



# Leechpool Link

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## General updates

Dear Everyone

The month of October is a very busy one at Leechpool. We have a great deal planned. As a school, we are working very hard to ensure that we are continuing raise achievement and outcomes across the school in a relevant and fun way for all children of the school.

At the end of Summer term 2019 we were very pleased with the results of Year 2 and Year 6 but we know we still have work to do to further progress. The children's outcomes in all subjects are available on our website. These have been compared with National and County results. [Attainment outcomes](#).

We have also been very proud to be selected by the 2019—2020 Parliamentary Review as a best practice school from all schools in the South of England. This is a huge achievement for the school and is recognition for all the hard work and dedication of all staff at Leechpool. To read the article please follow the link [here](#).

After School Clubs led by the teachers have started this week and again this year we are able to provide a wide range of clubs for the children to enjoy. A big thank you to all the staff who volunteer their time to run the clubs alongside their many duties and responsibilities. Click [here](#) to see all the After-School Clubs this term.



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## Special Dates of Interest:

- 8 Oct M & M Production of "The Secret Garden"
- Book Week 14 - 18 Oct
- Monday 14 October -Book themed Head Wear Day
- Sponsored Read  
Mon 14 Oct— Fri 18 Oct
- Book Fair Mon 14, Tues 15 and Wed 16 Oct
- Christmas Fayre Donations 18.10.2019

## Staffing

Mr Chapman our Assistant Headteacher for curriculum development has informed the school that he would like to step down from his current position and to work part-time from January 2020. Mr Chapman has held his position since 2008 and has been key in the development of school improvement during his time at Leechpool. Mr Chapman will be continuing to work at Leechpool in a senior teaching role on a part-time basis after the February half-term. We are extremely pleased to continue to work with Mr Chapman and thank him for his wonderful service and support to Leechpool over the years. We will be organising an appreciation assembly for Mr Chapman at the end of term with the children.

Miss Currington continues to enjoy her maternity leave and has informed the school that she will not be returning to her teaching duties until the end of April 2020.

## Harvest Assembly

We would like to thank everyone for their generous support at our Harvest celebrations. A wonderful collection of tinned fruit, meat and vegetables were collected for Horsham Matters - part of the Trussell Trust. **A special thank you to the School Council, Miss Cullern and Mrs Letley for organising the event.**

## The Secret Garden by M&M Productions - Tuesday 8 October Years 1-6

The children will have the chance to see a live performance of "The Secret Garden" from professional actors. The performances by M&M are excellent and enable us to provide the children with a cost effective experience of live theatre. £2.50 should be sent into school in an envelope and permission should be made via the school website [here](#) or by contacting the school office.

Thank you for your support of this event. Follow up work will be carried out in classrooms as part of Book Week. Year R will have the opportunity to see a theatre production in the Spring Term.

## New Intake for September 2020

The school is currently welcoming interest from new families to the school for September 2020. If you have a child due to start school in September 2020, please visit [www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions) for further information and to make your on-line application.

Tours of the school with Mrs Davenport can be made by telephoning the School Office. If you would like to arrange a visit to the school, please contact the School Office.

## LEAF

All families are automatically members of LEAF, Leechpool Primary School's Events and Fund raising group. We would therefore like to invite interested people to help. A form to enable you to do this will be sent home separately next week.

Completed forms to be returned by 18 October 2019. We need individuals to act as a point of communication and to identify individuals or groups of parents from the different Year groups who can help with various activities at our Christmas and May Fayre or at the popular School Discos.

## School Post Box

Please remember, to reduce the waiting times at the School Office during busy periods, a green post box (by the Office window) has been installed on the outside wall for return slips, letters and general communications. This is emptied daily and is a very effective means of communication. All payments by families should continue to be handed to the School Office.

## Dogs

Dogs are not permitted on the school grounds at anytime. This rule must be followed at all times



## 'West Sussex Music Service – Violin and Woodwind Lessons

West Sussex Music Service are currently offering violin, woodwind lessons (flute, clarinet and saxophone) and guitar lessons to children in years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Lessons are taught in small groups and take place during the school day. There is a fee for lessons and you would need to buy or hire an instrument. For further information, please go to:

[www.westsussexmusic.co.uk](http://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk). The link for this is available on the school website.

## 6 Weeks In' Meeting on Thursday 17 October – 8.45am–10.00 a.m.

The school is holding our annual '6 weeks in' morning led by Miss Payne, our Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion, to welcome new parents of children who have just started in the Foundation Stage as well as children who have started throughout the School since September 2019. Please come along as it has a great deal of useful information for families.

## Reminders

### Coats in School

A reminder to everyone that all children need to wear a warm waterproof coat to school so that they can get the most out of break times. Children are encouraged to go out in all weathers. Thank you.

### Sickness

**All children who are sick or have suffered from diarrhoea should not attend school for 48 hours following the final symptoms. This rule is in place to avoid the sickness being passed on to others in school.**

We would also appreciate all families ensuring that we have updated medical and contact details. We have had a number of cases recently where our information on file has not been updated by families and this does cause a delay in contacting families in cases of emergency.

We would like to remind all families that the school is a nut free zone and that children must not bring any snacks to school with traces of nuts. We do have to be very strict about this as we currently have children attending the school who are affected by nut allergies. Your help and support with this is much needed.



### Bikes and Scooters in and around school

Could we please request that all children who ride to School on scooters do so appropriately, giving consideration to other pavement users. We have had a number of near misses lately and we are keen to avoid a serious accident. We would also like to remind you that children should **not** be riding scooters or bikes in the school grounds at the beginning and end of the school day. The school is very busy and we need to ensure that all families are safe. Thank you.

**We also request that children do not use the trim trail in the junior, infant playgrounds or field after school as it is not supervised by staff and there is not enough room for all the children to use it at the same time! The children have been told this in assembly many times!!!**

**Caterpillar Afterschool Club currently have vacancies every day of the week from 3–6.00 p.m. If you are interested in finding out more, please telephone 01403 211388.**

If you have any questions regarding this newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Thank you.

Best wishes

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Headteacher

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