



# Leckhamptonbulletin

C of E Primary School



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 and we look forward to working in partnership with you.

We also think about our recent Year 6 leavers and hope that they are all settling into their new schools. In Collective Worship on Monday we reflected on how the children must be feeling and asked that they have the courage and guidance needed as they face 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 site on the second bell. 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.***

### **Cooking Club**

As you may have noticed, the clubs letter this term includes a Cooking Club which is by invitation only. The School receives funds which are targeted at a specific group of children and therefore cooking is available to these pupils for whom the funding applies. Should your child be in receipt of this funding, they will receive an invitation shortly. Unfortunately we are unable to take any other pupils outside of this group. Apologies for any confusion this may have caused.

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 30 children from Years 4 to 6 will be running the final mile of the Cheltenham Half Marathon Schools’ Challenge, having already completed the previous 12 miles in school and at home. As well as the children, our very own Mrs Head will be running the full Half Marathon in support of Winston’s Wish.

To help support this wonderful charity and celebrate the event, we would like to invite all children to wear their own sports kit on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. As part of this day, each class will run a mile so that the whole school can complete its own half marathon. In return, we ask that the children bring a donation for Winston’s Wish to school on that day.

Many thanks for your support,

Mr Cook

## Vaccine Update/Reminder

To give your child the best protection against Measles, Mumps and Rubella a child needs two doses. This is because the vaccine does not always work fully the first time. Therefore if your child has not had a second MMR as part of pre-school vaccines, I would encourage you to do this now by contacting your GP/Practice Nurse.

Children in year 1, 2 & 3 are also eligible for flu vaccine this year.

Further information can be accessed from the following website

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/vaccination-schedule-age-checklist.aspx>

**French Half term clubs**

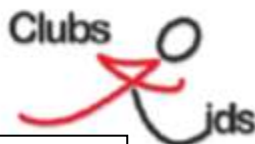
Reserve now!  
admin@clubs4kids.com  
www.clubs4kids.com  
07972 591 311

Half Term Holiday club  
1 day £35

Friday 28 October

Leckhampton Baptist Hall  
Cheltenham GL53 9EP

10am - 3pm  
childcare possible from 9am - 5pm (pls ask)



### CHELTENHAM CONNECT VILLAGE SHOW

The Exmouth Arms, Bath Road  
Sunday 18th September 2016  
1 pm

#### Programme

9 -10.30am: Exhibitors drop off entries  
1pm Show Marquee open  
3:00pm Dog Show (kindly sponsored by Joyful Dogs)  
4:00 pm: Prize giving

Proud of your produce, chuffed with your chutney?

Then enter your Village Show! Win a rosette and the envy of your neighbours.  
Lots of categories for children too ... and dogs.

#### CATEGORY 1 - Preserves & Cooking

Class 1A - Best Victoria sponge cake  
Class 1B - Best lemon drizzle cake  
Class 1C - Best cheesecake  
Class 1D - Best jar of homemade marmalade  
Class 1E - Best jar of homemade jam  
Class 1F - Best jar of pickle or chutney\*  
\*(preferably matured for 2 months please)

#### CATEGORY 2 - Horticulture & Home

**Brewing**  
Class 2A - Biggest marrow  
Class 2B - Funniest shaped vegetable  
Class 2C - Best bunch of four carrots  
Class 2D - Best four tomatoes  
Class 2E - Best flower arrangement  
Class 2F - Homemade wine or liqueur  
Class 2G - Bottle of homemade beer

#### CATEGORY 3 - Children under 12

Class 3A - A Bath Road shop in a shoe box  
Class 3B - Best 4 cupcakes - made & decorated  
Class 3C - A monster made out of fruit or vegetables  
Class 3D - Best miniature garden in a tray  
Class 3E - Best painted pebble  
Class 3F - Best painting of your pet

#### CATEGORY 4 - Homecrafts

Class 4A - A small up-cycled/painted item  
Class 4B - A hand or machine sewn item  
Class 4C - A hand knitted or crocheted item  
Class 4D - Funniest selfie (A5 photograph)  
Class 4E - Best harvest bonnet

#### Dog Show Categories

Best trick, best child handler,  
Best rescue dog, waggiest tail

For more information and to download an entry form visit:  
[www.ccvillageshow.weebly.com](http://www.ccvillageshow.weebly.com)

## FoLPS News

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

Welcome back to school we hope you've all had a fantastic summer break. As ever it's the start of another busy year for the FoLPS Team and we already have some fun ideas in the pipeline for 2016/17. But before we can kick any of these into action we need to formally agree the FoLPS Committee at the AGM.

The FoLPS AGM will take place on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 7:30 in the Parent Room at School**, all are welcome. As part of this meeting we will be electing Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary roles as well as five ordinary officers in line with our PTA Constitution. We are looking specifically for individuals who could fill one of the Vice Chair roles and also someone to take on the Treasurer role. Without these roles filled we will be unable to operate this year. If you are interested in any of these positions then please e-mail FoLPS on [folps@leckhampton.gloves.sch.uk](mailto:folps@leckhampton.gloves.sch.uk) or talk to one of the FoLPS members you may know at school.

Last year FoLPS spent £15,954 on Leckhampton Primary School, which is an amazing achievement. Have a look at the poster attached to see how we actually spent that money. Such a contribution to the school would not be possible without the support of the FoLPS members, parents, teachers and friends of the school so a huge thank you and well done!

The FoLPS Team