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## General updates

Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Happy New Year to Everyone. Let's hope that 2020 is a happy and prosperous New Year for everyone connected with Leechpool Primary School.

The term is getting off to a great start, with all the children and staff really interested and involved in our International Fortnight. International Day will be celebrated on Friday 17 January when we will "jet off" around the world and share our learning about all the countries we have been studying.

## Staff Changes

Due to the retirement of Mr Chapman the school is currently looking to appoint a new assistant headteacher for curriculum development and pupil achievement. We hope to make the appointment for the summer term.

Mr Marshman has started the cover of Mr Chapman's mathematics groups following a handover at the end of the Autumn term.

## Panto Opportunity M and M Productions

On Monday 27 January the children in years R-5 will have the opportunity to watch the panto Robin Hood. This will be subsidised by the school, but to help with costs we are asking for a donation of £1.00 per family. Donations to be sent to the school office. Thank you.

## Teacher Led After School Clubs

These will begin week commencing 27 January with the exception of Dance, Karate, Tri-golf, Table Tennis and Chelsea Football who have individual starting dates.

The dates and times for all these clubs/activities are on the school website and will be displayed on the club noticeboard at the main entrance. Sign-up for clubs is available on the school website from Monday 13 January – Friday 17 January 2020.

## Mathematics Workshops for Parents

Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and 2  
Tuesday 28 January 9.00 – 9.45 a.m.

The workshops will focus on how to support your children to develop multiplication skills. This will help parents to understand how to prepare children for the Year 4 Multiplication tests which are being introduced nationally. The children will be playing lots of games and using lots of strategies



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6–17 Jan International Fortnight

27 Jan Panto Yr R -5

28 Jan Mathematics Workshop Whole School

14 Feb Inset Day

3 and 5 March Parent Consultations Evenings

1 April School Easter Assembly

3 April End of term



## Sporting Updates – January 2020

It has been a very successful Autumn term for Leechpool in PE with lots of children attending a range of after school clubs and participating in PE lessons. Big Run had a re-vamp and we introduced themes, with the help of our newly elected sport council members. This has had a really positive impact on the children and staff who are participating. Keep a look out for this term's themes!

Unfortunately, the weather played havoc with many of our fixtures last term. Out of 5 boys' football competitions that were due to take place, only 1 actually happened. We took 2 year 3/4 teams to Horsham Park back in October and the boys all demonstrated what fantastic potential they have on the football field. The year 5/6 boys and girls headed off down to Lancing for the Albion in the Community competitions and played football to a very high standard – our boys narrowly missing out in a spot in the final.

The second half term proved more successful with the weather and our girls' footballers headed to Broadbridge Heath for a series of 3 competitions. We took 2 teams for the first time and the girls showed how much their football has improved and how much hard work they have put in at club before and after school. Our A team were disappointed to finish 8<sup>th</sup> but our B team finished 6<sup>th</sup> and competed in the top league in the final week which an amazing achievement. Both teams are now looking forward to the next competition in March.

We had the first of three hockey competitions in November and again, took 2 teams for the first time. We are back competing on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> January and have very high hopes for a top 4 finish!

Finally, our netball players enjoyed a friendly against Kingslea which showed what fantastic skills our players have and they took this into the first of three fixtures at Collyers where we were unbeaten in three fixtures.

This term we look ahead to the sports hall athletics competitions, tag rugby tournaments and the first time entering a basketball and dodgeball event!

This term sees the introduction of PE homework bags for children to enjoy sporting activities at home and Sports colours, which are presented to children who have represented the school in competitions over the course of the year. More information of this will be shared with the children this week and as always, please keep a look out for updates on Twitter.

Thanks to everyone for your support with PE last term including staff and parents, who have spent hours on a field or pitch (often in miserable conditions!) to ensure our children are getting the best PE opportunities possible. Bring on 2020 and some silverware in that trophy cabinet!

## Reminders

### Reporting illness to the School Office

Could we please ask that all families report to the School Office what is actually wrong with their children e.g. fever, headaches etc. as we do have to keep a record of the different illnesses of our children and report these externally. Thank you.

### Lost Property

Please could you check that **ALL** of your child's belongings are named and labelled so that they can be returned if they do get lost. To help you, it might now be a good time to get organised! Consider "My Nametags". The clothes labels and stickers are extremely hardwearing and save a great deal of effort and helps avoid potential lost property. For every order of personalised labels "My Nametags" will contribute to the school. Order online at [www.MyNametags.com](http://www.MyNametags.com) and use our unique School ID number 28918.

**School Uniform – During the cold and wet weather, it is very important that all children have a coat, preferably waterproof.** A full school uniform list can be found on the school website for information.

## Reminders

### Riding Bikes and Scooters to school

Permits need to be collected from the School Office for all bikes and scooters. We would like to remind families that no children should ride their bicycles or scooters on the school site. We would also ask all families to be considerate to all pedestrians on the way to and from school, as a number of near misses have been reported already this term.

### Up-to-date information/Contact Details

Could we please ask for all families to ensure that the School Office has up-to-date contact information for all children, especially any changes of phone numbers and medical information.

### Going home arrangements

Could you please ensure that your child knows who is collecting them from school. If arrangements are different to normal, could you please ensure a note is written to the Class Teacher or that the duty teacher in the infant playground is told.

Juniors are expected to tell their teachers independently at the start of the school day. Telephone calls just before pick up are very difficult to deal with as this is a particularly busy time in the school office. We do accept that on occasions an emergency may occur and that you will need to contact the school office to notify us of changes **but this should not be a daily occurrence and calls should be made before 2.30 p.m. Please do not email any changes.**

**Cars should not be parked on the yellow lines outside the school at any time.**

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

With best wishes  
Nicola Davenport  
Headteacher

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