

Leechpool Link

Academic Year 2023 - 2024

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General Updates

Dear Everyone

We are all enjoying the lead up to Christmas and the productions are all going ahead successfully with lots of amazing acting, dancing and singing from so many talented children.

Video links to all performances will be shared with families once the productions for each year group have finished.

At each performance we are arranging a collection for three charities that the children have chosen, these are Children in Need, Horsham Food Bank and St Catherine's Hospice. Please bring small change to contribute to these worthy causes.



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Special Dates of Interest:

12 Dec Dragon Team Winners wear own clothes—to be announced

13 Dec Christmas Lunch—bring a festive accessory

14 Dec Christmas Parties

15 Dec Christmas Jumper Day (optional)

15 Dec End of Term

Tuesday 3 Jan
Start of the Spring Term 2023.

See the Diary Page Updates for further dates for this term and Spring and Summer 24.

Staffing Updates

Mrs Wassmuth has joined the school today taking up a new administration position as part of the school business team. Mrs Wassmuth will be working part-time supporting with the general running and financial operations of the school.

Miss Lloyd-Jones in Year 5 has announced that she is expecting a baby in March 2024. I am sure you will join with the school in congratulating her on this news. The school is currently arranging the recruitment for her temporary replacement. This will be notified to families in the new year.

Mr Barden has also shared the good news that he is to be a proud father in May we wish him and his partner our congratulations on this happy news.

Mrs Shrimpton the part-time teacher of Hedgehog Class in Year 1 has shared her decision to resign from her post so that she can spend more time with her baby daughter. We would like to thank Mrs Shrimpton for all her hard and enthusiasm towards all her classes over the last 5 years.



A big THANK YOU for your contributions to the recent British Legion Poppy Appeal. We are always pleased to support this important charity and the children take time to reflect on our historical past.

The total collected was a magnificent £535.87. A big thank you to everyone. This is the highest amount we have ever raised!

Christmas Fayre



Thank you to everyone who helped, supported and donated items for the Christmas Fayre. The event was a big success and all the children enjoyed setting up their stalls and taking part in the fun.

The event raised £3756.27 which is a fantastic amount. The money raised will be used to improve and develop further the school playing areas. This week we have been replacing the fencing around the school pond area and junior playground. We have also relocated the hanging bars in the playing field to extend the play area. We have also added an outside classroom to the field; this has been positioned by the Caterpillar Nursery and Afterschool Club.

Adult reading helpers/volunteers needed

Do you have any time to spare or know of anyone who has? Would you/they 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/them,

Please contact the school office for more details. Adults who volunteer to help with reading will be required to complete a DBS check. The DBS check will be arranged with the School Business Team— Mrs Wassmuth.



Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 13 December



Christmas lunches will be organised across the four sittings currently in place. This year children may 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!! **No crackers though please.**

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

Lost Property

At the end of the term all lost property will be on display in the Infant outside classroom. Please ensure that this area is checked as any items left will be donated to the Clothes Bank or recycled to the second hand uniform sale.

Lost property will be on display from **Monday 11 December to Friday 15 December 2023.**

Last Day of Term

On Friday 15 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

Children may bring small games into school on the last day of term, however, there will also be activities to do in classes. Please avoid bringing in toys that need to be plugged in to a socket as we have only a limited number!!



Persistent Lateness

We are currently getting a persistent number of children arriving late to school. Children are expected to be in school in their classrooms, by the following times at the latest:

Infants 8.55 am and Juniors 8.45 am

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 **22 January 2024** – please see the school website for the activities on offer at the beginning of next term.

From **8 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. Last year a local school had to close for three days due to the sickness being shared 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



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