



Leckhamptonbulletin

C of E Primary School

Week
ending
29th
June

Dear Parents

Well it appears that Summer is finally here!

Within the bulletin you will see the new class list for September 2018. As you will see, there are two new members of staff joining our team. Miss Jessica Ing will be joining the year 3 team and Mrs Rebecca Ross will teach in Ash Class and has also been appointed as our new middle leader for the Early Years Foundation Stage. Mrs Ross will be responsible for the day to day running of her team and will work alongside Miss Sullivan and Mr Richards as part of the Middle Leadership Team.

At the end of the year we will be saying goodbye to four members of staff. Mrs Kelly and Mr Bulless have worked incredibly hard over the past months covering maternity leave in Willow and Aspen Class. They have both been wonderful additions to our school family and we are grateful for their hard work and commitment to the school during their time with us. Mrs Peace has been part of our school family for many years both as a parent and a well-loved member of staff. She will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike and we wish her every happiness in her new venture.

We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Gill at the end of term as she retires from her post as Assistant Headteacher. Miss Gill has given so much to the children and families of Leckhampton during the time she has been here and has always gone above and beyond to meet the needs of the children. From her country dancing to the infant music group, Miss Gill has always aimed to make each day special for the children in her care. We wish her every happiness with this new chapter in her life and although she is retiring from her position, Miss Gill will be helping us out from time to time with short term cover and supply.

Although it has taken some time to get together, I would like to share the feedback from the meeting regarding our parent questionnaire this year. Many thanks to the parents who attended the meeting and I look forward to exploring some of the ideas and thoughts next academic year.

Best Wishes
Sam Porter

Parent Questionnaire Meeting Feedback

The questions were;

- My son/daughter regularly undertakes extra research/educational activities related to school.
- This school deals effectively with bullying.
- I receive valuable information from the school about my son or daughter's progress

The meeting was incredibly useful and discussions raised lots of ideas as to how we can improve the above areas. We focussed on each question separately and here are some of the thoughts and ideas from the meeting.

My son/daughter regularly undertakes extra research/educational activities related to school.

Parents commented that they weren't sure what this question actually meant and it might be useful to have greater clarity in future. Concerns around the range of available extra-curricular clubs were raised particularly with reference to KS1 and many are sport based. As a school we thought it might be useful to organise clubs over the academic year so that we can try to cover a wider variety of topics and perhaps seek a greater balance whilst still maintaining the sporting activities which have proven so popular with the children. Staffing may be an issue here and it was suggested by parents that they could possibly support or even run after school clubs.

The leadership team discussed the work we are undertaking on redesigning our curriculum and parents were keen to hear that we are aiming to try to increase the number of opportunities to work outside the classroom through planned educational visits. Costings would need to be factored into this however, as we recognise that families must not be placed under financial stress to support these visits. Parents suggested that there may be opportunities for the school to utilise parental expertise and there were thoughts on how this information might be shared with the school.

This school effectively deals with bullying.

The school is currently reviewing its anti-bullying policy to ensure that its tone reflects the ethos of the school. Parents agreed wholeheartedly with this as they felt the current policy is quite stern. Parents felt that there needed to be a preamble to the policy which encouraged parents to come and talk to the school with worries or concerns and asked how this is logged by the school so that patterns of behaviour can be tracked. I explained that all teachers keep a log of concerns raised by parents and that this log follows the children through the school. Parents felt it would be useful to refer to this in the policy as well as highlighting that Teaching Partners always hand over concerns or issues to teachers at the end of lunchtime break. We talked about the importance of the formal section so that everyone understood the process clearly. Parents felt it would be useful to share the systems we have in school more frequently with the children so that they know who they can go to with a problem or a concern. It was also highlighted that it might be useful to ensure that everyone knows what bullying is and how this differs from day to day friendship issues.

I receive valuable information from the school about my son or daughter's progress.

One parent raised that they felt the information they have been receiving has improved and that the Open Classrooms has been a real success. The report format was discussed and whilst some parents felt they missed some of the anecdotal content, others felt that the reports were now more informative and concise. The question of additional parents evening was raised and as always, this is a challenge for the school. We organise two parents' evenings across the year and whilst some parents may feel this would be helpful, all schools are currently in the position where they are being asked to consider teacher workload. Parents in the meeting recognised this and reflected that perhaps it wasn't necessarily about additional parents' evenings, possibly parents just want to feel more involved in school life and more engaged with class teachers. Parents felt that the school has made improvements in this area through extending opportunities for them to be in school; this including the recent sharing of the house music performances. It was suggested that these are ways in which parents can become more involved. The website was highlighted as a way to keep in touch with what is happening in school and it was suggested that we possibly need more photos. The difficulty for working parents to be in school during the day was highlighted by everyone in the meeting. It was felt that early notice of events and varying times and days of events might help.

Both parents and the leadership team agreed that it would be great to have increased opportunities for parents to be in school so that parents gain a greater understanding of their child's day. We also felt this was a good way to celebrate all of the wonderful things which happen here in school. The idea of a parent group or parent ambassadors was suggested so that a group could meet regularly with a member of the Leadership Team to discuss specific topics or projects. Parent ambassadors could also gain the views of parents who are unable to attend meetings or feedback sessions.

In conclusion the meeting was positive and gave everyone much food for thought!

Actions going forward include;

- Review opportunities and seek new ways of working to ensure that there are a variety of after school clubs for different age groups.
- Consider ways in which parents can share their expertise to support the curriculum and extra-curricular activities.
- Review the anti-bullying policy with a clear introduction which encourages parents to share concerns at the earliest opportunities and outlines how we track these conversations. Consider the tone of the document to align more fully with the school’s ethos. Review the school’s anti-bullying systems with the children more frequently so that they are sure who they go to with a worry or concern.
- Consider ways in which parents can become more involved in the life of the school which do not place additional pressures on pupils, staff or parents.
- Explore more fully the idea of “parent ambassadors” to further support the school by working in partnership on specific topics or projects.

Classes for September 2018

Current Class	Class in Sept 2018	Teacher
	Oak	Mrs Daly and Mrs Manning
	Ash	Mrs Ross
	Elm	Miss Manning
Oak	Hazel	Mr Parsons
Elm	Larch	Miss Heath
Larch	Holly	Mr Richards
Hazel	Lime	Mrs Edwards and Mrs Edden
Holly	Chestnut	Mrs Oakey and Miss Gray
Willow	Cherry	Miss Ing
Lime	Poplar	Mrs Riches
Poplar	Aspen	Mrs Bennett and Mr Mackenzie
Chestnut	Pine	Mr Slade
Aspen	Alder	Mr Seeley
Pine	Rowan	Miss Flook
Alder	Maple	Miss Sullivan
Rowan	Juniper	Mr Robinson

Change 4 Life

As a school we are sent through healthy living resources which children and families might like to use over the Summer Holiday. There are activities and ideas which can be used across the 6 weeks of the Summer Term and this year’s theme is Star Wars. The children will bring a pack home and we hope you find them useful.

Lost Property

We have lots of unnamed school uniform, lunchboxes, water bottles etc in lost property which will be recycled at the end of term if it is unclaimed. Please take the opportunity over the next couple of weeks to have a look for any missing items. We will display all lost property on 13th July 2018 in the parents room from 2.45 p.m.

Parent Pay – End of School Year

As we are approaching the end of the school year a few points to remember about your ParentPay account.

- If your account is showing a deficit please make sure that this is cleared before the end of term.
- If your child is in Year 6 and the account is in credit and not likely to be used by the end of term, this can be transferred to a sibling or refunded to you. You will need to let Mrs Evans know by 20th July 2018 if this applies to you and which option you would like, thank you.
- A reminder to those entering Year 3 in September that you will have to start to pay for school lunches (unless you are entitled to Free School Meals because of personal circumstances). Please make sure that there is credit on your account in time for the first week of school if you want your child to have hot lunches, thank you.
- Any credit showing on the account of pupils currently in Years 3 – 5 will automatically be carried forward to the new school year.

School Visits/Music Tuition

A number of accounts are still showing an amount owing for school trips and music tuition. Please pay these amounts before the end of term or contact the school office if you are experiencing financial difficulty in meeting this.

S J Porter
Headteacher



Summer Holiday Activity Club

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