

Leechpool Link 2023

Academic Year 2022-2023

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General Updates and information

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for attending the revised dates for the Parent Consultations this week which coincided with our visit from Ofsted.

Our Ofsted visit is now completed and once the report has been issued by Ofsted we will be sharing it with families. We would like to thank all the families for their support and messages of encouragement — it has meant a great deal to all staff. The report and outcome from Ofsted will be available at the beginning of the Summer term.

We would also like to thank all the families for responding to Ofsted Parental Survey. To view the results, [click here](#)



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Special Dates of Interest:

Friday 10 March—Big Run

Friday 17 March—Red Nose Day

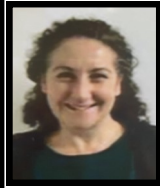
Wednesday 29th March — decorated Egg Competition

Friday 31 March - End of term

Summer Term starts Monday 17 April 2023

Staff Updates

Today we will be saying a sad good-bye to Mrs Wellcome after 9 years of loyal and dedicated service to the school. We wish her well in her new job.



This week Mrs Zimmer has joined the school as the new Finance and Human Resources Administrator. She has been busy getting to know everyone and finding out about her new job. We wish her a long and happy time at Leechpool.

Mrs Jones our Learning Support Assistant in Year 2 has informed the school that she will be retiring at the end of term to spend time with her new grandchild who is due very soon. She has worked at the school for the last 23 years and has been an outstanding support for all the children. She is well loved and she will be very much missed by everyone. We all wish her the very best for her exciting future as a grandmother and know she will enjoy her retirement carrying out her many hobbies.



Update on the Roof Construction

The replacement of the school roof is coming along and we are now in the final stage of the work. The plan is to ensure that all of the school's learning areas are back to normal before the end of term.

We are looking forward to having our library back in action so that we can enjoy the many new books that we have just purchased. We also want to give our amazing reading helpers a comfortable and quiet place to read with our fantastic readers.



Safer Internet Updates

Following our Safer Internet Weeks we would like to remind parents that it is very important to keep vigilant about the different social media platforms that children are accessing on different devices at home.

We will be reinforcing this at school. Your help to support this will be much appreciated.

For up to date information, take a look at the National Online Safety website by clicking [here](#).

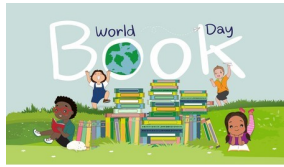


Age Restrictions On Social Media

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World Book Day

All the children thoroughly enjoyed celebrating World book day. The children loved sharing their books in the Café environment and having a snack or two!



Parent Consultations

Thank you for attending the parent Consultations.

This year the percentage of families attending consultations was 92%.

We apologise if any of you had any difficulties booking your appointments. Our IT department are looking in to this and all issues will be resolved before the next event.

A big thank you to Usborne Books for setting up the book sale. The event raised £92.00 towards new books for the school library.

Thank you for supporting this event.



Holidays during term time – West Sussex County Council Policy

Please can we remind families to refrain from taking holidays during term time. There are **175** other days during the year for holidays and other activities. Holidays during term time are disruptive for the child and the teachers, who have to plan additional work to allow the child to catch up on what they have missed.

As a school we are not permitted to authorise holidays during term time and therefore West Sussex County Council will issue fixed penalty notices to families.

Your support of the above would be much appreciated.

GENERAL UPDATES/Reminders

Comic Relief 2023—Red Nose Day

The Comic Relief fundraiser is on Friday 17 March. The Pupil Voice members will organise this event and will send a letter to advise you of their activities.



Easter Competition for the end of term

This year's Easter competition is for the children to decorate a hard boiled egg (no adult help!!). Please try to be as creative as possible. Prizes will be given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each year group. Entries need to be brought into school on Wednesday 29 March in time for our Easter Assembly on Thursday 30 March 2023. We are looking forward to seeing a range of creative ideas!

Post Box - Reminder

To avoid a queue at the School Office, if you are dropping off letters etc., please use the post box by the Clubs noticeboard. This is checked daily. Telephone calls and emails are the preferred method of communication.



Parking and Road Safety

Please remember that the area immediately outside the school is designated a no drive area and with the double yellow lines there are few parking spaces available so it is best to park away from the school. **By following the rules for parking, we will keep our children safe and our neighbours happy.**

School Uniform

Could you please continue to ensure that all children wear the correct school uniform, school shoes and PE kits. All hair accessories should be in school colours or the same colour as the child's hair. School shoes should be worn to school—trainers should be brought to school in a bag for changing in to.



Lost Property – Please check in the boxes for lost items

Lost property is located in the lost property boxes in the Infant and Junior playgrounds. Please check these boxes for any missing items.

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

Nicola Davenport
Headteacher

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