



Leechpool Link

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General updates

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Dear Everyone

January was very busy with lots of learning and excitement during the International Fortnight and now we are all excitedly working hard on our new topics and ensuring that reading and spelling is a key focus.

The building work on the school roof is on schedule and the children have been excited to see the progress of the project from the playgrounds. It is hoped that before half term we will have Year 3 classes back in their classrooms. The next half term we will work on the roof of the Year 5 classrooms and the Year 5 classes will move to the Library (Giraffe Class) and the Music Box (Lion Class).

We hope the arrangements were clear about the industrial action this week and the letters sent out highlighted all the dates and times different classes will be affected. If you do have any questions please feel free to discuss this with me at the school gate or via the School Office. We have appreciated your support and understanding.

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Special Dates of Interest:

- ◆ 7 Feb Safer Internet Day
- ◆ 9 Feb LEAF Disco (Thurs)
Infants 5.15 pm
Juniors 6.30 pm
- ◆ World Book Day 2 March 2023 Book Choice tasting Cafe
- ◆ 10 March Parent Survey Deadline
- ◆ 30 March Easter Assembly

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

Staff Information

Mrs Wellcome our School Business Manager is sadly leaving the school on Friday 3 March 2023 to take up a post in another school. Mrs Wellcome has been with the school for the last 9 years and has been the leader of the administration in the School Office. Her hard work and dedication to the school has been second to none and we will all miss her enormously. We wish her very success in her new role. The school is currently recruiting a replacement for her role. Information is on the school website.

Mr Khan has been appointed to the premises management team and is currently getting to know the school and the many tasks involved. He took up his position full-time on Monday 30 January 2023.



Miss Wylie is returning to work following maternity leave for three days a week and will be working across the school from Monday 27 March 2023. Mrs Best who is a Learning Support Assistant currently on maternity leave will be returning to school on Monday 6 March 2023. She will be returning to support Year 3 classes.

All vacancies at the School or Nursery are published on the school website [vacancy page](#).

Safer Internet Day—Tuesday 7 February 2023

The internet is a fantastic resource and support throughout the world and is used daily by everyone. However, the internet does provide us all with challenges and areas of concern. At all times Leechpool works to educate and secure the children's access to the positive aspects of the digital world and spends a focused whole 2 weeks at the beginning of February (30 January— 11 February) to educate children on how to use the internet safely.

There are a number of useful website for families to use and we have listed these on our school website. Please ensure that you keep updated on the different trends so that you are best informed to support your children.



Parent Consultations—Change of Dates due to industrial action

The next parent consultations will be: **Monday 27 February 3.30pm - 7.00pm**
Wednesday 1 March 3.30pm- 7.00p.m.

All children are invited to attend the consultations with their families. Families will be able to make an appointment for all year groups on the school website portal using your personal login. Sign up for the consultations will go live on Tuesday 21 February 2023.

Miss Payne (SENCO/Inclusion Manager) will be sending out invites to families to attend separate consultations with her.



OFSTED Parent View Survey



This year, the school the annual parent survey is on-line using Google forms. We would appreciate it if you could follow the link below and complete the 2 minute survey. By carrying out the survey you are helping us to ensure that Leechpool continues to be the best it can be.... This survey needs to be completed by Friday 10 March 2023. Click [here](#) for the link .

We will also be providing paper copies of the survey at the Parent Consultations in March for families to complete who have difficulty accessing the survey on line. We do hope you will take the time to complete this. Remember if you have any questions regarding the school, routines or shared information always ask a member of staff who will be happy to help you to find the information and advice you need.

Curriculum Information

We are currently updating our curriculum information for families on the school website and would encourage everyone to regularly check the website for updates.

We also have a useful Parent/Family Home School Booklet which provides families with all the information they need for children in the different year groups at Leechpool School. It provides families with a great deal of useful information on how the children can be helped at home.

We are continuing to develop parent and family workshops to support families and Miss Payne and Mrs Letley have been providing useful workshops on how to support children's mental health following a challenging time for everyone.

We also produce half termly Curriculum and Inclusion Newsletters to focus on key areas of the curriculum and inclusion and mental well-being. For information on your child/children's progress we provide termly update through a face to face meeting. We also encourage all families to contact their child's class teacher if they have any questions or concerns. This can be done by contacting the School Office or speaking to a teacher at the end of the school day.

Social Media



Social media is a fantastic resource when used correctly but we are finding that we are having to deal with a large number of inappropriate posts from parents and children. As a school we work tirelessly to support families and children to build relationships that are positive. Some comments that are made are sadly not factual and in some cases the result of an emotional response to an incident that is being investigated and being responded to. Following any incidents or responses from the school, families do have the option to take things further by following the [Complaints Policy](#) this is available on the school website and is taken very seriously by the Governing Body of the school.

School Uniform



Thank you to everyone for ensuring that the school uniform policy is followed. The children all look very smart and they wear their uniform with pride. Please **remember school shoes should be worn – trainers are only for sporting activities.**

Could we also ask that PE kits are brought to school on a Monday and taken home on a Friday for washing and checking, by all year groups. This will ensure that PE kits are regularly monitored and it should help to keep our lost property collection down.

Hair

- 1) For safety reasons, all long hair needs to be drawn back from the face and tightly secured (e.g. by hair bands).
- 2) No extreme fashion hairstyles are acceptable i.e. Mohicans, sculpted patterns, tramlines or shaved heads etc. If you are unsure – please seek advice before cutting or styling your child's hair.
- 3) Ribbons, clips, headscarves etc. should be kept simple and to school or hair colours. Braiding and coloured beads are best kept for school holidays. We will be monitoring this over the coming weeks.

Head lice

Over the last few weeks, we have had an increased number of cases of head lice reported. Whenever we have a case reported to the school, we do inform all families of the class and we ask that all families check the hair of their children and treat as necessary. Remember to combat head lice **all families** have to take responsibility.

Parking Outside the school



Could we please ask you to ensure that at all times whilst parking near the school you are considerate of local residents and that you are vigilant regarding the safety of all our children.

All car users should ensure that they do not park on yellow lines or near the drop down pavements used for crossing the road by the children. Thank you.

School Office Opening times

The School Office opening times are from 8.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday. All families visiting the school should do so between these times only. Changes to pick up arrangements for children should **not** be emailed to the school. Parents need to speak to a member of staff by telephone before 2.00pm. Thank you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

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