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16 Dec Christmas Movie Night 3-5 p.m. Arthur Christmas

18 Dec Dragon Team Winners wear own clothes—to be advised.

Christmas Lunch

2.45 pm Pop-Up Christmas Concert 2 outside the Music Box

19 Dec Christmas Parties

20 Dec Christmas Jumper Day optional

20 Dec End of Term

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General updates

Dear Everyone

Christmas has certainly arrived at Leechpool and what a busy time we are all enjoying.

Please remember that Leechpool School is closed on Thursday 12 December due to the General Election. We apologise for the inconvenience.

Staffing Updates

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Mr Chapman as our Assistant Headteacher following 11 years of service. Mr Chapman will be taking a break of half a term, before returning to the school on a part-time basis as a senior teacher of mathematics. During Mr Chapman's absence all of Mr Chapman's mathematics groups will be taken by Mr Marshman an experienced teacher with secondary school experience. Mr Marshman has met all of his new mathematics classes already and is really looking forward to joining Leechpool on a temporary basis.

Reading Afternoon at the end of November

This term's reading afternoon was a big success and photographs from the event are on the school website. The children enjoyed reading with everyone and they have been encouraged to continue to read with enthusiasm. Please continue to encourage the children with their reading as it really benefits their ideas and style for writing. We are currently reviewing our library systems to ensure that we can support all our readers in the best possible way.

Approaching Staff or the need to clarify something at the start and the end of the school day

Could we please ask all families that if they have a concern about an incident in school that they ask to speak to the member of staff concerned appropriately. It is not helpful to do this whilst staff are involved in greeting/dismissing children from the school at the beginning/end of the day. Once children have all been dismissed or a teacher has finished seeing children safely to their families/classroom, staff will be more than happy to speak to families to discuss quick queries. Alternatively, you can arrange a time with the School Office to speak to teaching staff.

It is also helpful if events are reported as they happen and are not reported several days after an incident. At no time should families attempt to investigate and sort out incidents that have occurred in school without a member of staff present. **Thank you.**

School Christmas Fayre

The Christmas festivities began with the wonderful Christmas Fayre last Friday which was organised by LEAF, staff and children of all classes. The event was fantastic and put us all in the spirit of Christmas.

A big thank you to everyone who helped and supported the fayre. The money raised by LEAF will be used to further improve the school environment. The amount raised was £3,935.18.

Film Night 16 December – Arthur Christmas

We will be holding our Christmas film night from 3-5pm on Monday 16 December. The event will start once the school day is over and children will go straight to the cinema in the hall. Tickets for the event will be £4.00 and will include a refreshment and snack. Places are limited to 200. Ticket sales will be available from Monday 9 December until Friday 13 December from 8.35 – 9.00 and 3.00 – 3.15 p.m. in the main school entrance.



Christmas Productions Update

Years 1 and 2 "Lights, Camel, Action"

The first productions this week were the Year 1 and 2 performances of "Lights, Camel, Action" on Wednesday 4 and Thursday 5 December when Penguin and Seal Class led the show with lots of talent and confidence. The two classes were supported by Hedgehog and Squirrel Classes with their wonderful singing and dancing. A great time was had by everyone.

Early Years

"A Miracle in Town", organised by the Foundation Stage Team is at 10am on Wednesday 11 December.

Years 3 and 4

On Wednesday 11 December Years 3 and 4 will be holding a performance of "**The Christmas Adventure**" at 2pm. **in All Saints church.** This will be followed on **Thursday 12 December** when the children in Years 3 and 4 will be holding an evening performance at All Saints Church at 6pm. **All children are expected to attend both performances.** Tickets for the event can be arranged with the School Office.

Years 5 and 6

The production of "Panto Pandemonium" will be on Tuesday 17 December at 2pm and 6.30pm in the School Hall. Tickets for the event can be arranged with the School Office. The production will run with a different cast for each show!! So make sure you sign up for the right production! Refreshments will be available at the start of the event in the evening.

Last Day of Term

On Friday 20 December we will be holding a Christmas Jumper Day. All children are invited to wear a Christmas themed jumper instead of their school sweatshirt with either their school trousers or skirt.

End of Term Games/Activities on the last day

Small games may be brought into school by the children on the last day of term to share with their friends once they have tidied up for the end of term and finished all of their work. **This is the only time toys should be brought to school. Please ensure that no toys are in school on other occasions. Thank you.** Please do not bring in any electronic operated games. The school cannot be held responsible for their safe keeping. Please ensure whatever is

After School Clubs in the Spring Term

Our Spring term teacher led clubs start the week beginning 27 January 2020 – please see the school website for the activities on offer.

From 15-18 January the sign up sheets will be available on the school website. Please remember only 1 club per child and if a club is over subscribed we will pull names out of a hat. Once clubs have been allocated, additional extra spaces will be given out to ensure all clubs are full.

Reminders

Lost Property

Lost property is a big issue across school and we have a great deal of unclaimed property. Please be reminded that all school uniform and equipment should be clearly labelled so that items found can be quickly returned to their rightful owners. We have organised lost property boxes for both the infant and junior playgrounds – please check these for any lost property. The idea is for families to check the boxes on a regular basis whilst waiting for children to leave school at the end of the day.

At the end of term any lost property will be put on a table by the infant entrance on 19 and 20 December. Please come along and check that your child/children have not left anything behind.

48 hour recovery period for sickness and diarrhoea

Children can only return to school 48 hours after the last period of sickness or diarrhoea. This rule is strictly upheld to ensure the good health of all children and staff. Recently a local school had to close for three days and we would hate this to happen at Leechpool School.

Headlice in school

We have had a number of reported cases of headlice over the last few weeks and would ask that when a class letter is sent home, all families ensure that they check the hair of their children. Headlice particularly like clean hair so if is essential all children are checked and treated. Thank you

Parking Reminder

Thank you everyone for working hard to improve the parking outside the school. Could we please ask everyone to continue to make a special effort to be considerate to each other and to our neighbours especially during bad weather. Illegal and thoughtless parking does put our children at risk. Please make every effort to park away from the school. **We would also ask that families do not reverse their cars in the road outside the school during drop-off and pick up times. This will help to keep everyone safer.**

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With best wishes

Nicola Davenport and the Staff of Leechpool Primary School

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