



Dear Parents,

It has been such a busy year here at Leckhampton, with lots to celebrate and also reflect upon.

In September we welcomed several new teachers and leaders to the team, who quickly settled into school life and who have made such a positive impact in such a short space of time. November brought our visit from Ofsted and whilst we were pleased with the report, I think Paul Harriss really captured our thoughts and feelings on the process and impact on the team. That said, we have swiftly acted on the two improvement priorities set out by Ofsted and we look forward to sharing with families, a comprehensive evaluation on how far we have moved forward with those priorities in September.

As Christmas approached, we once again held our "Lighting of the Christmas Tree", were treated to the wonderful sounds of our choirs at the Rotary Concerts and were thrilled by our Year One's Nativity performance.

The Spring Term always turns our attention firmly to the curriculum and pupil outcomes. How are the children progressing? What more can we do? Teachers prepare "action plans" throughout the year and meet with their middle leaders to identify what is going well and what needs to be improved. In school we use the language of Challenge Partners – EBI's "even better ifs" and WWW's – "what went wells". The children even use these terms when evaluating the Quality of Education as part of their Pupil Parliament work. It always wonderful to hear them talk of "challenge" and "how teachers scaffold tasks" when they visit lessons.

It has also been an important year in relation to our work in supporting pupils with SEND, as well as reconnecting with our families following the pandemic. Reinstating parent volunteers has been one of the highlights of the year for us. We had an army of volunteers supporting with our ceramic bird project, some of whom are in school as we speak, helping to install them with the artist, Karen Hillard. A special mention must go to... Mr Smith, Mr Simoneaux, Mr McKendrick and Mr Boyd for their invaluable assistance in drilling 700 holes for the birds to go into. This was no mean feat and they raced through the work in less than a day. We are also grateful to those who kindly volunteered their help. The birds look incredible and have soared

Seeing parent volunteers hear readers, accompany trips, help with school events and just generally be in school has been so helpful in reassuring us that the days of the pandemic are really behind us.

Our SEND coffee mornings have been a welcome addition to school life and in our last meeting, we reflected as a group on our EBI's, our WWW's and actions for next year. We are so grateful to the parents who contributed their ideas and suggestions – these will be included in our action planning for next year. One idea, which we felt would be really helpful for families, is a SEND Handbook/Guide. All parents would be able to access this resource which would hopefully assist in communicating what is actually available to children and families through the school. As one parent shared with me on open evening – unless you are actually directly involved in some of the initiatives the school has on offer, you don't always know what is available. We hope the handbook would not only inform but also celebrate our work. As always, there is more that we can do and this is where you can help. By contributing to surveys, sharing your thoughts with us either informally on the gate or formally through meetings, your contributions help us to strive for excellence.

The work of our wellbeing team has proved invaluable this year. As time moves on, we constantly reflect on the possible longer-term effects that lockdown has had on our children. We have invested heavily in the pastoral support available to our children and as I return from spending lunchtime in the Calm Zone, it reaffirms my belief in the importance of these types of resources. Children of different ages interact and engage and more

importantly encourage each other. Supportive conversations with our wellbeing teaching partners help to build confidence and self-esteem. The calm zone really is an oasis of calmness and kindness.

Lunchtime provision has also been a highlight for the children. Zoning the playground has really made a difference to pupils' engagement with the schools grounds. The opening of the old school hall has created a place for those who like to have time away from the hustle and bustle of the playground, yet enjoy spending time with their friends. From the dinner-time dance to the use of the woodland area, the children enjoy the freedom and flexibility the different activities bring.

As the term draws to a close, we think about our Year 6 children as they prepare to move on. Our Leavers Service this morning gave us the opportunity to give thanks for all they have contributed to the school as well as consider their hopes, and wishes for the future. They go with our love and very best wishes for the future.

On behalf of the whole Leckhampton team, I should like to wish you a peaceful and relaxing Summer break.

Best wishes

Sam Porter



Autumn Term Menu

Attached is a copy of the Caterlink Menu for the Autumn Term. Please note that we return on **week 3** of the menu and there will be a change to the jacket potato filling – it will be cheese instead of tuna for Tuesday 5th September 2023. A copy of the menu has been uploaded to the school website as usual.

Parent Pay Information for Year 2 to Year 3 pupils

Just a reminder that the Government Universal Infant Free School Meals Scheme will cease at the end of Year 2 so from Year 3 onwards school lunches must be paid for via ParentPay. The cost of each meal is £2.54 and we would ask that you make sure that your account is up to date with sufficient funds to cover lunches for the week ahead. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals then lunches will of course continue to be free and you do not need to add funds to the account.

Swimming information for Year 3 (2023-24)

After the success of the Elite Swimming Programme that we have offered this year for our ‘top-up’ swimmers, we have decided to offer our Year 3 swimming lessons on-site next year using the ‘pool to school’ programme. We have found that the children make accelerated progress in the small groups that we run on-site. We are also aware that the children will have more curriculum time when they will not need to travel to and from the Leisure Centre each week. If you have a child who is going into Year 3 in September, we will be in touch in the Autumn Term with further information regarding the swimming programme and details about fees.

House Art Competition

Earlier this term, Miss Simcock and Mrs Chapman, our Art Leaders, ran a House Art Competition where children in each year group were encouraged to create a piece of artwork based on a particular theme. The themes were:

Reception: The Wonderful World of Colour!

Year 1: Patterns, Patterns Everywhere!

Year 2: iPad a Dream...

Year 3: This is Me!

Year 4: Time to Zoom!

Year 5: My Life Through a Lens

Year 6: Reuse, Recycle, Re-wear!

We were amazed by the effort that went in to all of the pieces of artwork and have attached the winning pieces, as voted for by staff and children.

The Prince of Wales Athletics Contest

A few weeks ago, Mr Robinson and Mr Simpson took a large team of pupils to compete in the Athletics contest at the Princes of Wales Stadium. Our Leckhampton pupils were a credit to the school and showed great sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the event. Well done everyone.



Year 6 performances of "I'm An Eleven-Year-Old....Get Me Out Of Here"

During their last week at Leckhampton, our Year 6 pupils gave two outstanding performances of their end of year show for their parents and families. We were super proud of everybody for their hard work learning their lines and lyrics and for the energy their brought to the shows!



Calendar dates

Please check the school website calendar for more upcoming events and term dates:

[Upcoming events - Leckhampton Primary School](#)

THE ARTY CRAFTY BUNCH

Quality Art Workshops run by a professional local art teacher

for children aged 7-14

Summer Holiday Workshops

Wednesday 9th August at Badgeworth Village Hall

Tuesday 15th August at Leckhampton Scout Hut

Come for a 3 hour session, or stay all day!

From £20 inc all materials



For further information visit
<http://www.theartycraftybunch.com/>
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theartycraftybunch@gmail.com



Cheltenham Town Ladies Youth

RECRUITING: YEAR 5 GIRLS

If your daughter is going into Year 5 in September and is interested in joining the team, please contact U10s manager Simon Maslin at:

- simonrmaslin@gmail.com
- 07850 244620

Some experience ideal.

- Training - Tuesdays.
- Matches - Sundays.





**TICKET
ENTRY**



**SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER
12:00PM TO 4:00PM**

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PROSECCO
PAWTY**



**ADULTS - £5.00
CHILDREN & DOGS
- FREE**

• FURRY FUN WITH PRIZES TO BE WON •

• FREE DRINK ON ARRIVAL •

• MARKETPLACE STALLS •
INCLUDING BEAUTY, DOGGY MASSAGE AND MORE

• CASH BAR •

• MUSIC •

DANCING HIGHLY ENCOURAGED

ALL PROCEEDS RAISED GO TO CHELTENHAM ANIMAL SHELTER





DOUBLETREE BY HILTON
CHELTENHAM
CIRENCESTER ROAD
CHARLTON KINGS
GL53 8EA

TICKET INCLUDES:

SCURRY CHALLENGE

PHOTO CALL

SPLASH ZONE

PUP-CUP AND DOG
TREATS

MUSIC

POP OR PROSECCO
ON ARRIVAL

PRIZES TO BE WON



EXTRAS AVAILABLE :

SPECIAL MUTT-TAILS

CASH BAR

SURPRISE SCOOPY
SNACKS

ICE CREAM

FACE PAINTING

MARKETPLACE



TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS HEAD OVER
TO OUR EVENTBRITE PAGE



