



Dear Parents

The children have made a great start to Spring Term 2 and there have been a range of activities and sporting fixtures taking place since we returned to school after the half-term break. We hope that you enjoy finding out more about what is coming up this term.

Kind regards,
The Leckhampton Team

Upcoming dates:

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

Children are invited to dress up as a character from a book. Lots of lovely book-related activities are planned for the day.

British Science Week – Week beginning 11th March

To celebrate British Science Week, Mrs Connolley has organised many science-related activities for the children to take part in. Further information can be found on page 3.

Comic Relief – Friday 15th March

Our Charity Ministry have organised a non-uniform day to raise money for this amazing charity. Children are invited to wear red or have 'crazy hair' for a small donation. Please make donations through ParentPay using the link below:

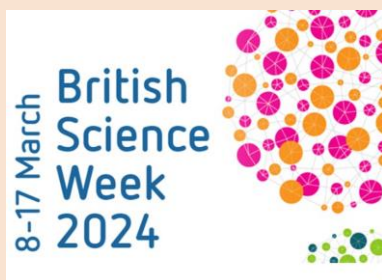
<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=13956>

House Music Competition – Wednesday 20th March

Our KS2 children have been busy rehearsing at lunchtimes for their performances. Parents of the performers are welcome to join us in the hall from 2.30pm.

Blue Skye Thinking Day – Friday 22nd March

On 22nd March, all pupils are invited to wear blue and to donate money, via ParentPay, to Blue Skye Thinking. We would suggest a donation of £1 per child but would welcome any donations. At 3.15pm on this day, there will be a Cake Sale on the playground. Families are welcome to pay for cakes using cash or card.



British Science Week

Dear Families,

We are counting down the days now to our very own Leckhampton Primary British Science Week.

Thank you **so** much for the fantastic response we've had to our request for parents to come in and talk about their science-related jobs to their child's class.

However, we still need help in the following classes:

Alder (Year 5), Birch (Year 1) , and Oak, Ash and Elm (Reception) during the week of 11th- 15th March.

If you are willing to talk informally about your job (current or previous) to the class, it would really help support our efforts to celebrate British Science Week.

You could talk about your typical day, what you do, what's tricky, fun/ hard and why you enjoy this work. You might also bring in an example piece of equipment e.g. Dr = stethoscope, for the children to look at. These talks can be short (e.g.10-15 mins) or longer! If you can help, please contact the class teacher directly through the school office email.

During the week, children are invited to bring in science-related items e.g. fossils, shells, crystals and books, that they would like to share with their class/ friends.

As well as meeting a Scientist, all classes will take part in exciting Physics activities in the classroom including 'Rocket mice' in Key Stage One classes and 'Rocket balloons' in Key Stage Two classes. Make sure you check out Class Dojo for photos.

Throughout the week, children will discuss science in the news, science-related careers and check out some exciting websites and videos that will challenge their learning and understanding.

Finally, we are proud to share that the school will be funding a range of fantastic workshops run by external companies. Reception classes will be travelling back to the time of the DINOSAURS! Years 1 and 2 can get up close and personal with geckos, scorpions, a python, dormice and a even a tortoise! Year 3 will be delving into the world of FORENSICS while Year 4 leave Earth and travel into Space in a science Dome. Year 5 and Year 6 will experience an out of this world session with cutting-edge technology using virtual reality head-sets!

We look forward to sharing photos and experiences with you soon.

Mrs Connolley (Science Lead)

As we gear up for British Science week, check out the 'Marvin and Milo Lava-lamp' activity. Have a go at this at home and let us know how you got on!' Mrs Connolley.



Download more Marvin and Milo activities at iop.org/marvinandmilo

© Institute of Physics 2019

Free School Meals

As you are probably aware, families who meet certain criteria are entitled to Benefits-Related Free School Meals. This is separate to Universal Free School Meals for Infants.

Please find below information about two initiatives that are open to families who meet the criteria for Benefits-Related Free School Meals.

Gloucestershire County Council is committed to supporting families with 1 week of vouchers (£15) for the Easter holiday and 1 week (£15) for the May half-term. Vouchers for the May half-term will be distributed at the same time as those for the Easter holiday period. Therefore, families who have signed up will receive a total of £30 per eligible child.

To register for free childcare sessions during holidays and a voucher for each eligible child, please follow the link below:

[Holiday activities and food programme \(HAF\) | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

If you think that you may be entitled to Benefits-Related Free School Meals, please apply using the link below:

[Apply for free school meals | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Dropping off and picking up children

As we continue to encourage active journeys to school, we are aware that some families need to travel to school by car. If you do drop off or pick up using a car, please may we remind you that the zig-zag lines outside the school are strictly no parking zones and that all drivers should travel cautiously outside the school where many children are walking.

School reading books

Please could we ask that any outstanding reading books that belong to the school are returned as soon as possible as we are auditing resources for September.

Many thanks,
The English Team

Parents' Evenings

We are looking forward to seeing parents at our Parents' Consultation Evenings next week. Mrs Pinless, our Inclusion Lead & SENDCO, will be available in Willow Class if parents would like to discuss anything. Willow Class is in Year 6.

Cross Country Update

We are all extremely proud of our Cross Country runners who made it through to a national competition yesterday in Loughborough. According to reports from parents, it was an amazing experience for all children but unfortunately, one of our runners, Maisie, was unable to complete the course due to an injury – we wish her a speedy recovery and we are sure that she will compete again in the near future.

The children placed as follows:

Ivy: 83 out of approximately 300 runners

Charlie: 111 out of approximately 300 runners

Will: 166 out of approximately 300 runners





Easter Camp

Monday 25 March – Friday 12 April 2024

For children aged 4.5 - 14 years

Discounts available for



www.cheltenhamactivitycamps.co.uk
01242 705 551



Just Camps

kid's fun & fitness

Welcome To The Just Camps Mini-Marathon

This year, on April 13th, we're hosting our very own Just Camps Mini Marathon in Cheltenham, and we want you and your kids to be part of this fantastic event!

- What: Just Camps Mini Marathon
- When: April 13th 2024
- Where: Cheltenham - All Saints Academy

Sue Ryder

This is a wonderful opportunity for your family to embrace a healthy lifestyle, bond together, and kick-start a year of exciting challenges. The Mini Marathon covers a manageable 2.6 miles, making it perfect for participants of all ages and fitness levels.

But that's not all – we invite everyone to come dressed in their most creative fancy dress attire, adding a dash of fun to the event. All funds go to the Sue Ryder Charity so let's make it a weekend to remember!



Scan Here