



Leechpool Link April 2021

Academic Year 2020-2021
Edition 8

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General Updates and information



Special Dates of Interest:

w/b 17 May - Summer Clubs begin

Tuesday 29 June - Tour de Leechpool

Friday 2 July - Junior Sports Morning

Monday 5 July - Infant Sports Afternoon

Friday 9 July - Summer Evening Fayre

Further dates will be shared as reviewed.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the Summer term. We are all looking forward to the summer weather and opportunities to ease lockdown restrictions further over the coming weeks.

We are hoping to organise a few events going forward. This will include the annual Tour de Leechpool, a possible evening Summer Fayre on Friday 9 July 2021 as part of LEAF, and a revised Year 6 Residential which will involve a camp out on the school field. As more government guidance is given we will share our plans for these events.

Last Friday the new school places were announced to families and again the school is oversubscribed with 63 families choosing Leechpool as their first preference. We are currently working on our September transition arrangements.



Timings for staggered drop off and collection to the school will continue until the end of the Summer term 2021. Please arrive promptly at the time stipulated for both drop off and pick up.

Times of Arrival	Year R - 6	Times of Collection
8.30 am	A-B	2.50 PM
8.35 am	C-E	2.55 PM
8.40 am	F-L	3.00 PM
8.45 am	M-R	3.05 PM
8.50 am	S-Z	3.10 PM

Staff Updates


We are pleased to announce the safe arrival of Mrs Mcwilraith's son Finlay Michael.

Mr Dodd's wife has also given birth to twin boys Charlie and Arthur. We wish all the families every congratulations for the new arrivals.

Mr Dodd is currently on paternity leave until 21 May 2021. Giraffe class is being covered by Mr Cooper and Miss Cullern during this time.

Staffing for the Summer term

Mrs Vowels has been appointed as temporary Phase Leader for Years 3 and 4 and will take up her post in September 2021 until August 2022 in the first instance. She will be replacing Mrs Tye.



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 impacted by you not reading the information, e.g. arriving late, not in PE kit, not with the correct equipment.

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

Make sure you follow the Government Covid guidance.

Ensure your child comes to school with a coat with a hood as we like to get the children out in all weathers.

British Values Fortnight



Over the next two weeks the school will be focusing on British Values and will be studying cities in the United Kingdom to illustrate the values of **Democracy, Rule of Law, Respect, Tolerance and Individual Liberty.**

On **Friday 23 April 2021** the children will be asked to wear their scouting uniforms to school as part of St George's Day.

On **Friday 30 April 2021** the whole school will be encouraged to wear red, white and blue to celebrate the end of the British Values Fortnight. We do hope everyone will participate.



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 Miss Payne, Mr Cooper, Mrs Letley, Mrs Tye or Mrs Asprey. 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

Break the Rules Day

The Break the Rules fundraiser on Friday 1 April raised £555.05 for the new sensory swing which is going to be installed in the school field in the next two weeks.

Post Box - Reminder

To avoid a queue at the office, if you are dropping off letters etc., please use the post box by the Main Entrance, This is checked daily. Telephone calls and emails are the preferred 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. Due to the current restrictions we are still requesting that children wear their PE kits to school on PE days and for the days they require a PE kit for an after school club. Information about PE days has been sent in a separate letter.

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.

Summer After School Teacher Led Clubs

Sign up for clubs will be during the week beginning 4 May—via the online google form on our website. A letter will come out nearer the time.

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, otherwise these changes may not be activated.

A big 'Thank You' from the Office for remembering to bring everything to school everyday.

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

Nicola Davenport

Headteacher

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