



# Leechpool Link April 2022

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Edition 8

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## General Updates and information



**Special Dates of Interest:**  
w/b 9 May - Summer after school Clubs begin  
Sunday 22 May—May Fayre  
Thursday 23 June - Tour de Leechpool  
Friday 24 June -Junior Sports Morning  
Monday 11 July - Infant Sports Afternoon  
Further dates are shared on the Diary Dates sheet.

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Thank you for all your support this term. The children have all worked very hard and are making great progress regaining the ground that they lost from missing school due to Covid restrictions or illness. We should all be very proud of their resilience and determination.  
Parent Consultations were well attended with 98% of families attending across the school. Please remember families can always make an appointment to see a class teacher to discuss their child's progress by contacting the school office.  
Thank you everyone for completing the recent Parent / Guardian survey the results can be seen [here](#). The areas identified from the survey will be reviewed and actioned.  
During the next summer term the school is undertaking an LA review to evaluate the provision offered for children with Special Educational Needs. The outcomes of this work will be shared with all interested groups including families in the Summer term.

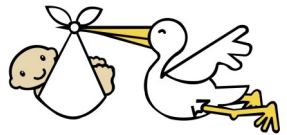


**New Library and Staffroom Extension Building**  
The school is currently organising the new library at the centre of the school which was completed last week. A big thank you to our builders IDM who have completed the job to a very high standard and within the agreed time scale. The new Library and staffroom was planned as part of the 50 years celebration of Leechpool School.  
The school has thousands of books and the staff have been busy organising both existing and new books recently purchased. We are looking forward to opening the new library next term so that the children can continue to enjoy many favourite books and authors.



**Covid Update**  
Despite some cases over the last few weeks the school has seen a drop in infection rates. We are also recording lower cases than many other local schools.  
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.  
The school is following all Government advice and encourages all children to attend school at all times.

**Staff Updates**  
Mrs Kingsford in the office has announced that she will be leaving at the end of term after 5 years at Leechpool Primary to start a new career in sales. We will miss her very much and wish her every success for the future.  
Mrs Kingsford has been a great asset to our school and we have all appreciated her friendly and organised manner as the welcoming face of Leechpool. The School Administrator vacancy is currently advertised on the school website.  
Mrs Best, one of the Learning Support Assistants in Year 4 will also be leaving after the Easter holiday to start her maternity leave. We wish her and her family many congratulations as they prepare for their new addition to the family. We look forward to meeting the new baby in the summer term. A temporary post to cover this position is currently being interviewed for.



## British Values Fortnight

During the first two weeks of the summer term the school will be focusing on British Values and will be studying the different decades from 1952—2022 in the United Kingdom to illustrate the values of **Democracy, Rule of Law, Respect, Tolerance and Individual Liberty.**

On **Monday 25 April 2022** the children may wear their scouting uniforms to school as part of St George's Day on the previous Saturday.

On **Friday 6 May 2022** 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, Miss Hollis, Miss Kemp, Mrs Vowels 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

### Post Box - Reminder

To avoid a queue at the school 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.

### 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. This week all items in the box will be displayed for collection in the outside classroom on the Infant playground. Any items not collected by Friday 8 April 2022 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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