



# Leechpool Link April 2024

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Edition 8

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## General Updates and information

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school term. We hope everyone has had a restful break. We now look forward to warm and sunny weather.

Following on from last year's Ofsted we are currently in the frame for an Ofsted visit. To ensure we are prepared for this could we please ask all families to complete the survey [here](#) by 8 May.



Don't forget the maths morning for all parents at 9.30 on Tuesday 23 April. A letter was sent before the Easter break. It will be good to test your number skills and find out ways to help your children.

Extension work for the new Year 4 classroom and cooking room has been agreed. The governors are currently working with the contractor to finalise all the details before the building project starts. The new Year 4 classroom will enable the expansion of the Nursery and Afterschool club into one of the current Year 4 classrooms.

We are currently preparing for the School Summer Fayre however a change of **date and time has been made due to unforeseen circumstances.** The new date and time for the Summer Fayre will be on **Friday 28 June from 3.00–5.00 p.m.**



**Special Dates of Interest:**

**Tuesday 7 May** - Summer teacher led after school clubs begin

**Monday 29 April** –Class photos

**Wednesday 26 June** - Tour de Leechpool

**Friday 28 June** Summer Fayre 3.00 –5.00 p.m.

**Monday 1 July** - Infant Sports Afternoon

**Friday 12 July** -Junior Sports Morning

Further dates are shared on the Diary Dates 


**British Values Fortnight 15 April– 26 April 2024** 

During the first two weeks of the summer term the school will be focusing on British Values and will be studying the different British authors and musicians of the United Kingdom to illustrate the values of **Democracy, Rule of Law, Respect, Tolerance and Individual Liberty.**

On **Tuesday 23 April 2024** the children may wear their scouting uniforms to school as part of St George's Day. The children will then be involved in a parade in the junior playground.

On **Friday 26 April 2024** the whole school will be encouraged to wear red, white and blue. We do hope everyone will participate.



**Pupil Attendance and Health Update** 

Attendance of the children is very important and it is a legal requirement that individual children's' attendance is above 95%.

Please remember that children should come to school only if they are fit and well and can participate in **all** activities organised for the day. This includes full participation in P.E and outdoor break sessions.

Children who need calpol or have a temperature should remain at home until they feel well.

Information requesting leave of absence can be found on the school website.

Requests for holidays will not be authorised as all holidays should be taken during the designated school holiday times.

Thank you for everyone's cooperation with this.

**School Places in September 2024**

We are pleased to inform everyone that applications for places at Leechpool has continued to be above our admission number. We are currently working with families of our new intake to confirm places and ensure that families wishing their children to attend Leechpool do so.

At this time of year staff changes are made at the school and over the next few weeks the school will be reviewing the staffing and advertising for new positions in preparation for September 2024 if needed.

Allocation of staff is carried out after the summer half term in May. Information is then shared with families once all the appointments have been made. This allows for all children to make a good transition to their new class for the next academic year.





## LEAF Summer Fayre—donation day change of date!

**FRIDAY 26th April 2024** YRS R, 1, 2 - Jolly Jars

YRS 3, 4, 5, 6 - Drinks Individual or packs of fizzy drink cans or soft drink cartons, fruit shoots

**FRIDAY 28th June 2024** YRS R, 1, 2 - Cakes YRS 3, 4, 5, 6 - Jolly Jars

We will be setting up donation stations on both the infant and junior playgrounds (weather permitting).

We would also welcome any Raffle donations (big or small). Raffle donations can be made through the school office.

## Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about a child, be it in school or out of school, you are able to report your concerns to one of our [Designated Safeguarding Leads](#). These are Mrs Asprey, Miss Payne, Mr Law, Mr Chapman, Mrs Vowels and Miss Kemp. You can either approach us directly or ask to speak to us via the office. Whilst something might seem quite minor to you, it could be one piece of information that is part of a bigger picture.



## GENERAL UPDATES/Reminders

### Post Box - Reminder

To avoid a queue at the school office, if you are dropping off letters etc., please use the post box to the side of the music room. This is checked daily. Telephone calls and emails are the referred method of communication.



### Parking and Road Safety

**Please remember that the area immediately outside the school is designated a no drive area** and with the double yellow lines there are limited parking spaces available so it is best to park away from the school. **By following the rules for parking, we will keep our children safe and our neighbours happy.**



### School Uniform

Could you please continue to ensure that all children wear the correct school uniform and PE kits, this **includes black school shoes.**

### School Snacks and lunches

Could we please remind all families that the school is a nut free school and no nuts should be brought into school at any time.



### Lost Property – Please check in the boxes for lost items

Lost property is located in the lost property boxes in the Infant and Junior playgrounds. We still have some lost property in the Junior box.

### Notes from the School Office

Please ensure your notifications are set to alert you when you receive a new email from the School Office. You may miss a vital piece of information if you do not read your email messages regularly.

If you change your email address or phone number please notify the school office. If you move address, please advise the school office immediately in writing.

If you have any questions regarding this newsletter, please do not hesitate to speak to the School Office.

Nicola Davenport  
**Headteacher**

### How can you help us work together?

We realise that we send out a fair bit of information but please do read the newsletter and other communications that we send out.

In most cases, it is your child who is impacted by you not reading the information, e.g. arriving late, not with PE kit, not with the correct equipment etc.

Please arrive promptly at the time stipulated for both drop off and pick up.

Please ensure your child comes to school with a coat with a hood as we like to get the children outside in all weathers.

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