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General Updates and information

Dear Parents and Carers

This term has been a good start to 2020 despite the dreadful weather! We have just held the progress reviews for the Spring term and the progress the children are making in their work is improving in all subjects!

Children are enjoying their writing and Dragon Mathematics. We are had a great time yesterday trying to identify the different props representing books from World Book Day.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

We are receiving daily updates about the above from Public Health England. All information is being passed on to you as we receive it. We are also having daily meetings to ensure everyone is updated and correct practices are being carried out. If you have any questions please speak to the school office.



Special Dates of Interest:

- ◆ **Mon 9 March Sports Relief Week**
- ◆ **Mon 16 March year 6 residential trip**
- ◆ **Wed 1 April Film evening**
- ◆ **Fri 3 April End of term**
- ◆ **Mon 20 April British Week**
- ◆ **Thurs 23 April Scouting Parade**
- ◆ **Fri 24 April— Red, white and blue hat day**

Staff Updates

After the half term break we have been very busy organising staff for the Summer term. Following extensive interviews, we have appointed Mr Robert Cooper as Assistant Headteacher from April 2020. He will join the senior leadership and work closely with Miss Payne and myself, in supporting with the running of the school.

Mr Chapman has returned to work following his retirement break and he has taken up the post of senior teacher for mathematics on a part-time basis. He will be working 5 mornings a week with Years 6, 5 and 4. It is good to have him back.

Ms Cuthell the teacher of Lion Class has left the school and will not be returning to Leechpool. We wish her well for the future.

Mr Sibley has been employed until the end of term and is enjoying taking the class. He has been very impressed with the children and is enjoying being part of the team. In the summer term the class will be taken by Miss Currington and Mr Cooper.

Attendance

Please remember to advise us on the first day of any absence. This is especially important in light of the national concerns regarding COV19 – coronavirus. Please leave a message on the dedicated answer-phone by pressing 1 as directed. This is checked every day – so please be assured that we will get your message.

Could we also remind you that appointments for dentists and doctors should not be made during the school day as this is disruptive to the children's education and also to the whole class. Please be reminded that registration times are as follows: -

Juniors – 8.45am

Infants – 8.55am

Classes are open from 8.35 a.m. each morning. Breakfast Club is also available from 8.00am. A charge of £3.50 is made. Some families may be eligible for a free place if they are receiving Free School Meals Entitlement, but not universal free school meals. Please ask at the School Office for further details.

Safer Internet Updates

Following our Safer Internet Weeks and our parent workshop with DI Wagjiani, we would like to remind parents that it is very important to keep vigilant about the different social platforms that children are accessing on different devices at home.

For your guidance, see below:

Age Restrictions On Social Media

13 Twitter Facebook Instagram Pinterest Google+ Tumblr Reddit Snapchat	14 LinkedIn	16 WhatsApp	17 Vine Tinder	18 Path	18 (13 with parents consent) YouTube Keek Foursquare WeChat Kik Flickr
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We will be reinforcing this at school. You help to support this will be much appreciated.

Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent consultations. It is very important to keep up to date with your child's progress. If for any reason you were unable to attend the consultations arranged please contact your child's class teacher to make an appointment.

PE and Sporting Updates

The football competitions for year 3 and year 5/6 girls was unfortunately again cancelled due to the weather but this week our year 3/4 boys are heading to Lancing in the Albion Cup competition and some other year 3/4 children are representing Leechpool in a tag rugby festival.

Following the success of our netballers in their league matches, they are now in the final for the league next Wednesday night and we are hoping to repeat our success of last year by winning the division C league and bringing home some silverware.

It was the turn of our year 5/6 athletes to compete in the annual sportshall athletics competition last Tuesday. There were some outstanding performance from individuals and teams and it showed how much hard work the children has been putting in during their PE lessons this term in preparation for the competition. We finished a tremendous 3rd out of 11 schools.

Finally, it is sports relief the week beginning 9th March. Each morning there will sporting events happening on the playground for the children to participate in and then on Friday 13th, they are invited to wear sports kit for the day. Big Run will also be taking place on that Friday.

GENERAL UPDATES

Sport Relief 2020

The Comic Relief fundraiser is on Friday 13 March. The School Council members are currently organising this event and will send a letter to advise you of their activities.

Easter Competition for the end of term

This year's Easter competition is for the children to design a decorated Easter Garden scene on a plate. Prizes will be given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each year group. Entries need to be brought into school on Tuesday 31 March 2020 in time for our Easter Assembly on Wednesday 1st April. We are looking forward to seeing a range of creative ideas!

Post Box - Reminder

To save waiting in a queue at the office, if you are dropping off letters etc, please feel free to use the green post box by the office window. This is checked daily.

Parking and Road Safety

Parking outside the school continues to be under review and we would like to thank everyone who is supporting the school policy of walking to school where possible. We have recently had a complaint from residents in Forest Oaks about families reversing and turning around in the private cul de sac. Could families please refrain from doing this.

Please remember that the area immediately outside the school is designated a no drive area and with the double yellow lines there are few parking spaces available so it is best to park away from the school. **By following the rules for parking, we will keep our children safe and our neighbours happy.**

School Uniform

Part of the uniform is a yellow polo shirt. These can be purchased with a school logo or without. It would be a good idea to have at least one polo shirt with a school logo on for school visits in the summer.

Could you please continue to ensure that all children wear the correct school uniform and PE kits. Warm outdoor kits are required each week as we do ensure the children are outside as much as possible. PE kits need to be taken home every Friday for washing and checking. It is very important that your child has their PE kit in school each day. Thank you.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE THURSDAY 23 APRIL 3.00PM IN THE MUSIC ROOM

Lost Property – Please check in the boxes for lost items

Lost property is located in the lost property boxes in the Infant and Junior playgrounds. We also have a lost property box in the main entrance which is emptied each week to the playground boxes.

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

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Headteacher

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