

NEWSLETTER 6th September 2019

Week 1

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year!

I hope you have had a lovely summer break and are ready for the new term which promises to be lots of fun and very busy. Teachers will send home class newsletters this week. These will contain information specific to your child's class. We hope you find these helpful but please remember to ask us if there is anything you would like to know.

We had a super start to our week seeing all the sunny, smiling faces of our children and hearing all about their adventures.

This term we welcome many new families who join us from all over the country. Visitors often comment on our friendly community and I know everyone will settle very quickly.

As well as new families throughout the school, we welcome our new intake of children in Acorn Class. Mr Wilson, Miss Richardson & Mrs Dickinson have been very pleased and impressed by our new Acorn children - well done Acorns!

I look forward to working with you all throughout the year.

Katie Tracey, Headteacher

Exciting & Happy News!

I have written to all parents of children in Acorn Class to share some exciting news. Miss Richardson is expecting a baby at the end of this term!

I am delighted to tell you that Mr Wilson will be covering Miss Richardson's maternity leave and so will be full time from the end of this term. This will provide excellent continuity and consistency for children in Acorn Class and Mr Wilson is very much looking forward to working with the Acorns all week.

I will send out more details once the dates of the maternity leave are confirmed and as soon as we hear any baby news!



Please see page 2 for lots more information including new diary dates...

Nursery Update

The consultation process regarding the school offering places for 3 year olds was completed during the first weeks of the summer break. In total we had a total of 31 responses (8 online and 23 paper copies).

Analysis of the responses showed that the majority of those who responded are in favour of the proposals. It also shows that the majority believe that, if implemented, the proposals would have a positive impact.

87% of responses indicated that they agreed with the proposal to extend the age of Leconfield Primary School. 6% were unsure and 6% did not agree.

68% of those who responded felt that the proposed offering of places for 3 and 4 year olds would have a strongly positive or positive impact on them. 26% felt that the proposals would have neither a positive or negative impact on them and 6% felt that the proposals would have either a negative or strongly negative impact on them.

The Governors met to discuss the responses and agreed to move forward to the next stage of the statutory process. All the relevant documents have been submitted to the Local Authority who now take over the next part of the process. The Local Authority will now conduct their own consultation and, once this has been completed, liaise with the Department for Education. Once a final decision has been made the school will be informed.

This process should be completed at the beginning of the Spring Term and I hope we will have some news for you in the new year. As soon as I know the outcome I will be able to give you more details. In the meantime, I can tell you that, if the application and proposal are granted, Mr. Wilson will work full time and Miss Richardson will continue to work three days per week. There will also continue to be full time TA support. We would also look at the possibility of increased TA support depending on need and numbers. This arrangement will mean an excellent staff to child ratio and ensure that all the children are supported and access provision according to their development needs. If we have a positive decision while Miss Richardson is on maternity leave we will recruit a teacher to work alongside Mr Wilson in Acorn Class until Miss Richardson returns.

As soon as I know anything more I will let you know however, it is unlikely that we will know anything for some time. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Summer Reading Challenge

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who has sent in photographs of children enjoying reading in all sorts of weird and wonderful places! There are some absolutely fabulous pictures and the children have obviously spent a lot of time devouring books.

There is still time to send in your photographs! Please email them to head@lpschool.org.uk by 9.00am on Monday 9th September. Thank you!



A few reminders...



Please label all your child's belongings

Please pay for lunches promptly using ParentPay

Please ensure reading books, PE kits & water bottles are in school every day

Children may have fruit or vegetables for morning snack

Please register on the ParentPay system

Please inform us if your contact details change

Please do not send pencil cases, toys etc.

Please complete and return school meal menus promptly

Please try, wherever possible, to make medical appointment out of school hours (we appreciate and understand that in some cases this is not always possible)

Please leave a message / contact the school office if your child is ill / absent from school

Please remember that if children have been sick or had diarrhea they need to stay away from school for 48hrs

Please talk to us if you have any questions regarding your child's education or wellbeing

Diary Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2019

- 25.9.19 1.15pm Phonics Afternoon for Acorns & Chestnut
- 18.9.19 EPIC History Day - Cherry & Ash Classes
- 19.9.19 EPIC History Day - Oak Class
- w/c 7.10.19 SEN Support Plan Meetings
- w/c 14.10.19 Open Evenings
- 25.9.19 6.00pm Residential Meeting
- 27.9.19 Non Uniform day – Wear green for NSPCC (£1 donation)
- School Photographs
- 15.10.19 EPIC Whole School Sports Challenge Day
- 21.10.19 Residential Week for Y5/6
- 23.10.19 EPIC Science & Lab Rascals Workshop for Cherry & Ash Classes
- 25.10.19 School Closes for Half term
- 4.11.19 Training Day SCHOOL CLOSED
- 5.11.19 School Opens
- 5.11.19 EPIC Bonfire Day
- 5.11.19 Dental Nurse Workshop for Oak Class
- 7.11.19 Whole School Flu Vaccination
- 17.12.19 2.00pm AND 6.00pm KS2 Christmas Concert (Cherry, Ash & Oak)
- 18.12.19 2.00pm AND 6.00pm Infant Christmas Concert (Acorn & Chestnut)
- 19.12.19 Christmas Lunch & EPIC Christmas Party Afternoon
- 20.12.19 School Closes End of Term

Hair we Go!!!

Keeping long hair tidy can often be tricky. We have the solution! One of our talented and nimble fingered governors has been busy this summer making some lovely hairbands. The hairbands are in the school colour and are a lovely soft cotton material which is very comfortable to wear.



Hairbands can be bought for £1 – find them in the school entrance. All monies go to school fund!

Homeless Helpers Lifestyle Challenge Update

Well done to our very own Lifestyle Challenge Team "Homeless Helpers"! They have worked tirelessly throughout the summer to raise money to support the local homeless charity Emmaus. We are so proud of these "everyday heroes" and have been really impressed with their fantastic attitudes, confidence and energy! So far the boys raised over £1000 to buy much needed supplies to donate to this worthy cause. What an inspiration!

