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Academic Year 2023-2024

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General Updates and Information

Dear Everyone

May usually brings the sunshine so fingers crossed that it will continue to shine. Due to the unpredictability of the weather could we please remind all families to ensure the children have light waterproof coats for outside activities at all times.



We are pleased to report that for the 12th year running we are over subscribed for the next academic year in the Reception Classes. 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.


Next week children of Year 6 will be sitting the National Curriculum SAT assessments. The tests will be 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 in the pupils end of year reports. Year 2 no longer sit SATs although they will carry out assessments in line with other children across the school. This will enable the school to identify further areas of learning and support.

School Improvement and Development

A big thank you to everyone who has completed the School Survey in preparation for our next Ofsted visit. We will share the results in the next newsletter.

Currently across the school we are working with children and families on acceptable behaviours in school. If you would like to read the Behaviour Policy of the school you can do so here on our website link [here](#). The school is very clear that respectful behaviour by children, staff and families is required at all times. We also have a zero tolerance to physical violence and racist behaviour and are working tirelessly to ensure that this is the case. Instances of this nature are uncommon occurrences but do occur and the school behaviour policy and that of the West Sussex reporting requirements will be adhered to at all times. All incidents of unacceptable behaviour are recorded and shared with families as they occur. Children of the school are encouraged to report at all times any concerns to a trusted adult or a member of staff who is working with them. If concerns are not shared it is very difficult to address things that are not known.

LEECHPOOL VALUES RESPECT



All our assemblies are focusing on the behaviour policy to ensure that all children have strategies to seek help for their individual concerns. We would appreciate if families could encourage their children to ensure that any incidents are reported to the school adults as and when things occur. Thank you.

Staffing Update

The school is currently reviewing staffing ready for the new academic year and will be making a number of staffing decisions in the coming weeks. These will be shared with everyone once the class arrangements for 2024-2025 have been finalised.

This half term we have welcomed Ms Connelly to the school and she will be working 3 days a week to support children as a Learning Mentor and LSA. The work she will carry out will involve supporting a range of different initiatives to support individuals and groups across the school.



Allotment Project

We are currently busy weeding the allotment ready for the summer planting of pumpkins.

If anyone is able to help Mrs Mcilwraith and the children it would really be appreciated. Any offers of help should be made via the School Office. We are particularly looking for help on a Monday or Tuesday afternoon.



Thank you.



Horsham Children's Parade—Sunday 7 July

On Sunday 7 July, hundreds of children from across Horsham District will showcase their creations and costumes made in workshops with professional community artists.



This year's theme is 'Spirit of Sport – The Olympics and Paralympics'. On the day, a wide range of Olympic and Paralympic sports will be being celebrated in a carnival atmosphere that winds its way through the town and finishes in Horsham Park. **For more information, please visit please visit [Horsham Children's Parade](#)**

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.

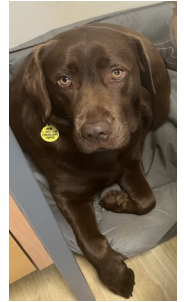


Dogs Trust



We have Steph, the Education and Community Officer from the Dogs Trust coming back to visit us on the 20th, 21st and 22nd of May. She will be delivering workshops and assemblies to all pupils across the school, talking about how to keep themselves safe around dogs, and how to look after dogs so that they are happy and healthy.

I am sure that Mabel will welcome her and show her how great the pupils are around her!



Dropping off and Picking up outside the school

A big thank you to everyone who is helping to reduce parking outside the school at drop off and pick up times. We have noticed a big improvement which is helping to keep all children and their families safe.



Hot weather

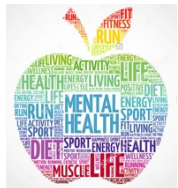
Please remember to send your child in with a hat when it is sunny, as well as ensuring they have suncream.



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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