



# Leechpool Link

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## Special Dates of Interest:

- **Book Fair 8 & 9 July 3.00pm**
- **Open Evening and Book Fair 11.7.19 5.00-7.00pm**
- **Infant Sports afternoon 9.7.2019**
- **Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.00 am 18.7.2019**
- **End of Term 19.7.2019**
- **Music Gala 18.7.19 5.30-7.30pm**

See the Diary Page Updates for further dates for this term and 2019-2020

## General updates

Dear Everyone

This is the final newsletter of this academic year and again we cannot believe where the year has gone.

This year has held many highlights. The wonderful Christmas Productions, the fantastic Christmas and May Fayres organised by LEAF, the termly school discos, school visits and our first ever Sports Award Evening, Tour de Leechpool and sports days.

The children and staff have all worked so hard and it is so rewarding to be leading such a talented and happy community. Everyday, they make me feel proud with their hard work and kindness. I would also like to thank all the families' for their continuing support to the school which is invaluable.

We have a number of events on over the coming weeks to the end of term and we hope to see many of you joining in. Please remember to keep checking the school website and the diary page that is issued with this newsletter.

We would not want anyone to miss out on anything!

**Don't forget the Horsham Parade this Sunday 7 July 10.30am in Horsham.**



## Staffing Updates

This week we held our transition day for all children across the school. This gave all the children the opportunity to meet and spend time with their new teachers. Mr Dodd was unable to attend but will be visiting his new class on Tuesday 9th July 2019. In his absence, Mr Chapman took the group to give the class a flavour of year 5 work.

Mr Barden the PE and Sports coach will be starting a teaching course from September to train as a primary teacher whilst working at Leechpool and we are delighted by the news and know he will continue to do well.

All other staffing arrangements have been shared. Miss Currington continues to be on maternity leave. She is enjoying her time with her young family.

## Achievement information

On 9 July we are sending out the children's Record of Achievement and you will see that the children have all worked very hard this year. We have also given the children targets for the future so that they can continue their learning during the summer break.

We are proud of the achievement of the children across the school in general, but looking at individual progress, it is clear that as a whole school we need to continue to focus our efforts on improving some aspects of writing and spelling. This does not mean we will reduce our focus on mathematics or reading or other areas of the curriculum.

From September, we will continue to develop our guided writing sessions and strategies for extending writing across the curriculum, with a big focus on spelling and grammar.

The SATs results for all children in Year 2 and 6 will be shared with their families alongside their reports. The overall attainment for Key Stage 2 will be published on the school website when received.

We believe we are a good school and with each year we are improving. This term the local authority again judged the leadership and management of the school as outstanding. This included all levels of leadership across the school.

As a school we have already reviewed the outcomes and started to refine our systems and monitoring to ensure everything is in place for the next academic year. We will continue to strive for improvement and higher attainment.

## School Places

The new reception classes for 2019 - 2020 are again full and we have a waiting list, which we are all delighted about. Again this year we were a popular choice for new families.

Due to a large demand for school places at Leechpool, could families please let us know if they will be moving children from the school at the end of this term. We have long waiting lists for some classes and we are keen to ensure that families wanting to come to the school are informed as early as possible. Thank you.

## Universal Free School Meals

Children moving on from Year 2 to Year 3 will no longer be entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals. If your child is not entitled to pupil premium free school meals, they will now need to be ordered and paid for via the mealselector website. Please log on to [www.mealselector.co.uk](http://www.mealselector.co.uk) and create an account (if you don't already have one) by Sunday 18 August 2019

If you have any problems or queries please contact the Chartwells office on 01243 836130 or email [73041@compass-group.co.uk](mailto:73041@compass-group.co.uk) term time hours 08:30-16:30 Monday to Friday and between 10am and 2pm Monday to Friday in the school holidays.

## End of Year PE and Sports Summary

Thank you to everyone who attended KS2 Sports Day. The children had a wonderful time and enjoyed the team spirit and the opportunity to be competitive, despite some hot weather. We had many winners and many personal bests during the competitions. Well done to everyone. Congratulations to Water team who were the overall winners for the juniors with 1574 points. We are looking forward to the Infant Sports Day on 9 July 2019 at 1.30 p.m.

Other sports news this term was the successful first Sports Award Evening at Leechpool with guests Poppy Cleall, British International Rugby Union team member and David Dickenson from the Horsham Golf Academy.

Further achievements this term from our many talented teams were 2nd in the Horsham Frisbee tournament out of 10 teams, Girls Cricket Sussex County Quarter Finalists, Horsham Rounders Competition placings 2nd, 9th, 10th and 14th with over 40 children representing the school. Some of these children representing the school for the first time!

For the next two Fridays we will be competing in the Horsham District Athletics Competitions with both an A and B team. A big thank you to all the staff for the amazing Sport and PE this year—especially to the Sports and PE team.

## Music Tuition

There are spaces available in September for any pupils wishing to take up the flute, clarinet, saxophone or violin in individual and group lessons. For further information and to reserve your place for September please visit the website: <http://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk> and sign up before the end of this term.

Instrument hire can also be arranged through the website for a very reasonable rate.

## Reminders

### Water bottles and sun cream protection

Could we please remind all families that children should attend school with a water bottle, hat and sun screen cream already applied on hot sunny days. We do monitor the time children are exposed to the sun and plan accordingly, providing times out of the sun etc. See the school website for further information.

### Lost Property

Could all children please be encouraged to look after their equipment and uniform. We currently have a great deal of uniform without names on and this is now in the lost Property Boxes in the junior and infant playgrounds. Please check and reclaim your child's items. **All items will be recycled after the last day of term.**

### End of Term Arrangements

On Thursday 18 July, children will be asked to take home all personal belongings so that things are not lost through the summer clean. It would be a good idea if they could bring in a named plastic bag to carry their belongings. On Friday 19 July, children may bring a small game to school to play with their friends. Games should not be electronic as we do not have enough sockets for everyone!!

Finally, we wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming you all back in September. To the families who are leaving Leechpool this summer, we would like to wish you all the best for the future and to thank you for your support to the school over the years.

## The new school year starts on Tuesday 3 September 2019 and children will attend on this day.

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

Best wishes for a wonderful summer break.

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Headteacher



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