



Leechpool Link

Academic Year 2020-2021

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General Updates and information



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Special Dates of Interest:
8 March—Full school Opening
8 March - after-school clubs begin.

1 April End of term
5—16 April Spring Break Holiday
Summer Term starts Mon 19 April 2021

Further dates will be shared as reviewed

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very excited to be welcoming all the children back to school on Monday 8 March 2021. It seems a very long time since we all came back for one day after the Christmas Holiday.

We would like to thank everyone for the very positive responses to the lockdown situation and the hard work of all the children through what has been a very difficult time.

Going forward we have lots of exciting learning to develop and will be working with all the children to ensure that they are supported mentally, socially and academically with their future learning. It will be very important for all families to keep in contact with the class teachers and staff so that any concerns can be quickly addressed.

Timings for staggered entry to the school from Monday 8 March 2021:

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

After the half term break we have been very busy organising staff for the rest of the Spring and Summer term.

Due to the Covid situation Mrs McIlwraith has decided to start her maternity leave from Monday 8 March 2021. Mrs Bazeley will now be teaching Seal Class until the end of the summer term on a Monday and Tuesday with Miss Wylie working Wednesday to Friday. We all wish Mrs McIlwraith and her family the very best for the pending arrival of her new baby.

Mrs Tye the Phase Leader of Years 3 and 4 has successfully been appointed to the post of Assistant Headteacher in a school in Kent and will be leaving Leechpool at the end of the Summer Term. We wish to congratulate her on her new promotion, Mrs Tye has been a fantastic Phase Leader for 4 years and we will all miss her enormously.

The school is currently recruiting a replacement for the leader of Lower Key Stage 2 for September 2021. We are also reviewing all staffing for September 2021.

Safer Internet Updates

Following our Safer Internet Weeks and our parent presentation from DI Wagjiani, we would like to remind parents that it is very important to keep vigilant about the different social platforms that children are accessing on different devices at home.

For your guidance, see below:

Age Restrictions On Social Media

13 Twitter Facebook Instagram Pinterest Google+ Tumblr Reddit Snapchat	14 LinkedIn	16 WhatsApp	17 Vine Tinder	18 Path	18 <small>(13 with parents consent)</small> YouTube Keek Foursquare WeChat Kik Flickr
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We will be reinforcing this at school. Your help to support this will be much appreciated.

Parent Consultations

These will be carried out virtually this week on Tuesday 2 March 2021 and Thursday 4 March 2021 from 3.00–7.00p.m. Children may attend the sessions if you wish.

Please ensure that you sign on to google classroom at your assigned time. The class teacher will let you enter the session when it is your appointment time. As this is the first time we are doing this please be patient with us. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for the parent consultations. It is very important to keep up to date with your child's progress. If for any reason you were unable to sign up for the consultations arranged please contact your child's class teacher to make an appointment for another time.

PE and Sporting Updates

During the lockdown period the PE team have been very busy improving the provision on offer at Leechpool. Miss Simpson and Mr Barden are working very closely with Active Sussex on many of the county projects. Last week Miss Simpson successfully shared the good practice of our school with governors from other West Sussex Schools in a virtual training session. This was very well received.



The PE and Sports team will be writing half termly newsletters to keep families updated about future events. We will also be installing some PE and Sport notice boards in the school grounds to enable you to keep up to date with all the events we will be participating in going forward. A big thank you to the dedicated PE and Sports Team.

GENERAL UPDATES/Reminders

Comic Relief 2021

The Comic Relief fundraiser is on Friday 19 March. The School Council members will organise this event and will send a letter to advise you of their activities.



Easter Competition for the end of term

This year's Easter competition is for the children to design a decorated Easter Garden scene on a plate. Prizes will be given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each year group. Entries need to be brought into school on Tuesday 30 March 2021 in time for our Easter Assembly on Wednesday 31 March We are looking forward to seeing a range of creative ideas!

Post Box - Reminder

To avoid a queue at the office, if you are dropping off letters etc., please use the post box by the Clubs noticeboard. This is checked daily. When school returns to full opening we wish to restrict the number of families visiting the school office. 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 few 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. This is especially important as the area will be very busy with the full return to school.**

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. These will be reinstated from Monday 8 March 2021.

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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