



Leechpool Link April 2023

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General Updates and information



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. The Ofsted Report from last term has not yet been officially received. Once this has been sent to the school it will be sent out to all families of the school community.

Over the school holiday we are pleased to report that the work on the school roof has been completed and all work has been approved by West Sussex County Council. The roof no longer leaks and we have fantastic electric roof lights and blinds in the Year 3 and 5 classrooms. Everyone is happy with the new improvements.

Additional work has also been carried out to replace the school hall flooring and the Year 2 classroom carpets. This work has been well received by all the children and has really enhanced the school environment.

We are currently preparing for the School May Fayre on **Sunday 21 May** at 12.00-3.00 p.m. We do hope everyone will save the date so that we can all celebrate the recent coronation of King Charles III at our Royal Garden Party.



Special Dates of Interest:

w/b 8 May - Summer after school Clubs begin

Monday 15 May—Class photos

Sunday 21 May—May Fayre 12.00—3.00 p.m.

Thursday 22 June - Tour de Leechpool

Friday 23 June - Junior Sports Morning

Monday 3 July - Infant Sports Afternoon

Further dates are shared on the Diary Dates sheet.

New Year 4 Classroom, Cooking room and extension to Leechpool Caterpillar Nursery

Over the last few months the governors of the school have been working on a new building project to further improve the provision available at Leechpool Primary School.

The next big project that the school is planning to undertake is the building of a new Year 4 classroom and cooking room. By creating this space the school will be able to expand the accommodation for our nursery children at Leechpool Caterpillar Nursery. It will also mean that we will have more space available and better facilities for the children who attend the Leechpool Afterschool Club. Whilst the school has the money to develop this project we will be asking LEAF to support with the funding of the equipment for the new cooking room going forward. This will give all the children to opportunity to learn to be "Master Chefs". To see the proposed plans please view [here](#).



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

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 2023.

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.



British Values Fortnight and Coronation Celebration May 2023



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

On **Friday 21 April 2023** the children may wear their scouting uniforms to school as part of St George's Day which is celebrated on Sunday 23rd April.

On **Friday 5 May 2023** the whole school will be encouraged to wear red, white and blue or dress up as royalty to celebrate the pending coronation of King Charles III. We will also be organising a parade and coronation and selecting some children from each class to be part of a coronation ceremony! 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 Mrs Asprey, Miss Payne, Mr Chapman, Mrs Letley, Miss Hollis, Miss Kemp or Mrs Vowels. 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. On Thursday and Friday this week, all items in the boxes will be displayed for collection in the outside classroom on the Infant playground. Any items not collected by Friday 21st April 2023 will be recycled.



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

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 out in all weathers.

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