



Dear Parents,

We have had an exciting few weeks in school. Many year groups are busy organising trips for the summer term, including the Year 6 residential trip to the Isle of Wight. We are pleased that so many families are accessing Class Dojo to keep up-to-date with school news; please let your child's teacher know if you have not completed your registration and we will reissue your password.

Sports Days

Next week, we are very much looking forward to our three Sports Days:

Monday 22nd May 9am – 12pm Reception

Tuesday 23rd May 9am – 12pm Years 1 & 2

Wednesday 24th May 9.15am - 3.00pm Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

FOLPS will kindly be running a drinks stall for parents from 9-11am each day. 50% of the proceeds will be donated to one of our chosen charities: Young Lives vs Cancer. Tea, coffee, water and squash will be available. Please bring re-usable flasks/cups if you have them to avoid paying extra for a cup. Cash & card will be accepted.

Summer weather arrangements:

In anticipation of warmer weather, please could we ask that families follow the guidance below:

- Sun cream applied before school on hot days (all-day, long-lasting cream would be best)
- A sun hat to wear when outside
- A clearly-labelled water bottle refilled each day at home

On particularly hot days, we will ensure that children have access to shaded areas and are encouraged to keep hydrated.

Lost property

We would like to share that we are managing to return about 90% of unclaimed items now that items are being named! Please keep naming everything including snack pots and water bottles.

Parent parking

We are becoming increasingly concerned about the manner in which some parents are parking their cars. We are continuing to meet regularly with Councillor Nelson about our travel plan. However, we have had some complaints from our neighbours about parents parking across driveways, damaging other vehicles and generally being inconsiderate to others. We would also like to remind parents that the staff car park is only for staff use. Please use the visitors' car park or on-street parking if you need to park up.

Swimming

It has been a great term for swimming success in school. Our Year 3 pupils continue to make great progress with their weekly swimming sessions. Also, some of older pupils have really enjoyed using

our pop-up pool!



Finally, last night, some of our older pupils represented the school at the Cheltenham & District Primary Schools' Swimming Gala!











We would like to congratulate all of the swimmers who took part last night and give a special mention to Tilly who achieved Gold in the Girls' Individual 2 x 33m Freestyle!



Whole-School Well-Being Week

This year, the Well Being Ministry, led by Miss Thomas, will be holding 'Well Being Week' from the 19th to the 23rd June. The ministry will be presenting an assembly to the whole school on Monday 19th June, explaining why this is an important week to celebrate as well as all the activities they have organised. The school will be taking part in activities such as creating a class playlist, yoga, mindfulness activities and raising money for a mental health charity.

On the final day of 'Well Being Week', Friday 23rd June, the Well Being Ministry are inviting all children to wear clothes that best express themselves as an individual and are kindly asking for a donation of £1 to raise money for the children's mental health charity, Young Minds. More information to follow.

Parent Volunteers

We are very grateful to the parent helpers who have kindly offered to give up their time to support the work of the school. It is lovely to be able to welcome back parents in this way. Your support has already made a big difference to the children and teachers!

If you are able to volunteer to help in school for one morning or afternoon per week, please complete the attached form to register your interest: **Appendix 1: Volunteer Information Sheet for new volunteers.** All completed forms should be returned to the school office or sent by email to admin@leckhampton.gloucs.sch.uk.

If you would prefer to have a conversation before deciding whether or not to volunteer, please contact Mrs Taylor who will be very happy to explain more of what volunteering in school might entail.

For all types of volunteering, including accompanying classes on educational visits, please complete the attached form. Unfortunately, due to Safeguarding requirements, we are only able to accept parental offers of help if the necessary paperwork has been completed. We hope that you will enjoy volunteering as much as we appreciate your support in school.

Mrs Taylor (Assistant Head Teacher)

Calendar dates

Please check the school website calendar for all upcoming whole-school events: <u>Upcoming events - Leckhampton Primary School</u>