

Leechpool Link 1

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Dear Everyone

Welcome to the first edition for this academic year of Leechpool Link. It was fantastic to see all the children excited to return to school and to listen to their many adventures over the summer holidays.

We are all looking forward to the new school year and working hard to achieve an improvement to our recent Ofsted rating.

The school has started the construction of the new classroom and Food Technology room. The contractors are currently on site and safety checks and evaluations are in place and will be reviewed constantly to safeguard all staff and children.



Staff News

This term we are

delighted to welcome 5 new members of staff to our school team:

Miss Dwyer (Year 3) and Mrs Drury (Year 4) teachers in Lower Key Stage 2. Mr King (Year 6) Upper Key Stage 2 phase leader.

In the Learning Support Team we welcome Mrs Elkin (Year 4), Mrs Short as the Learning Mentor supporting the SEND

Improvements to the school over the summer holidays

During the summer holidays, a number of upgrades were made to the school building. These were:

- **Decoration of Year 5 classrooms and the main entrance hall and other key areas around the school.**
- **Replacement of flooring in Giraffe and Lion Classes.**
- **Electrical Compliance Test throughout the school and PAT testing.**
- **Other Health and Safety checks were also carried out.**

A big thank you to Mr Khan (Maintenance Manager), Mr Smith and Mr Clement (Apprentice School Business Manager), for their co-ordination and completion of all the building works during the summer break.

Attendance

Going forward the position is that **all children should attend school if they are able to**. The government have advised schools that all non attendance needs to be addressed and changes to regulations came into effect on 19 August 2024.

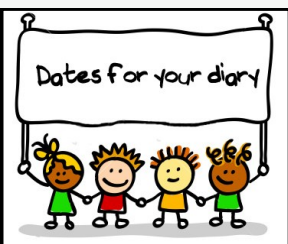
The link [here](#) will take you to an information page with further details. This will shortly be posted on the school website. Non-attendance will result in Fixed Penalty Notices being issued.

We will be addressing all non-attendance with families on a case by case basis in line with Government advice.

Contact Details

Please let the School Office know of any changes to contact details, particularly phone numbers and e-mails as this enables us to contact you quickly if your child is ill or has an accident at school.

Over the coming weeks, please check on MCAS that your contact details are correct. If you have any queries, please email mcas@leechpoolprimaryschool.co.uk This will be important for the families of Year 6 in preparation for Secondary Transfer. New families to the school will receive their log in details to MCAS shortly.



- **11 Sept Meet the Teacher sessions in school**
- **16– 20 Sept On-line After School Teacher Led Clubs sign up**
- **Wed 2 Oct Harvest Assembly**

See the Diary Page for further dates for this term on the school website.

End of Day Arrangements

All children in Years R, 1 and 2 are collected from the infant playground/ Foundation area at the agreed staggered times. (See communication on 2 September 2024.) The class teachers will dismiss the children out from their classes to you at the end of the day. All families are encouraged to carry this out as quickly as possible and to keep to the one way system to ensure that we do not have queues forming.

Year 3 children will be brought to the KS2 playground and parents may collect them from here. The playground needs to be cleared promptly due to after school clubs.



Families collecting the children from the KS2 playground need to stand in front of the fir trees and not on the path at the side of the playground. Once your child has been collected, **families should exit the playground by the middle wooden gate** that leads to the school driveway to follow the one way system to the main gate.

Years 4, 5 and 6 children are encouraged to make their own way out of school at the end of the day at 3.00 p.m. Families can arrange to meet the children outside the school gate.

We would also like to ask that all families follow the school policy of not allowing children on the climbing frames at the end of the day as they are not supervised by school staff and they are not large enough for all children of the school to be on the equipment at one time!!

Your cooperation with the above is much appreciated.

Meet the Teacher Sessions in School



Meet the Teacher sessions have been arranged for Years R–6 on Wednesday 11 September at 3.15p.m. – 3.45 p.m. or 6.00 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. Infant presentations will start at 3.15 and 6.00 p.m. and KS 2 presentations at 3.30 and 6.15 p.m. Presentations will last no more than 10 minutes.

The meeting is designed for you to personally meet your child's teacher and to find out about routines, homework and other curriculum related information. If you require an individual meeting with your child's class teacher, could you do this by contacting the School Office. **We hope to see a family member for every child. Please try to attend your child's meeting; it really helps to develop good relationships. Meetings will be held in your child's allocated classroom. Children are welcome to attend but need to be under the supervision of adults at all times.**

School Website

The school website is constantly being updated so please take a look [here](#) for any information you need. The site is a helpful place to find useful information about policies, the curriculum and forthcoming events.

Reminders

Sign-up for Teacher Led After School Clubs

Sign-up for the Teacher led After School Clubs will be on the school website between 16 September–20 September. Information from other after school clubs; Chelsea Football, KICKS Dance and Karate will be sent out separately.



Pupils' Mobile Phones

Mobile phones should not be brought to school unless the families of Year 5 and 6 children have identified this as essential to help with travel arrangements to and from school. Phones must be named and handed to their class teacher at the start of the day. Pupils are not allowed to keep or use phones during the school day or on the school site. This policy is constantly being reviewed and we will be updating you of any changes as they occur.



PE

PE is a compulsory part of the National Curriculum and all children will need to bring their PE kit to school **every Monday** for PE days. Information regarding this was shared last term.

Holidays

We would like to remind you that **family holidays will not be authorised**. This is in line with Government legislation. Further information about this is on the school website.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office and we will be more than happy to help. Wishing everyone a great start to the new school year.

Best wishes

Nicola Davenport
Headteacher



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