



LEECHPOOL LINK May 2019

Headteacher: Mrs Nicola Davenport

Dear Everyone

This week is very busy as Years 2 and 6 begin their statutory assessment tests (SATs) preparation and the Foundation Stage teachers begin completing assessments on all children to ensure that they achieve the early learning goals.

This year we have been moderated by the local authority moderators in the Early Years and the work has been identified as excellent practice to be shared with other schools. We are obviously delighted by this outcome and would like to say a big thank you to all EYFS staff led by Miss Kemp.

All the children across the school are working very hard and are really trying to do their best. Well done to everyone. Keep up the good work.

We are also pleased to report that all school places have been allocated and the school is currently full. From September we will have a full allocation of children for the reception classes which we are delighted about. This will be for the sixth year which we are all very proud about.

If any families are to be moving before or by September could we please ask that you notify the school office with the details so that the school places coming available can be offered to families, on the local authority waiting list. Thank you.

Staffing Update

Miss Currington part-time teacher of Year 5 is currently on maternity leave and the class is being taken full time by Mrs Towey. Miss Currington's baby is due any day and we are awaiting the happy news!

We are currently reviewing our staffing needs for next year and will be holding interviews over the next two weeks to fill a temporary teaching post. We will be updating all families on staffing in June.

Closure Days for next Academic Year

Mon 2 Sept	INSET DAY 1
Fri 25 Oct	INSET DAY 2
Friday 14 Feb	INSET DAY 3
Mon 1 June	INSET Day 4
Mon 20 July	INSET Day 5

Polling Day 23 May 2019

This is to remind everyone that the school will be closed on 23 May due to the European Elections.

Staff of the school will be on site to complete training.

Inset Day 3 – Monday 3 June 2019

This inset day is being used by the staff to continue to train on developing their leadership and management skills as curriculum and subject leaders, to ensure that we continue to improve and develop all learning at Leechpool.

We will also be developing our Information to Parents booklets, Homework Policy and reviewing the information from the Parent and Pupil surveys carried out last half term ready for September 2019.

To see the outcomes of the surveys please see the school website or follow the [link here](#).

Request for absence

External procedures at county and national level continue to be rigorous. We will always need booking confirmations from your travel provider to be attached to any new request forms. Your support with this would be much appreciated.

Swimming Lessons for 2019 -2020

The swimming arrangements for Key Stage 2 children in Years 5, 4 and 3 will continue for 2019/2020, with each year group swimming for a term of 10 sessions.

Year 5 will swim in the Autumn term, Year 4 in the Spring term and Year 3 in the Summer term.

LEAF Fundraising Update

Please support our events and all other requests for help, as this enables the school to provide many additional resources for the children to enjoy. The current focus of LEAF is to continue to raise funds for the outside play areas. This will include a new sports shed and an additional outside classroom on the field. Thank you.

Year 5 Music Festival

The Music Festival took place at The Hawth Theatre on Friday 3 May at 7.00pm. The theme of the festival this year was "Celebrating Horsham as part of the Year of Culture". 25 volunteer pupils from Years 4 and 5 sang superbly to a large audience. It was a great night to remember for all who attended.

Year 5 Mathematics Support

On Thursday 6 June at 9.00am – 9.45am, Mr Chapman will be running a maths workshop, for parents of children currently in year 5. This important workshop will give parents information on how best to support your child with preparation for Year 6. Please do come along.

Parking outside the school

Thank you to everyone who is supporting safe parking around the school. Please continue to do your part to ensure the safety of the children and to show respect to our neighbours.

Could we ask that children keep to the pavements inside the school grounds at all times and do not walk on the school driveway without adult supervision. This is particularly important following afterschool clubs.

Please remember scooters are not to be ridden in the school grounds.

School Uniform

Please remember that school uniform should be worn at all times. A list of the required uniform is available on the school website. Summer uniform is encouraged.

After School Club Sign Up

This term, we changed the sign up arrangements for afterschool clubs. We are now using Google Forms and have found this to be a very efficient and quick system to use. However, we would like to know from the families point of view, how they have found this new arrangement. If you have any comments to make, can you please email Sarah Kingsford at reception@leechpool.w-sussex.sch.uk

Noticeboards

Just a reminder that the current copy of this newsletter is displayed on the main noticeboard by the front gate and on the School Website. This should help you to quickly get any information that you require without having to ask at the School Office.

We would also like to inform you that After School Club details are displayed on the blue noticeboard by the main entrance of the school.

Play Areas in the Infant and Junior Playground

Could we please remind everyone that the playground equipment in the infant and junior playgrounds should not be used after school, as it is not supervised by staff and it is not big enough for all the children to use at one time. **This rule is in place to ensure the safety of all children and needs to be followed at all times.**

Children have the opportunity to use the equipment throughout the school day under supervision.

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

Best wishes

Nicola Davenport
Headteacher

**The Leaf donation and mufti day for the May Fayre on 19 May is on Friday 17 May
Cakes Years R,1,2
Jolly Jars Years 3,4,5,6**

Help is still needed for all parent year group stalls.

Please contact LEAF at leaf@leechpool.w-sussex.sch.uk with the times you would be available to help.

**LEAF disco – change of date
The summer term disco will now be on Friday 28 June 2019. Further details to follow.**



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**Half Term holiday
Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May**

**Monday 3 June – Inset Day 3
Monday 22 July – Inset Day 4
Tuesday 23 July – Inset Day 5**