this newsletter please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

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