



Leechpool Link May 2023

Academic Year 2022-2023

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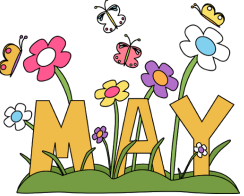
General Updates

- School places
- SAT Updates
- Staffing Updates
- Transition Arrangements
- General Reminders

- ### Special Dates of Interest:
- 21.5.2023 May Fayre
 - 29 May - 2 June 2023 Half term
 - 5.6.2023 Inset Day
 - 27.6.2023 Tour de Leechpool
 - 20.7.2023 Music Gala
 - 21.7.2023 End of term

Dear Everyone

May usually brings the sunshine so fingers crossed the sunshine will arrive in time for the May Fayre! Due to the unpredictability of the weather could we please remind all families to ensure the children have coats for outside activities at all times.



We are pleased to report that for the 11th year running we are over subscribed for the next academic year. Could we please ask if any families are due to be moving at the end of the academic year that they let the school office know so that families on our waiting lists are able to be offered a place.

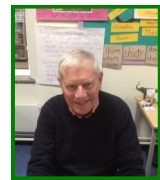
Over this week and the next few weeks the children of Years 6 and 2 will have been sitting the National Curriculum SAT assessments. The tests will have been given to the children in a supportive environment which will enable all the children to demonstrate their many talents. Outcomes of the assessment tests will be shared with individual families with pupils end of year reports. This year is the last year that Year 2 will be required to sit the Statutory National tests.

School Improvement and Development

Following on from the recent Ofsted report that everyone at the school was delighted to receive, the school leadership is busy planning it's next stage of development to further enhance the provision available at Leechpool.



One area which will see change over the coming months is the governing body. Two members of the governing body will be standing down to spend more time with their families. We would like to say a huge thank to both **Mr John Bentley** and **Mr Derick Bostridge** for their hard work and support of the school for the last 10 years and 8 years respectively. They have both been very active members of the governing body challenging the leadership to continually raise standards and present the school's achievements in the clearest and most accessible ways possible via the school website and social media. Their experience in both education and business has ensured that Leechpool has continued to develop and grow in to the school it is today. It has been a pleasure to work with them both and we all hope and wish them both the very best for the future.




MAY FAIR
LEECHPOOL PRIMARY SCHOOL

A Royal Garden Party
SUNDAY 21st May 2023
12 - 3PM

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- BBQ
- fun fair rides
- children's stalls
- jolly jars
- raffle
- ice cream
- market stalls
- bar & cakes
- and much more!

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Leechpool Primary School, Leechpool Lane, Horsham, RH13 6A

Staffing Update

The school is currently reviewing staffing ready for the new academic year and will be making a number of staffing appointments in the coming weeks. These will be shared with everyone once the appointments have been made.

Miss Farmer, a Learning Support Assistant in EYFS, will be leaving after half term to take up a post in special education. We wish her well and thank her for supporting our Early Years.

Allotment Project

We are currently busy weeding the allotment ready for the summer.

If anyone has any plants or seeds to donate Mrs McIlwraith would really appreciate it as this is her project.



Any donations should be brought to the School Office. Thank you.



Class Photos



PICTURE DAY

This Monday 15 May all classes will be having a whole class photo taken.



Please ensure that your child comes into school in the correct uniform with their **school jumper and black shoes.**

Year 6 to wear their **purple hoodies.**

Transition— Years 6, 2 and R (EYFS)

We are aware of how confusing it can be for the children and families in the transition years. Due to this, over this term we will be working with the families and children of Year 6, Year 2 and Year R to ensure they are prepared for the next stage of their education as a priority. We will aim to provide some information sessions with teachers. More information will be shared with families once it is confirmed.

May Fayre Donations

The school will be holding a May Fayre on Sunday 21 May from 12.00–3.00p.m.



To make the event successful we will be asking for donations from the children in return for wearing their own clothes (Mufti Days). We do hope you will support this event as all the money raised will go towards developing the play areas of the school and the newly planned cooking area.

DATE	KEY STAGE 2	EYFS and KEY STAGE 1
19 May	Jolly Jars	Cakes

This will support the children in their development of food technology and also strengthens their mental health and well-being.

Dropping off and Picking up outside the school

It is true that the staggered drop offs and pick ups are reducing the amount of traffic outside the school at any one time. This is good for the safety of everyone. However, we have had a number of reports of near misses with cars reversing and turning. **Reversing and turning in this area is very hazardous.**



Could we please ask families where possible to avoid driving into the cul de sac directly outside the school. We currently have a number of taxis that transport children to and from school and we need to ensure these children are dropped off and picked up quickly. Please work together to keep all families safe. Thank you.

Emails



Are you getting your emails? Please ensure that your email provider is allowing emails from website@leechpool.comms.e4ecms.co.uk. Please also ensure you have the most up to date version on your device so you are able to open attachments. Thank you.



Mental health and well being

Remember it is important for us all to ensure everyone is healthy and has an opportunity to talk through any anxieties or worries they may have. If you are concerned about your child, please contact the school office to leave a message for your child's class teacher to contact you.

If you have any questions regarding this newsletter please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

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Headteacher

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