

Leechpool Link

Academic Year 2022 – 2023

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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 has 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.

We also enjoyed a fun movie night yesterday watching "ELF" and the Year 6 Dragon Captains did a brilliant job of hosting and organising the event, raising £540.00. for playground developments. Thank you for everyone's support.



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Special Dates of Interest:

13 Dec Dragon Team Winners wear own clothes – this term it is Earth

14 Dec Christmas Lunch—party hats

15 Dec Christmas Parties

16 Dec Christmas Jumper Day (optional)

16 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 23

Staffing Updates

At the end of December we will be saying a very sad good bye to Mrs Clack, our longest serving teaching assistant in Key Stage 2.

Mrs Clack will be retiring having worked at the school for 31 years. We wish to thank Mrs Clack for her loyal and amazing service over the years and wish her the very best for her retirement and the future.

In the last week of term we welcome Mrs Miles who will be joining our EYFS team full-time as a Learning Support Assistant. In November we also welcomed Mrs Weeks and Miss Joyce to the Learning Support Team.

Next term we will be advertising vacancies for Learning Support Assistants. If you are interested please check out the vacancies to be advertised in January on the school website using the link [here](#).



Mrs Vanessa Clack
Teaching Assistant



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 has not yet been shared with the school from the British Legion, but we will share this once we are given the total.

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 12 December to Friday 16 December 2022.

New School Uniform from Taylor-Made

Could we please ask that new uniform sent to the school should be collected as soon as possible as we do not have space to store this for extended periods. We cannot accept uniform for siblings at secondary school.

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 Manager— Mrs Wellcome.



Dragon Team Winners for the Autumn Term

On Monday 5 December we announced the winning dragon team for this term. This term the winning team was Earth team with a massive total of 5412. The children in Earth will be invited to wear their own clothes to school on Tuesday 13 December 2022. The rest of the school will wear their school uniform as usual.

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 14 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!!

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

Last Day of Term

On Friday 16 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!!



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 **23 January 2023** – please see the school website for the activities on offer at the beginning of next term.

From **9–13 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

Nicola Davenport and the Staff of Leechpool Primary School



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