



Leechpool Link

Academic Year 2021 - 2022

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General Updates

Dear Everyone

We are all enjoying the lead up to Christmas and the productions by the children have been able to go ahead due to the fantastic support of all the families. Thank you everyone. The children are certainly enjoying participating in the various productions and are showing their many talents with enthusiasm. We also enjoyed a fun movie night this week and the Year 6 Dragon Captains did a brilliant job of hosting and organising the event, raising £596.00.

We are currently making arrangements to develop a new library at the school in the internal courtyard and to extend the existing staffroom to accommodate all the staff of the Nursery and Leechpool Primary— 60 in total. The building work is due to start in January and will mean that the school's main entrance will be closed for 12 weeks as the work is carried out.

Entry to the school will be via the infant playground at the year 1 and 2 infant entrance from January 4. Signs will be positioned to help families navigate their way to the office. The new library will be opened in 2022 and will be one of the legacy celebrations of Leechpool's 50th birthday year. The school will be planning a number of events to mark this important landmark and will look to involving all the children. More information about the library development will be shared in January 2022.



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15 Dec Christmas Lunch

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17 Dec Christmas Jumper Day optional

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Tuesday 4 Jan Start of the Spring Term

See the Diary Page Updates for further dates for this term

Staffing Updates

At the end of November we said a sad good bye to Mrs Corpez, one of our long serving lunch time supervisors. Mrs Corpez had worked at the school for 14 years and has left to take up an administrative position in a medical centre. We wish to thank Mrs Corpez for her loyal and amazing service over the years and wish her the very best for the future.

We currently have vacancies for lunchtime supervisors and anyone who would be interested in being on our list of bank staff to cover for absences. If you are interested please check out the vacancies on the school website using the link here.



A big THANKYOU for your contributions to the recent British Legion Poppy Appeal.

The school raised an amazing total of £618.96. We are always pleased to support this important charity and the children take time to reflect on our historical past.

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme – Winter 2021

We are pleased to let you know that West Sussex County Council will be working with a number of organisations to offer provision during the Christmas holiday for children eligible for Free School Meals. There are a wide range of activities and some of you may have already heard directly from clubs being run in your area.

Parents and carers can search for activities near them on the Family Information Service Online Directory <https://familyinfoservice.westsussex.gov.uk/Synergy/FSD/> . More information can also be found via the HAF webpage - <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/campaigns/holiday-activities-and-food-programme/>

Adult reading helpers needed



Do you have any time to spare? Would you be interested in helping our children to develop their reading skills and love of books? If so, we would really like to hear from you.

We are looking for volunteers and also some short term paid work as part of our Covid recovery programme. Please contact the school office for more details and application form will be given to those who express an interest in the paid work.

Adults who volunteer to help with reading will be required to complete a DBS check and may be required to wear a mask. The DBS check will be arranged with the School Business Manager—Mrs Wellcome.

Dragon Team Winners for the Autumn Term

On Monday 13 December we will announce the winning dragon team for this term. The children in the winning Dragon Team will be invited to wear their own clothes to school on Tuesday 15 December 2021.

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 15 December



Christmas lunches will be organised across the four sittings currently in place. This year children will not need to bring in Christmas crackers but can bring in a festive accessory to wear for lunch e.g. a Santa/elf hat, a bow tie, Christmas hair accessory or something of their own creation. Etc

All staff will be involved in making the lunch a fun event for the children.

Last Day of Term

On Friday 17 December we will be holding a Christmas/Sparkle Jumper Day. All children are invited to wear a Christmas/Sparkled themed jumper instead of their school sweatshirt with either their school trousers or skirt.



End of Term Games/Activities on the last day

Sadly this year, no small games can be brought into school by the children on the last day of term. However the teachers will be planning lots of exciting Christmas games and activities for the children to enjoy.

A number of families have asked if children can bring in small gifts for their teachers and this will be allowed for those children and families who wish to do so.

General Reminders

Information about Curriculum and Inclusion can be found in the half termly newsletters.

After School Clubs in the Spring Term

Our Spring term teacher led clubs start the week beginning 31 January 2022 – please see the school website for the activities on offer at the beginning of next term.

From 17-21 January the sign up sheets will be available on the school website. Please remember only 1 club per child and if a club is over subscribed we will pull names out of a hat. Once clubs have been allocated, additional extra spaces will be given out to ensure all clubs are full.

Reminders

48 hour recovery period for sickness and diarrhoea

Children can only return to school 48 hours after the last period of sickness or diarrhoea. This rule is strictly upheld to ensure the good health of all children and staff. Recently a local school had to close for three days and we would hate this to happen at Leechpool School.

Parking Reminder

Thank you everyone for working hard to improve the parking outside the school. Could we please ask everyone to continue to make a special effort to be considerate to each other and to our neighbours especially during bad weather.

Illegal and thoughtless parking does put our children at risk. Please make every effort to park away from the school.

We would also ask that families do not reverse their cars in the road outside the school during drop-off and pick up times. This will help to keep everyone safer.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With best wishes

Nicola Davenport and the Staff of Leechpool Primary School



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