



Leckhamptonbulletin

C of E Primary School

Week
ending 11th
September
2015

Dear Parents

As we start our new school year, we extend a very warm welcome to the new children and parents who have joined the family of Leckhampton School. We hope that your association with the school is a long and happy one. We also think about our recent Year 6 leavers and hope that they are all settling into their new schools and enjoy the new challenges ahead of them.

I should also like to extend my thanks to the staff of the school for all their hard work over the summer holiday in preparing their classrooms for the new term.

Wishing you all the very best for the term ahead.

Sam Porter

General Points and Safety Notices

I should like to remind parents of some practical aspects of School life which will help to keep everyone safe and happy.

Morning drop off

Children are expected to arrive at School in the morning between 8.35 a.m. and 8.44 a.m. Please can all parents leave the School before the bell is rung at 8.45 a.m. so that staff can escort children into the school building with greater ease. On wet days, could Key Stage 2 children use the Hall entrance and Key Stage 1 children the playground entrance.

Parents of Reception children

When waiting to collect children at the end of the session/day, please could we ask that you keep the tarmac paths clear and wait inside the paved area outside the Reception Class entrance.

Parents on School Site

In the interests of security, parents wishing to come onto the School site between 8.45 a.m. and 2.55 p.m. must report to the School Office (Pedestrian Gate is not to be used.) Please press the bell and announce your name and purpose for the visit and the office staff will release the electronic lock.

Parents who are helping in School must sign the "Visitors Book" and will be issued with a badge. All parent helpers must undergo the necessary checks to volunteer in school. If you are interested in helping in School, please see the office staff for further information.

Parents whose children are "late" for School or wish to take their child to an appointment (having previously told the class teacher) must report to the office staff who will ask parents to record their child's entrance/exit from the School premises in a book.

Most importantly, only bona-fide visitors and parents wearing a badge are allowed in the School building during School hours. Staff will challenge anyone not wearing a badge on the School site. The only exception will be when teachers invite parents into their classroom to discuss their child's welfare.

ParentPay and School Lunches

Please could I remind parents that your ParentPay account must be in credit prior to your child ordering a school meal. If there is a genuine error, please contact the school office.

General Matters

When dropping off or picking up your child please enter School by the pedestrian entrance. Walk on the tarmac footpath keeping to the left hand side. Please do not walk on the grass to reach the playground. Children must not swing on the School metal gate or School fences for their own safety. Children should not climb on the wooden seats, wooden fencing or play on the steps to the Key Stage 2 Playground. If parents wish to speak to a teacher at the end of School, would they please wait until the whole School has left the premises, as the corridors are narrow and we would not wish the exit of children to be blocked by parents.

Please could I remind parents that in the interests of our children's safety, cars should not be driven on the pavement, parked on yellow lines or block neighbours entrances. Traffic Wardens and Community Support Workers have recently reported their concerns about illegal parking around Schools and will be making random checks. **Please may we remind you that the School Car Park is for staff cars only.**

Please ensure that your child is closely supervised at the end of the School day.

I should like to thank you in anticipation of your support in these matters. Due to the large number of pupils we have on roll, it is essential that we work together to ensure the safety of our children and to support the smooth running of the school.

Sam Porter
Headteacher

Reception Admissions 2016

We have been asked to submit details to Gloucestershire County Council of any children who may be due to start school in September 2016. If this applies to you but you have not yet registered your child with the school office, please would you do so as soon as possible. Please also feel free to mention this to anyone who is not yet involved with the school but has a child who is eligible for intake in 2016 and may want to put Leckhampton as one of their choices. There will also be a meeting for prospective parents on 8th October 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in the school hall – dates for daytime tours of the school will be available at this meeting.

School Prayer Group

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 29th September 2015 8.55 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. in the Parents Room. Please join us to pray for the school if you would like to, and feel free to bring younger children along. New members are welcome!

I would like to inform you of a new initiative we are introducing here at Leckhampton. In response to our Parent Questionnaire Feedback, we would like to invite you to our first "Open Classrooms" session on Tuesday 29th September 2015. From 8.40a.m., you are welcome to bring your child directly to their classroom, where they will share a piece of work with you that they have chosen themselves and are particularly proud of. At 8.55 a.m. we kindly ask that all parents leave the School site to enable the children to commence their first session of the day. The sessions will run on the last Tuesday of every month, except when there is a Parent's Evening set for that month. Please check the website for future dates.

We hope that our "Open Classrooms" sessions will enable you to feel closer to the children's learning and experiences in School. We do ask however that parents do not use this informal session to ask the Class Teacher specific questions relating to their child's academic progress. However should you need to speak to the Class Teacher, they would be more than happy to see you at a more convenient time.

Sam Porter

Dear KS1 Parents

We are delighted to let you know that we have 2 French clubs at Leckhampton and would love to invite your child to come and try them. Our Monday club is for all children in KS1 and the Tuesday club is just for the year 1 children (from January, Reception children will be welcome to join). The clubs run after school until 4pm and cost £6 per session. The club is great fun and focuses on the spoken language. We learn everyday practical French through games, songs, role-play and craft. It is incredible to see how much confidence it gives the children learning to speak a second language. Your child is welcome to try out the first session next week - if they don't like it, you will not be charged for the lesson.

We also have a holiday club coming up on 29th October in Leckhampton Baptist Hall to which all KS1 children are invited. This is from 10am - 3pm and costs £40. The day is action packed with cooking, drama, songs and games.

If you would like more information or to book a place, please email admin@clubs4kids.com.

A bientôt
Anna-Kate Fuller

Clubs4Kids KS1 French

Reserve now
for Autumn 2015.
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www.clubs4kids.com
07972 591 311

Mondays (yr 1 and 2) and Tuesdays (yr 1)
3 - 4pm
£6 per session start w/c 14 September

Reserve now for the first session
If you decide it's not for you, there will be no fee to pay.

Your child is invited to come along to a weekly French club. We teach everyday practical French to give your child confidence in the spoken language.

With games, craft, cooking, songs and drama we will bring French to life and inspire your child to love learning the language. Your child will collect stickers and certificates to mark their progress and be actively involved in their learning journey.

Club membership £12.50 - this includes a CD/songbook, handbook and free access to online interactive website (value £69)
(25% discount for 3rd child)



Violin Lessons with Mrs Gosling will start on
16th
September 2015



Mrs Hogarth's string group will also start on 16th
September 2015 from 3.20 p.m. until 4.00 p.m.



FoLPS AGM

Wednesday 23rd
September
7:30 – 9:30 pm
Leckhampton Primary School
(Parents Room)
All Welcome



Registered Charity No. 1061142



PATE'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Open Evening
Tuesday 6th October

5.30–8.30pm

(no pre-booking required)

**Head Master's presentations will take
place at 6.30pm & 7.15pm.**

Pate's is a state-funded grammar school for boys and girls aged 11–18 years. Students here achieve the highest academic standards whilst also benefitting from exceptional pastoral care and first-class facilities. Come along and meet our remarkable students and teachers and find out what it really means to be a Pate's student.



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