



LEECHPOOL LINK July 2017

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Dear Everyone

This is the final newsletter of this academic year and again I cannot believe where the year has gone.

This year has held many highlights. The wonderful Christmas Productions, the fantastic Christmas and May Fayres organised by LEAF, the termly School Discos and YV Live. The new building work and the development of the Year 4 classrooms and Caterpillar Club. In addition, all children at Leechpool are continuing to learn a foreign language with enthusiasm. The new family additions to staff! Four babies born to staff.

The children and the staff have all worked so hard and it is so rewarding to be leading such a talented group of individuals. Every day they make me proud with their hard work and kindness. I would also like to thank all of the families for their continuing support to the school which is invaluable.

Over the year we have seen changes and this term is no different.

Staffing

Miss Wylie has returned to work following her maternity leave and is teaching on a Mon-Wed. Miss McCarthy teacher of Koala Class is leaving and relocating to London for September.

Mrs Brown and Mrs Dixie are retiring and Mrs Hanson, Mrs Lawson and Mrs Berry have been appointed to the Learning support team.

Mr Lowe has finished his apprenticeship and is moving on. We wish him all the best for the future. A new sports coach has been appointed - Mr Barden and he will be starting in September

Achievement

This week we have sent out the children's 'Record of Achievement' and you will see that the children have all worked very hard this year. We have also given the children targets for the future so that they can continue their learning during the summer break.

We are proud of the achievement of the children across the school in general, but looking at individual progress, it is clear that as a whole school we need to continue to focus our efforts on improving writing, spelling and handwriting. This does not mean we will reduce our focus on mathematics or reading or other areas of the curriculum.!

From September we will continue to develop our guided writing sessions and strategies for extending writing across the curriculum which will build on our extended writing initiative.

The SAT's results for all children in Years 2 and 6 have been shared with their families. The overall attainment for Key Stage 2 will be published on the school website and is in line with national in all areas except writing at KS 2.

We believe we are a good school and with each year we are improving. As a school we have already started to address the outcomes of the tests and refine our systems and monitoring to ensure everything is in place. We will continue to strive for improvement.

Sports Days

Thank you to everyone who attended the KS1 and KS2 Sports Day. The children had a wonderful time and enjoyed the team spirit and the opportunity to be competitive.

We had many winners and many personal bests during the competitions. Well done to everyone. Congratulations to Air team who were the overall winners on the day for both the infants and juniors.

District Sports

On Friday 7 July a number of children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 represented the school at the District Sports. Both teams selected were truly amazing and represented the school to a very high standard.

In the morning Year 3 and 4 children competed in Quadkids. Results from the event can be found at www.quadkids.org and on the school website for the District Sports results. The children of Years 3 and 4 achieved an overall combined position of 5th out of 10 which was fantastic.

Year 5 and 6 came 7th out of 9 teams in this competition Leechpool secured 6 finalists following the heats.

A big thank you to all the families who supported the event.

School Website

The school website is constantly updated and we would like to remind you to use this to obtain information about the school. Please also use the twitter account to keep up to date on daily news.

Music Tuition

There are spaces available in September for any pupils wishing to take up the flute, clarinet or saxophone or violin in individual and group lessons. For further information and to reserve your place for September please visit the website: <http://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk> and sign up before the end of this term.

Instrument hire can also be arranged through the website for a very reasonable rate. Any questions please email chloe.beddow@westsussexmusic.co.uk for woodwind instruments and valerie.sutlieff@westsussexmusic.co.uk for violin.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Thank you to everyone for collecting the vouchers this year. We have used these to purchase valuable PE resources for the school.

LEAF

A big thank you to all members of LEAF for the excellent fund raising that has taken place this year, as a school we have raised approximately £13,500. This year's May Fayre raised approximately £5,200 which is a fantastic amount. The money is being used to improve the outside playing areas of the school. The school is currently working with LEAF to consider different options. We will keep you informed as we progress.

We would like to thank all the families of the school who have been so generous over the year supporting the many projects. Thank you.

Leechfest
The Leechpool Music Festival is on
Thursday 20 July 4.30 – 7.30 p.m.
Please come along and enjoy the music.....

Holidays

We would just like to remind you that family holidays cannot be authorised. This is in line with Government legislation. Further information about this is on the school website and the main noticeboard.

Lost Property

Could all families please check the lost property table outside the main entrance and in the junior playground. Items in the lost property box will be on show on Monday 17 July to Thursday 20 July from 8.35am–9.15am and from 2.35pm–3.30pm. We hope to return all items to their owners, so please help us to do this by stopping to have a look. Thank you.

Universal Free School meals

Children moving on from Year 2 to Year 3 will no longer be entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals. If your child is not entitled to pupil premium free school meals, they will now need to be ordered and paid for via the mealselector website.

Please log on to www.mealselector.co.uk and create an account (if you don't already have one) by Sunday 13 August 2017

If you have any problems or queries please contact the Chartwells office on 01243 836130 or email 73041@compass-group.co.uk term time hours

08:30-16:30 Monday to Friday and between 10am and 2pm Monday to Friday in the school holidays.

Polite Request

Could we please request that families collecting children from school do not sit in cars with their engines running? Local residents have brought this to the attention of the school and have requested that we ask you to stop doing this.

Mr Metton the Crossing Patrol Attendant on the Crawley Road has asked us to inform all families that children using the crossing should not ride their bikes/scooters across the road at any time. All children must dismount from their bikes/scooters and push their bikes/scooters across the road.

We would also request that you continue to be considerate with your parking at pick up and drop off times. Please avoid driving in front of the school between 3.00 – 3.15 p.m.

End of Term Arrangements

On Wednesday 19 July children will be asked to take home all personal belongings so that things are not lost through the summer clean. It would be a good idea if they could bring in a named plastic bag to carry their belongings. On Friday 21 July, children may bring a small game to school to play with their friends. Games should not be electronic as we do not have enough sockets for everyone!!

Finally, we wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming you all back in September. To the families who are leaving Leechpool this summer we would like to wish you all the best for the future and to thank you for your support to the school over the years.

The new school year starts on Tuesday 5 September 2017 and children will attend on this day.

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

Best wishes

Nicola Davenport

Headteacher



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