



Leechpool Link



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Dear Everyone

Welcome back to the second part of the Autumn term and the many challenges ahead. With the new announcement of a further National Lockdown.

The response to the Covid Lockdown will be the key area of our on-going work. We will continue to be open following all the guidance from the government. We are confident that the measures we have introduced will continue to keep everyone safe.

Could we please ask that all families coming on to the school site wear masks unless you are exempt from doing so.

We also ask that only one parent/family member brings and collects children from school each day to keep the number of visitors to the school to the minimum.

This is obviously a very dynamic and changing situation and we will keep everyone updated when we receive any information. By following advice and keeping everyone safe we will be able to keep the school open.

Co-operation of everyone to support this will be much appreciated.



Staff Update

Mrs Mcilwraith has informed the school that she will be taking maternity leave from 23 March 2021. We are delighted for Mrs Mcilwraith and wish her and her family every congratulations.

Mrs Mcilwraith is part-time and her post will be covered by Mrs Bazeley who is an enrichment teacher already at the school. Mrs Bazeley will work with Miss Wylie to ensure the transition for the children is carried out successfully.



Reception Admissions for September 2021

We are currently arranging information for families with children who are due to start school in September 2021. If you would like more information about the School or know of a family who would, please contact the School Office. Limited tours of the school are available for families upon request. All tours will be following social distancing practices.

Special Dates of Interest:

Week Beginning 9 Nov
First term reports being sent home.

13 Nov LEAF donation Day and Children in Need Event – own clothes/Sportswear

20 Nov Big Run 2

27 Nov Winter sponsored events in school

16 Dec Christmas Lunch

18 Dec End of Term

4 Jan Spring Term begins

See the Diary Page Updates for further information about dates for this term and 2020 -2021

Parent Consultations

Due to the constant changing of Government guidance regarding social distancing it has been decided that this term we will not be holding parent consultations.

Instead the teachers will be writing a short report for each child. These will be sent home by email as set out in the table.

Date	Autumn Term Report being sent home by email
9 Nov	Year 5 and 6
10 Nov	Year 3 and 4
11 Nov	Year 1 and 2
12 Nov	Year R

Once you have received this report, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office who will ensure that your child's teacher will get back to you at a mutually convenient time. We are currently working to develop our G-suite capacity to provide on-line conferencing. This will be available shortly for SEND Reviews and Spring Term Parent Consultations. We will keep you updated regarding this development.

Curriculum Development - Recovery and Catch up

This year we introduced the new half termly curriculum newsletter to keep all families up-to-date with the progress of the children and how the school is developing the curriculum to reflect the demands and challenges for young learners in today's Covid environment.

Over the last few weeks the staff have been working on the development of writing with a particular focus on grammar teaching. We have also identified some areas where families can support their children's learning. The link [here](#) identifies ideas for supporting Literacy related to the current progress of children.

In addition, the teaching staff have been reviewing the homework policy and this will be shared with families for comment over the next few weeks.

At the end of last half term we carried out our half termly assessments and the indications are that the children are making good and accelerated progress. Please continue to support your child with regular reading, handwriting practice, spellings and timetables learning and practice. Mathematics fluency can also be practised using the link [here](#) to our Dragon/Rainbow and Solar Mathematics.

LEAF Donation Day - Mufti-Day for Children-(Children in Need Day-Joe Wicks Live Challenge)

Friday 13 November is a LEAF donation day. Children are asked to donate the following in return for wearing their own clothes/sports clothes:



Christmas themed chocolates for our Christmas Chocolate Hampers. Thank you
In December we are planning to hold a Children's Raffle for Christmas Chocolate Hampers.

LEAF Christmas Fayre will now be a Sponsored Event!!!

Due to Government restrictions the Christmas Fayre on Friday 27 November 2020 will not be going ahead. Instead the children will be carrying out a number of sponsored events to raise money for Charity and the school on this day in school. Details about the events will be sent out by each year group next week. **Participation in this event is optional.**

We will make a donation to Children in Need and other chosen charities as identified by the School Council. We do hope that you will support these events. We hope it will also provide the children with the chance to have some fun and support good causes and our local community.

Reminders

Registration Times

Please be reminded that registration times for pupils are staggered and we need children to arrive at their allocated time. All children should be in school by 9.00 a.m. when the gates are closed.

Safety and Being Seen

The dark nights have begun and the cold and wet weather is officially starting, so coats for everyone please, every day! Please also ensure that children are visible during the dark nights with reflectors - especially children who are independently making their way to and from school.



eSchools

We encourage all families to register with eSchools in order to receive school communications. If you are not registered or are not receiving communication, please contact the School Office who will be happy to help.

If you have any questions regarding any aspect of this newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

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