



Dear Parents

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### Parent Representative Update

Following our recent election, we are unable to announce our new Parent Representatives and we didn't receive any nominations. Several parents have kindly offered to take on the role outside of the election process and we will be in touch shortly to discuss this further.

### Spring Spruce

As part of our Agents of Change initiative, several children have suggested that we improve the conservation area and school grounds by doing some weeding and trimming of foliage, ready for Spring. We have therefore set the date of **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 9.30am – 11.30am**, to invite parents and pupils to come along to help us to spruce things up! We hope that some families can make it, please do bring your gardening gloves and tools. If you can't come along but wish to contribute something, perhaps you could send in a few cakes for the helpers. Many thanks.



### Sports update

It has been a busy few months for our sports teams and there is plenty more to come with so much in store this year! Our football A Team have competed in the Cheltenham Schools' League against Warden Hill and following a match that could have gone either way, Leckhampton unfortunately lost 3-1. Our football team also took part in the EFL Kids' Cup Tournament in December, the scores were as follows:

**Game 1: Leckhampton vs Naunton Park (2-0)**

**Game 2: Leckhampton vs St James (1-2)**

**Game 3: Leckhampton vs Tredington (3-3)**

**Game 4: Leckhampton vs Longlevens (1-7)**

**Game 5: Leckhampton vs St Gregory's (0-3)**

**Game 6: Leckhampton vs Cleeve (1-0)**

This week, our Girls' Football Team played against Warden Hill and produced a battling and spirited display in a narrow 2-0 loss. We were very proud of our team and are looking forward to more matches in this half term against Winchcombe and Greatfield Park.

Our Netball Team are going from strength to strength and with their athleticism and skill, there's no telling what they can achieve! Following a 3-0 win against St James', they went on to defeat St Gregory's by the incredible score-line of 15-2!



### **Ceramic Bird Murmuration**

As you are aware, we have begun a project with a resident artist, Karen Hilliard, who is helping us to create a stunning art project made up of 650 ceramic birds, each created by a child or staff member. We would like to thank our parent volunteers who have now been trained and are ready to support the children during their clay workshops next half-term.



### **School Lunches**

Please could we remind all parents that school lunches must be paid for in advance and accounts should be routinely checked to ensure they are in credit.

Thank you

### **Subject Leader Curriculum Monitoring and Evaluation**

As part of our ongoing curriculum development work, all subject leaders receive dedicated time away from the classroom, to fulfil their responsibilities as subject leaders.

An important part of a subject leader's responsibility is to ensure that they closely monitor the learning in their subject. This work is carried out in many ways: through analysing data; conducting lesson visits; by carrying out planning and work scrutinies and through talking to the children themselves. This important work enables subject leaders to really understand how their subject is implemented across the school and, in conjunction with the leadership team, plan adjustments and improvements to further enhance the teaching and learning.

**In the coming weeks**, subject leaders will be spending additional time away from their own classes, as their curriculum area becomes the area of focus. Where this is the case, it may be that your child is taught by another member of our school teaching staff, for perhaps one or two days during the 'in-focus' subject week. The class teacher will continue to set the work for their class and be checking in with their class at regular intervals to ensure that everything is running smoothly from a class perspective.

We look forward to updating you with some of our reflections and highlights from our exciting curriculum during the coming weeks and months.

### **Homework policy**

Following consultation with families, pupils, staff and governors, we have recently updated the school's homework policy

<https://www.leckhampton.gloucs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Homework-Policy-2022.pdf>

We are grateful to everyone who has contributed their viewpoints to help shape this policy

### **RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch**

The Eco Ministry would like to remind everyone that the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch starts today (27th-29<sup>th</sup> January). Click on the link to find out more - it's really easy to take part!

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/everything-you-need-to-know-about-big-garden-birdwatch/>

We hope you have fun and enjoy spotting lots of wonderful birds over the weekend."

**Upcoming whole-school events (please see the school calendar for more year group events)**

Click here: [Upcoming events - Leckhampton Primary School](#)