

Leechpool Link 2023-24

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General updates

Dear Everyone

Welcome back to the second part of the Autumn term and the many events ahead.

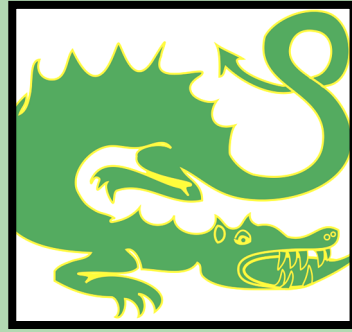
Class assemblies have already started this term and families are invited to attend to watch their children. At the assemblies we have only invited the year group to attend. Families coming in for assemblies should wait in the Junior playground and when invited to enter the silver gates by the hall. In the event of wet weather please use the main entrance where families will be able to wait in a dry area. Thank you.

At the end of term we will be inviting families to a range of Christmas Productions. The dates are as follows. We are unable to run a crèche for younger siblings this year –sorry!

Year Group	Venue	Production Date	Time
EYFS	School Hall	Friday 8th December	10.00 a.m.
Penguin and Year 1	School Hall	Tuesday 5th December	2.00 p.m.
Seal and Year 1	School Hall	Wednesday 6th December	2.00 p.m.
Year 3	All Saints Church	Thursday 7th December	2.00 p.m.
Year 4	All Saints Church	Thursday 7th December	6.00 p.m.
Year 5	School Hall	Tuesday 12th December	2.00 p.m.
Year 6	School Hall	Tuesday 12th December	6.00 p.m.

At the Christmas Production the children will be collecting donations for Children in Need and other charities decided by the Pupil Voice.

There will also be a pop up Christmas singing event at 3pm on Thursday 14th December outside the Music Box.



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Special Dates of Interest:

17 Nov Big Run 2

17 Nov LEAF donation Day

17 Nov Children in Need Event – Spotty clothes or own clothes

24 Nov LEAF Christmas Fayre 3–5 p.m.

13 Dec Christmas Lunch

15 Dec End of Term

2 Jan 2024 Inset Day

3 Jan 2024 Spring Term begins

See the Diary Page Updates for further information about dates for this term and 2024

British Legion—Poppy Appeal

The Pupil Voice Team are currently organising a collection for the British Legion's Poppy Appeal. A separate letter has been shared with families listing the range of products available for donations. On Friday 10th the school will be observing a 1 minute silence.



Anti-Bullying Week 14–18 November 2023

At all times the school is actively working with all the children to ensure that kindness and respect for each other is shown. During National Anti-Bullying week we reflect on this from a wider prospective across schools and communities.

To start the week off we are encouraging all children to take part in



Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November.

anti-bullying alliances		Is it bullying?
Rude	Mean	Bullying
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unintentional• Hurtful• One-off	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intentional• Hurtful• One-off	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intentional• Hurtful• Happens more than once, even when you ask them to stop or show that you're upset

Always tell an adult in school.

Reception Admissions for September 2024

We are currently arranging information for families with children who are due to start school in September 2024. If you would like more information about the School or know of a family who would, please contact the School Office. Tours of the school are available for families upon request.

Curriculum Support at home

Thank you everyone for attending the Parent consultations this week. The take up of appointments illustrate the great partnership that exists at Leechpool between the school and families.

This term we will be identifying areas where families can support their children's learning further and share these in the next curriculum newsletter. The link [here](#) identifies ideas for supporting Literacy related to the current progress of children. This was shared with families last year but we felt it might be a good time to remind everyone again.

At the start of this half term we carried out our half termly assessments and the outcomes show that the children are making good and accelerated progress. Please continue to support your child with encouragement for completing homework, regular reading, handwriting practice, spellings and timetables learning and practice.

Mathematics fluency can also be practiced using the link [here](#) to our Dragon/Rainbow and Solar Mathematics.

We also like to hear about the children's many achievements from home so do remind them to bring these into school to share with everyone.

LEAF Donation Day Friday 17th November – Mufti-Day for Children– Children in Need Day – SPOTacula

Infants - Jolly Jars - Please bring in a decorated filled jar – your jar can contain wrapped sweets or small toys. Please do not use pickle jars as this can taint the contents of the jar.



Juniors - Christmas Chocolate(s) - Please bring in some novelty Christmas chocolate for the Chocolate Tombola e.g. selection box, chocolate bar, share bags of chocolate, foiled coins. No nuts please.



OR small toiletries [male and female]/candles/items for re-gifting – for our secret wrapping room.

LEAF Christmas Fayre

Will be on Friday 24 November 2023 3.00p.m.—5.00p.m. Arrangements are currently being made and we hope you will all support this event especially with requests for helping on the day.

Information about the event will be shared over the next few weeks. The format will include class stalls and outside craft stalls as well as some favourite attractions such as Jolly Jars, Chocolate tombola, Water and Wine etc. and of course a visit to Father Christmas.



Reminders

Registration Times

Please be reminded that registration times for pupils are staggered but we need children to arrive at their allocated time. **All Key Stage 2 children (Juniors) should be in school in their classroom by 8.45 a.m.** when the silver gates are closed.

Infant children should be in class by 8.55 a.m. Children arriving after this time need to report to the Main School Office.



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.

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

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