



Leckhamptonbulletin

C of E Primary School



Dear Parents

Firstly, many thanks for the kind words received in response to our Wellbeing Week. Taking the time to write about how much the children enjoyed the activities and the value you as parents placed on the week brought a smile to everyone's faces on Friday. I know the yoga was a big hit with the children and we are looking into ways this could be incorporated into school life. Across the week, small gestures and tokens of appreciation were shared with staff and children. In a world where there appears to be a growing emphasis on identifying the negative, it was wonderful to take the time to pick out the many positives.

Thank you for your efforts in supporting "Walk to School" week. We do recognise that scooter and cycle storage is something we need to invest in and this has been included in the plans for the school expansion. Whilst the railings have worked for some time, I don't think they will take the weight of the scooters for much longer! I am delighted to inform you that Ms Lisa Hudson has been appointed onto the governing body as an associate member. Given Ms Hudson's passion and enthusiasm in supporting the school's aim to improve the safety of all travelling to and from school, she is a wonderful addition to the school transport team.

As you will know, the design for the school expansion is currently at the planning stage. Planners have been on site at various times to look into the designs and to seek further information. For many of us, one of the most important aspects of the expansion will be the phasing of room use during the build. The senior leadership team, other key members of staff, parent governors and the project team will be meeting in the first week back after half term to complete the phasing schedule. This comprehensive document will ensure that there is clarity for everyone in understanding what is happening and when. We aim to share key aspects of this document with parents as soon as possible and once work commences, weekly updates will take place. As you would expect some weeks will be busier than others, however a weekly update will be published even when there is nothing new to report.

This year's Informal Open Evening will take place on Wednesday 3rd July 4.30 – 6.00pm. The children will have had the opportunity to meet their new teacher and visit their new classroom that morning. We will also hold Open Classrooms on 4th July 8.35 – 9.05am where there will be a further opportunity to see work on display and to meet members of staff.

I am delighted to announce that a new teaching colleague will be joining our School in September 2019. After a thorough and intense interview process, Mrs Beth De-Bear was appointed and is looking forward to joining the family of Leckhampton. Mrs De-Bear currently teaches at a school in Cheltenham and brings a wealth of experience with her.

You will have an opportunity to meet her at the Informal Open Evening. I am sure you will want to join me in wishing her a very successful and happy time here at Leckhampton.

The Senior Leadership Team are in the final stages of organising staffing for the next academic year. Information on teachers and classes will be available to you shortly after half term, as in previous years.

Wishing you a relaxing half term holiday.

Sam Porter

Important reminders

Please could we ask that families and children do not play ball games or use the field before and at the end of the School Day. Thank you.

Many thanks to parents who have joined us for Thursday's Class Collective Worship. Many of you have commented on how much you value the opportunity to participate in this very special part of the day. In order for us to continue sharing this important part of School life with families we do ask that the following requests are supported.

- Photographs and recordings should not be taken during the Act of Worship. However, you are most welcome to take a group photo at the end of the Worship.
 - Please do not bring hot drinks into the school hall.
 - Please could parents wait quietly prior to Worship and silently as the children enter the hall; this helps children to focus on the value of the term as they listen to the music chosen by the class.
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Cheltenham Festival of Performing Arts Assembly will be held on Thursday 6th June 2019. We will present any certificates collected so please bring them into school. I have collected any unclaimed Speech and Drama Certificates so if you do not have yours please check with me, thank you.

H Bennett

REMINDER that Monday 3rd June is an In Service Day. School will open for the start of Term 6 on Tuesday 4th June 2019

Sponsored Run
Please make sure that you send any sponsorship money to school by Friday 7th June 2019 at the latest, thank you.

S Smith

Lost Property
Please help us by naming your child's uniform. The lost property drawers are once again full – we will be clearing them out during the first week after half term.

Thank you
S Porter

We are still looking for a school crossing patrol officer. If you, or anyone you know would be willing to be employed by the County Council in this role please speak to Miss Porter, thank you.



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Dear Parents,

We are writing to tell you that after half term Leckhampton Primary School is going single use plastic free.

Plastic is a big problem and very harmful to our environment. It is polluting the oceans, affecting wildlife and some is even in space!

The milk bottles we have been using in school are only partly recyclable and the energy it takes to make these is contributing to climate change. On average we use 160 milk bottles a day. That's 800 a week and roughly 32,000 one school year! From next term, we will be using reusable cups instead of plastic milk bottles in KS1; this just means your child will be receiving their Milk from a cup rather than a bottle and KS2 children will be collecting milk from a 'Milk bar' at the beginning of play. We understand this is a change so please can you remind your children this is happening.

Our kitchen team have kindly offered to wash all the cups daily so they are clean and safe.

We know this is a big change but it will really be worth it.

Thank you for helping us save our planet.

Eco Team.

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