

Leechpool Link

Academic Year 2022-2023

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- 12 Oct Christmas Card Designs returned
- 13 Oct Book Corner Competition
- 17 Oct Six-weeks in Event at 2.00 p.m.
- 21 Oct Inset Day School Closed to children

See the Diary Page Updates and the website calendar for further dates for this term and 2022-2023.

Dear Families

The month of October is a very busy one at Leechpool, as all the children have now settled into their classes and assessments of the children's strengths have been further identified. We have a great deal planned to continue to ensure the children have the right access to the curriculum. Further information will be shared in our half termly curriculum newsletter. As a school, we are working very hard to ensure that we are continuing to raise achievement and outcomes across the school in a relevant and fun way for all children of the school.

At the end of Summer term 2022 we were very pleased with the results of Year 2 and 6 from our external assessments but we know we still have work to do to further ensure the progress for all children. Please see the outcomes on the website [here](#).

To support the learning of the children, Leechpool continue to provide:-

- Additional adult support in the classrooms
- A range of clubs to support children with their well-being after school which began two weeks ago. These clubs are organised for each year group. Reception Class Clubs will be introduced in the Spring term 2023 once the children have settled into school life.
- Homework Club for Key Stage 2 Year Groups—invitation only
- Booster classes in Basic Skills as the need is identified before school from Monday—Friday for children of Key Stage 2.
- Counselling sessions with approved professional counsellors as the need is identified.

After School Clubs led by the teachers started at the end of September and again this year we are able to provide a wide range of clubs for the children to enjoy. A big thank you to all the staff who volunteer their time to run the clubs alongside their many duties and responsibilities. Click [here](#) to see all the After-School Clubs this term.

Governor Elections and updates

Every year the governor roles are reviewed and this year we are saying a sad goodbye to Gary Marlow who has been a governor for over 8 years and also Sara Page who has completed her term of 4 years. We would like to say a huge thank you for all their support and hard work and a special thank you to Gary for his support and guidance in developing PE and Sports.

Following a recruitment exercise we now welcome Jim Dean a grandparent of children at the school as a co-opted governor and Emma Coomber who was successfully recruited as a parent governor following parent canvassing. We are looking forward to welcoming both to the school Governing Body Meeting on 11 October 2022.



New Intake for September 2023

The school is currently welcoming interest from new families to the school for September 2023. If you have a child due to start school in September 2023, please visit www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions for further information and to make your on-line application.

Tours of the school are currently being organised. If you wish to arrange a visit please contact the School Office who will be happy to arrange a time. The visits last about 30 minutes and children are welcome to visit with their families.

Parent Consultations

A reminder to all families that the Parent Consultations will be held on **Tuesday 18 and Thursday 20 October** from 3.30–7.00 p.m. Children are invited to attend the meetings with parents. All families will have the chance to meet with their child's class teacher to discuss the progress of their child and to identify areas for development. We do hope all families will attend with their children. The sign-up for the consultations is via the parent portal from Monday 10 October.

Harvest Assembly

We would like to thank everyone for their generous support at our Harvest celebrations. A wonderful collection of tinned fruit, meat and vegetables were collected for Horsham Matters – part of the Trussell Trust. A total of 27 boxes were collected. **A special thank you to the Pupil Voice Committee, Miss Cullern and Mrs Letley for organising the event.**



PE and Games

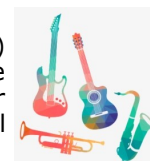
This term the school has already started to participate in a range of competitive sports. The children all enjoy representing the school and take pride in wearing the school sports kits. Staff are excited about the new competitions and have already shown their support of the children by cheering on our different teams.

We have continued to host inter school tournaments with Southwater Juniors and these events have been enjoyed by all. The children have all shown that the result is not everything and taking part is the important thing.



'West Sussex Music Service' – Recorder, Violin and Woodwind Lessons

West Sussex Music Service are currently offering violin, woodwind lessons (flute, clarinet and saxophone) and guitar lessons to children in years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Lessons are taught in small groups and take place during the school day. There is a fee for lessons and you would need to buy or hire an instrument. For further information, please go to: www.westsussexmusic.co.uk. The link for this is available on the school website.



Mr Gilmore our music teacher also provides a range of private music lessons and can be contacted through the school office.

Inset Day 21 October 2022

The school is **closed to all children on Friday 21 October** for staff training. This will be used to further develop the Leechpool curriculum in all subjects with regard to children's individual needs. On the day we will be working with our Educational partners TT Education to further embed our Paths to Success learning approach.

Reminders

Coats in School

A reminder to everyone that all children need to wear a warm waterproof coat to school so that they can get the most out of break and lunchtimes. Children are encouraged to go out in all weathers. Thank you.

Sickness

All children who are sick or have suffered from diarrhoea should not attend school for 48 hours following the final symptoms. This rule is in place to avoid the sickness being passed on to others in school.

We would also appreciate all families ensuring that we have updated medical and contact details. We have had a number of cases recently where our information on file has not been updated by families and this does cause a delay in contacting families in cases of emergency.

We would like to remind all families that the school is a **nut free zone** and that children must not bring any snacks to school with traces of nuts. We do have to be very strict about this as we currently have children attending the school who are affected by nut allergies. Your help and support with this is much needed.



Bikes and Scooters in and around school



Could we please request that all children who ride to school on bikes or scooters do so appropriately, wearing helmets and giving consideration to other pavement users. We have had a number of near misses lately and we are keen to avoid a serious accident. We would also like to remind you that children **should not be riding scooters or bikes in the school grounds** at the beginning and end of the school day. The school is very busy and we need to ensure that all families are safe following the new one-way systems. Thank you.

Could we also ask that families waiting for Breakfast Club at 8.00 a.m. avoid standing in the road as the gates to the school are being used by staff to arrive for work.

We would also ask that all families are considerate to our neighbours when parking and that vehicles are parked correctly and not obstructing access by dangerous parking on corners and on the pavement. Turning vehicles outside the school is very restricted and should be avoided if at all possible



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

Best wishes

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