



# Leechpool Link

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## Special Dates of Interest:

- Children's Summer Fayre 9.7.2021

- Year 6 Leavers Assembly Panda Class 9.15 a.m. 21.7.21—details to follow

- Year 6 Leavers Assembly Tiger Class 9.15 a.m. 22.7.2021—details to follow

- End of Term 23.7.2021

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

Monday 6 September — back to school for Years 1-6.

## General updates

Dear Everyone

This is the final newsletter of this academic year and again we cannot believe where the year has gone and the many challenges we have all again faced. We would like to thank you for continuing to support for the school as was evident throughout lockdown and from the school survey results held in June. Please see the results [here](#) and the comments given by families [here](#).

The children and staff have all worked so hard to achieve great results and it is so rewarding to be leading such a dedicated, talented and happy community. Everyday, they make me feel proud with their hard work and kindness.

We are sad that we have had to cancel the Summer Fayre but are pleased that we have been able to offer a form of celebration by organising the children's only Fayre on the Friday 9 July 20201 from 3 -5 p.m. We know this has caused some families to question the event but we decided to continue the event so the children could have a celebration before the end of the school year. Thank you for all your support.

Unfortunately today, we have had to ask Year 3 to self isolate for 10 days due to having a positive case of Covid confirmed for one of the pupils. This is a pattern that is developing over the UK and we have taken advice from Public Health England. Updates for Year 3 will continue over the coming days. These children will revert to online learning on Google classrooms from Monday.



## Staffing Updates

Next week we are holding our transition day for all children across the school. This gives all the children the opportunity to meet and spend time with their new teachers. Miss Brand will be unable to attend but will be visiting her new class on Monday 12th July 2021. In her absence, Mrs Tye will take the group to give the class a flavour of Year 5 work.

We will be saying a very fond goodbye to Mrs Tye who is leaving to be an Assistant Head and Miss Fountain who has been a temporary Learning Support Assistant in Year 3.

All other staffing arrangements have been shared. Mrs Mcilwraith continues to be on maternity leave. She is enjoying her time with her young family.

## Achievement information

On 6 July 2021 we are starting to send out the children's Record of Achievement and you will see that the children have all worked very hard this year, despite the covid lockdown. We have also given the children targets for the future so that they can continue their learning during the summer break. The reports will be uploaded to the parent portal on the dates listed below.

We believe we are a good school and with each year we are improving.

Date	6 July	7 July	8 July	9 July
Year	Yrs 1/4	Yrs 2/5	Yrs 3/6	EYFS

## Healthy Snacks



Please can all families ensure that they send their children in with a healthy snack and a bottle of water each day. Ideas for morning snacks—fruit, cheese, cucumber, carrots, popcorn. No chocolate or crisps please.

**Please remember that we are a nut free school.**

## 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.

## Universal Free School Meals

Children moving on from Year 2 to Year 3 will no longer be entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals. If your child is not entitled to pupil premium free school meals, they will now need to be ordered and paid for via the mealselector website. Please log on to [www.mealselector.co.uk](http://www.mealselector.co.uk) and create an account (if you don't already have one) at least two weeks before the end of the Summer holidays.

If you have any problems or queries please contact the Chartwells office on 01243 836130 or email [73041@compass-group.co.uk](mailto:73041@compass-group.co.uk) term time hours 08:30-16:30 Monday to Friday and between 10am and 2pm Monday to Friday in the school holidays.

## School Allotment

A very big thank you to all the families that donated plants and seeds for our allotment— it is very much appreciated and lots of staff and pupils have been very busy the past few weeks weeding, planting and watering. It is beginning to come together and we will soon have our signs back from the printers for each area.

The children are enjoying visiting it, spotting the scarecrow and identifying all the different plants.



## Music Tuition

There are spaces available in September for any pupils wishing to take up the flute, clarinet, saxophone or violin in individual and group lessons. For further information and to reserve your place for September please visit the website: <http://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk> and sign up before the end of this term. These sessions will be Covid regulations dependent.

## Reminders

### 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.

### 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. **All items will be recycled after the last day of term.**

### End of Term Arrangements

On Thursday 22 July, children will be asked to take home all personal belongings so that things are not lost through the summer clean. It would be a good idea if they could bring in a named plastic bag to carry their belongings.

Finally, we wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming you all back in September. To the families who are leaving Leechpool this summer, we would like to wish you all the best for the future and to thank you for your support to the school over the years.

### The new school year starts on Monday 6 September 2021 and children will attend on this day.

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

Best wishes for a wonderful summer break.

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Headteacher

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