

Weekly newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers

Skipping has been the dominant theme at The Lea this week! The children thoroughly enjoyed the 'Skip2Bfit' workshop on Monday (thank you to Mrs Grinyer for organising) and were enthused by the coach and his own passion for skipping as a fun activity and a way to keep fit. The skipping ropes he left are selling like hot cakes through ARBOR and the children can't wait to use them at break and lunch times and try to beat their personal best scores. Miss Weaver is already planning how she can harness this new found enthusiasm in her PE lessons.



The reception open morning on Thursday was well attended and our Y6 tour guides did another fantastic job showing prospective families around the school.

We will be marking Armistice Day on Monday so any children in uniformed groups such as Beavers, Cubs, Rainbows & Brownies are welcome to wear their uniforms to school on Monday along with odd socks to mark the start of anti-bullying week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Tracey Berry
Head Teacher

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTIFICATIONS AND SCHOOL EVENTS

Collection Arrangements

Please note that if someone different is collecting your child from school on a particular day, you need to inform the school office by lunchtime - either by phone or email.

SPORTS REPORTS

Football

On Thursday afternoon the Year 5/6 Girls Football team went to The Grove school to compete in the Girls annual Football tournament. We played four group games, winning one and losing the others. The Girls performed brilliantly in each game making some good tackles and some nice passing they also showed a real positive team spirit and encouragement to one and other. Well done!!



#GoTeamLea

DATES FOR THE DIARY

November 2023

Mon 13, 3-4pm	Y5/6 Netball v St Nicks (H)
Tue 14, 9:10-10:15am	Reception Open Morning
Tue 14, 1:15-3pm	Cross Country
Thu 16, 7-9pm	Governors FGB Meeting
Fri 17	Flu vaccinations: Rec-Y6
Fri 24, 9:10-10:15am	Reception Open Morning
Mon 27, 12:30-3pm	Y4 Singing at Memory Cafe in Harpenden
Mon 27, 7:30-9:30pm	PTA Christmas Wreath Workshop

December 2023

Mon 4, 9:30-10am	Nursery Nativity
Tue 5, 9:30am-10am	Reception Nativity
Wed 6	Rotary Carol Concert
Thu 7, 2-3pm	Y1 & Y2 Production
Tue 12, 7-8pm	Y3 & Y4 Christmas Concert
Wed 13	Christmas Jumper Day
Wed 13	School Christmas lunch
Tue 19	Panto
Wed 20	Term Ends (1.15pm)

January 2024

Thu 4	Inset Day
Fri 5	Start of Term
Mon 15, 7-8:30pm	Governors TLC Meeting
Mon 22, 7-8:30pm	Governors Resources Mtg

February 2024

Tue 6, 12:30-4pm	Y5/6 Mixed Tag Rugby
Mon 19 - Fri 23	Half Term
Tue 27, 3:30-6pm	Y3/4 Rapid Fire Cricket
Thu 29, 7-9pm	Governors FGB Meeting

For a longer term view of key dates please visit our school website at <https://lea-pri.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/calendar>

LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Y5/6 Boys football match 10/11/23 - selected pupils
Year 2 staffing - Year 2
School photos - Whole school
Skipping ropes - Whole school

DONATIONS

Donations to our school can be made via the [online KindLink page](#). These can be a one off payment or monthly donations. All are welcome and gratefully received.

Our Class Word of the Week

Talk to your child about this word and what it means. Try to use it in everyday conversation at home.

Nursery
celebrate

Reception
environment

Year 1
puzzled

Year 2
simplify

Year 3
proclaim

Year 4
scrutinise

Year 5
reassure

Year 6
obtrusive

W, O, R, D, of the W, E, E, K,

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



Our attendance target is 97%. Total attendance for last week was 94%.

PTA

Hello from your PTA!

Thank you to all of those who participated in Challenge 2023. The grand total will be revealed next week, so if you are yet to drop off money, please do it by Monday.

Tickets are still available for our wreath making workshop. Friends and family are welcome, so please spread the word. We need a minimum of 20 people for the event to go ahead.

Our festive family film night tickets are now available to purchase. Come aboard The Polar Express, with a surprise special appearance from the big man himself!

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/thelea/index.cfm>

Your school lottery draw is this weekend. Don't forget to grab a ticket if you haven't already for a chance of winning £25,000! <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/the-lea-primary-school-and-nursery>

Finally, don't forget to return your child's Christmas card artwork by Friday 17th!!

We hope you all have a great weekend.

AWARDS



Team Points

Emerald was the winning team this week. 38 children received their silver certificates for 50 team points. Well done!



The Lea Superstars

Nursery

Felicity

For great concentration and focus with her bonfire picture.

Reception

Maya

For growing in confidence in the classroom.

Rory

For sharing your knowledge of the Christmas story with super confidence.

Year 1

Lewis

For challenging himself in our writing lessons.

Francie

For making excellent cards in PSHE and at home.

Year 2

Toby

For excellent work in maths and completing the tasks to a high standard.

Lenny

For having a positive attitude towards maths and his ability to complete the tasks.

Year 3

Cris

For fantastic focus and working really hard in all lessons.

Year 4

Jack D

For making good mathematical connections when using the inverse operation to check answers.

Year 5

Eva

For excellent concentration and effort all round.

Imogen

For great organisation skills and working hard in lessons.

Year 6

Connor & Megan

For putting a lot of effort into their writing content and their presentation.

Sports

Divine

For a positive attitude at the Football tournament and scoring a hat-trick in one of the games!

Christmas Wreath Workshop

Hosted by local business the Grove Studio

Get into the festive spirit and join us at The Lea Primary School on:

Monday 27th November 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Tickets £49 each will include your wreath, tea/coffee and a mince pie. Refreshments, including mulled wine, will be available to purchase on the night.

Only 40 places available so be quick to grab a ticket online!

pta-events.co.uk/thelea



THE LEA PTA PRESENTS

FAMILY FILM NIGHT

THE POLAR EXPRESS

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER IN THE SCHOOL HALL

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM - FILM STARTS AT 6:15PM

£6.50 per child (includes hot choc or milk, small bag of popcorn & a gift)

£3.50 per adult

Refreshments available to purchase on the night

Bring your PJ's and a sleeping bag!

+ *Special*
VIP

BUY TICKETS NOW FROM PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/THELEA



WAREHOUSE OPENING TIME

Tuesday: 12:00 - 15:00
Thursday: 11:00 - 13:00
Friday: 12:00 - 15:00

WAREHOUSE ADDRESS

Unit 3 Redbourn Industrial Estate
Redbourn
AL3 7LG

stalbandsdistrict.foodbank.org.uk

ADVENT CALENDAR

Christmas Appeal

Christmas can be a difficult time for many, especially for those living on a tight budget. With increased winter fuel bills alongside the seasonal pressures many will find themselves in food crisis.

Can you help someone this year?

For 25 days, **from Tuesday 21st November**, please could you donate an item daily from the list below. Pop it in a box or bag and drop it off to our warehouse by **Friday 15th December**. Your donation will help someone in need and make a really big difference this Christmas.

And if you want to start earlier please do so!

Should you wish to make a cash donation, please pay via our website (see above) or by texting 70085 using STAFBXMAS nn where nn is the amount (texts cost your donation amount plus TWO standard network rate messages)



Thank you!

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21 Nov	Custard
22 Nov	Long Life Fruit Juice
23 Nov	Sponge Pudding / Desserts
24 Nov	Festive Biscuit
25 Nov	UHT Milk
26 Nov	Cooking Sauce
27 Nov	Long Life Fruit Juice
28 Nov	Jam or Spread
29 Nov	UHT Milk
30 Nov	Tinned Soup
1 Dec	Long Life Fruit Juice
2 Dec	Cooking Sauce
3 Dec	Nuts
4 Dec	Tinned Rice Pudding
5 Dec	Tinned Peas / Sweetcorn
6 Dec	UHT Milk
7 Dec	Christmas Chocolates / Sweets
8 Dec	Cooking Sauce
9 Dec	Noodles
10 Dec	Long Life Fruit Juice
11 Dec	Tinned Soup
12 Dec	Festive Biscuits/Chocolates
13 Dec	UHT Milk
14 Dec	Cooking Sauce
15 Dec	A non perishable food item of your choice No mince pies, please! No alcohol

OPEN HILL presents

LIGHT IT UP

An enlightening event for children between 7 and 11 years old



**Games, crafts, electronics,
and sports**

**Saturday
18th
November**

**10AM -
12 PM**

**Suggested
donation
£2**

**The Chapel, Highfield Oval,
Harpenden, AL5 4BX**

**REGISTER at
www.openhill.club**



*Jesus said: "I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will never walk in
darkness, but will have the light of life."
John 8:12*



YWAM Harpenden - Registered Charity 1156783

St Albans Musical Voices

Find your musical voice!

A fun, friendly choir for children in Years 2 – 5 who love to sing or want find their musical voice.

For more information and to sign up please scan the QR code or visit our webpage.

If you have any questions please contact us on the number below or email stalbanmusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk.



Starts Thursday 11 January 2024



4.30pm - 5.15pm - weekly



St Albans Music School



£59 per term



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