

Leechpool Link 2021-22

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General updates

Dear Everyone

Welcome back to the second part of the Autumn term and the many events ahead. The school is still following all aspects of the Covid guidance from government and we are continually reviewing our practices to keep everyone safe.

This term we have introduced class assemblies and families have been invited to attend to watch their children. At the assemblies we have only invited the year group to attend to avoid unnecessary large groups.

At the end of term we hope to invite families to a range of Christmas Productions but this will again be as a year group. The dates are as follows and will be subject to Government Guidance for Covid restrictions at the time.

The provisional dates and time for this will be as below. For the productions, only 2 seats per family will be available. We are sorry to have to restrict the events but this is to ensure that we can control the numbers at events in enclosed areas for extended time periods. We are unable to run a crèche for younger siblings.

Year Group	Venue	Production Date	Time
EYFS	School Hall	Wednesday 8th December	10.00 a.m.
Seal/Squirrel	School Hall	Wednesday 1st December	2.00 p.m.
Penguin/Hedgehog	School Hall	Thursday 2nd December	2.00 p.m.
Year 3	All Saints Church	Thursday 9th December	2.00 p.m.
Year 4	All Saints Church	Thursday 9th December	6.00 p.m.
Year 5	School Hall	Tuesday 14th December	2.00 p.m.
Year 6	School Hall	Tuesday 14th December	6.30 p.m.

We will be asking for donations to Children in Need and other chosen charities as identified by the School Council at the different Christmas productions and we hope you will all support the different causes identified by the children of Leechpool.

British Legion—Poppy Appeal

The school council 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 Thursday the school will be observing a 1 minute silence.



Reception Admissions for September 2022

We are currently arranging information for families with children who are due to start school in September 2022. 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. All tours will be following social distancing practices.

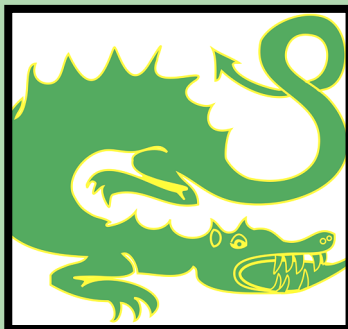
Parent Consultations

A reminder to all families that the Parent Consultations will be held this week in school. 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.

If you have not yet made an appointment on the school portal please telephone the school office and someone will be able to help you. Thank you.

Date	Sign up for the event is on the School Portal/ or via the School
9 Nov	Yr R—6
11 Nov	Yr R—6



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General Updates for Christmas Productions

Poppy Appeal

School Places 2021-22

Parent Consultation

Curriculum Support

Leaf Updates

Reminders

Special Dates of Interest:

9 and 11 Nov Parent Consultations

12 Nov Big Run 2

19 Nov LEAF donation Day

19 Nov Children in Need Event — spotty clothes or crazy hair

26 Nov LEAF Christmas Fayre 3—5 p.m.

15 Dec Christmas Lunch

17 Dec End of Term

4 Jan Spring Term begins

See the Diary Page Updates for further information about dates for this term and 2021-2022

Curriculum Support at home

Last year we introduced the half termly curriculum newsletter to keep all families up-to-date with the progress of the children and how the school is developing the curriculum to reflect the demands and challenges for young learners in today's Covid environment.

Due to the disruption of closures and isolating to learning, the staff have been working on the development of writing with a particular focus on grammar teaching. We have also identified some areas where families can support their children's learning. 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 end of last 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 regular reading, handwriting practice, spellings and timetables learning and practice.

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

LEAF Donation Day – Mufti–Day for Children– Children in Need Day –spots/crazy hair

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 - Chocolate - 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

We hope to carry this out on Friday 26 November 2021 3.00p.m.–5.00p.m. Arrangements are currently being made and we hope you will all support this event especially with request for helping on the day.

Information about the event will be shared over the next week. The format will include class stalls and outside craft stalls as well as some favourite stalls 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 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 should report to the 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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