

Weekly newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers

What a fabulous return to school we have had this week. It was lovely to see how enthusiastically all the children came rushing through the school gates on Tuesday morning. Their happy smiling faces were a delight. I have been so impressed with how quickly children have settled back into our routines and school life, even our youngest children in nursery look as though they have been here for several weeks rather than just a few days. They have been exploring the inside and outside areas, getting to know each other and having lots of fun. The water play has been a particular favourite and ideal with the weather we have been having.

All classes have been creating art works for our hall display boards and taking part in a number of exciting activities to embed that curiosity and love of learning that is so evident at The Lea. There have been Coliseums created out of biscuits and glue, maths investigations and PSHE activities all linked to building resilience and our growth mindset. Children have also been thrilled to tell me about their new arrivals - hamsters in a couple of classes!

As always, we are offering a wide range of clubs this autumn term which will start next week so do take a look if you haven't done so already.

I would like to thank you all for making me feel so welcome during my first week. It has been an absolute pleasure being on the playground at the beginning and end of the day and to chat with some of you. I can see that The Lea is a very special school and community and I'm looking forward to being part of it.

Tracey Berry
Head Teacher

DATES FOR THE DIARY

September 2023

Mon 11	After school clubs start
Mon 11, 2:55-3:15pm	Meet the Teacher – Y3 / Y4
Tue 12, 2:55-3:15pm	Meet the Teacher – Rec
Wed 13, 2:55-3:15pm	Meet the Teacher – Y5 / Y6
Wed 13, 4:50-5:10pm	Meet the Teacher: Nur/Y3/Y4
Wed 13, 5:10-5:30pm	Meet the Teacher: Y1/Y2/Y5
Wed 13, 5:30-5:50pm	Meet the Teacher – Rec / Y6
Thu 14, 7-9pm	Governors FGB Meeting
Fri 15, 2:55-3:15pm	Meet the Teacher – Y1 / Y2
Tue 19, 5:30-6pm	Headteacher: the year ahead
Wed 20	Y6 History Off the Page WW2
Wed 20, 5-5:45pm	Y6 History Off the Page WW2
Thu 21	Y4 Peace Day - Methodist Church
Thu 21, 12-2pm	Y3/4 Rapid Fire Cricket – tbc
Mon 25	Y6 Crucial Crew visit
Mon 25, 7-8:30pm	Governors TLC Meeting
Tue 26	Y4 Verulamium Museum visit
Tue 26, 7:30-9pm	PTA AGM (all welcome!)
Wed 27	Y6 TLM

October 2023

Mon 2, 7-8:30pm	Governors Resources Mtg
Wed 4, 9-10am	Nur/Rec Learn & Share Morning for parents
Wed 11, 9:10-9:40am	Y2 Harvest Assembly
Thu 12	Y5 Trip to Science Museum
Wed 18, 3:40-7pm	Parents evening
Thu 19, 3:40-7pm	Parents evening
Mon 23 - Fri 27	Half Term

November 2023

Wed 1, 9:10-10:15am	Reception Open Morning
Thu 9, 9:10-10:15am	Reception Open Morning
Tue 14, 9:10-10:15am	Reception Open Morning
Thu 16, 7-9pm	Governors FGB Meeting
Fri 24, 9:10-10:15am	Reception Open Morning
Mon 27, 12:30-3pm	Y4 Singing at Memorial Hall

December 2023

Wed 20	Term Ends (1.15pm)
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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

Autumn Term Clubs - Whole School
Forest School - Rec
Young Voices Concert - Y4/Y5/Y6
Walking to School Unaccompanied - Y6

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTIFICATIONS AND SCHOOL EVENTS

Thank You!

We'd like to give a massive thank you to the parent helpers who came in to school last week to help us with a few last minute logistics...

- Emptying the container and putting classroom furniture back: Mrs Benson, Mr & Mrs Tweeddale and Mr Pitcher.
- Building sheds: Mr Carter, Mr Pitcher and Mr Cottle.

Your time and effort is hugely appreciated.

Parking

Whilst on-street parking is available around school, we have had a number of reports from local residents about inappropriate parking (parking across driveways, up pavements or leaving car idling while waiting). Please be respectful to our local neighbours by parking safely and respectfully. This may mean parking slightly further from school and walking.

To alleviate traffic congestion we have a **self-imposed 1-way system** that we would like you to adhere to at pick up and drop off times i.e. **up Moorland Road, right into Rye Hill and right down Westfield Drive back to Westfield Road.**

Thank you.



SPOTLIGHT ON GOVERNORS



The governors are preparing for the first FGB of the year which takes place next Thursday - we look forward to keeping you updated as the year progresses.

PTA

A warm welcome back to all the families at The Lea, we hope all the children have settled back into their new year group. Also a big welcome if you are new to The Lea, we hope your children settle in well and thrive at this wonderful school!

A new PTA Committee for 2023-2024

We need your help please! The four of us (Rachael, Lauren, Charlotte and Cathryn) announced at the AGM back in September 2022 that we will be stepping down from our roles on the PTA committee from this new academic year 2023-2024.

We are looking for some new and enthusiastic parents who would like to step up to help run the events and fundraisers at the school! The official roles on offer will be Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, we also have a Vice Chair at the moment, so the more the merrier!

If you are interested and would like to know more, please don't hesitate to get in touch with one of us and we can share with you what's involved.

You can send me (Cathryn) a message on 07394 406 612 or email me at cathryn.egan@gmail.com or leaschoolpta@hotmail.co.uk, or catch us at the school gate! It's a great opportunity to be more involved in school life and give back to the community.

We plan to step down and elect the new committee at the **AGM**, which will be taking place **Tuesday 26th Sept from 7.30-9pm in the school hall.**

If we don't fulfil these roles I'm afraid there won't be a PTA at The Lea, meaning we won't be in the position to fundraise for the school, run discos and raffles, Easter and summer fairs for the children and families at the Lea. It would be a great shame, as these events have raised so much money for the school and contributed to a wonderful community feel amongst us all! So please if you have the time and eagerness to be involved and give back so much to the school and community get in touch.

AWARDS



The Lea Superstars

Nursery

Whole Class

For a great first week exploring, sharing and making new friends.

Reception

Jake

For being so interesting in his learning and sharing his knowledge with others.

Year 1

Whole Class

For settling into year 1!

Ryan

For super listening!

Year 2

Whole Class

For coming back to school with a positive growth mindset.

Kai

For working extremely hard, being a great helper and having a positive attitude for his first week back.

Year 3

Whole Class

For a fantastic start to Year 3 and settling well into Key Stage 2.

Year 4

Whole Class

For having a great start to the new school year.

Year 5

Whole Class

For a positive and resilient start to year 5!

Phoebe

For starting Year 5 with a positive and determined attitude to PE.

Year 6

Whole Class

For or making a fantastic start to Y6.

DONATIONS

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.





PLEASE COME ALONG TO OUR

PTA AGM

TUESDAY 26TH SEPT @ 7.30-9PM

IN THE SCHOOL HALL

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH US AT
LEASCHOOLPTA@HOTMAIL.CO.UK

IF YOU ARE WILLING TO STEP FORWARD TO JOIN THE
COMMITTEE FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR.



Should I keep my child off school?



Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



SEND Chat and Play

The BECC Family Centre, WD6 2FD, Monday 10:00 - 11:00
4th & 18th Sept, 2nd, 16th & 30th Oct, 13th & 27th Nov, 11th Dec

Sopwell Family Centre, AL1 2LD, Wednesday 11:00 - 12:00
6th Sept, 4th Oct, 1st Nov, 6th Dec

Beechfield Family Centre, WD24 5TY, Wednesday 10:00 - 11:00
13th & 27th Sept, 11th & 25th Oct, 8th & 22nd Nov, 20th Dec

Grovehill & Woodhall Farm Adventure Playground, HP2 7BA, Thursday 11:00 - 12:00
14th & 28th Sept, 12th Oct, 9th Nov & 23rd Nov, 7th Dec & 21st Dec

* Please note on the 26th October this event will take place at Cedar Tree Family Centre



Hertfordshire
Family Centre
Service



www.hertsfamilycentres.org



0300 123 7572



SEND Chat and Play

Meet our SEND Champions

Our Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Chat and Play sessions are a great opportunity to come and meet other families going through a similar journey, in a relaxed environment.

Our SEND Champions are on hand to talk about the services we offer, signpost to different organisations or to simply act as a listening ear. All are welcome whether your child is diagnosed or you are concerned about a possible need. We have toys out for the children or you can come by yourself. We hope to see you soon!

A safe place to talk

To find out What's On, please scan the QR Code



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 0300 123 7572

The Hub

ASC/SEND Coffee Mornings

Vista St Albans are hosting coffee mornings with a School Family Worker to help support Parents/ Carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, diagnosed or not. This is an informal and safe place for Parents/Carers to share information and chat.

Running alongside our coffee mornings, there will also be the opportunity to pre-book an appointment with a member of staff from the SEND Specialist Advice and Support Service (These sessions are for ASC advice).

Times available are: 9.30am, 10.00am, 11.00am and 11.30am

Time: Coffee Morning starts at **9.15am** until **11.00am**
(no need to book)

Venue: The Hub, Fleetville Junior School, 228 Hatfield Road, St Albans, AL1 4LW
(The Hub is situated to the right hand side of the School building)

**For more information about this service or to book an appointment
please call Vista/St Albans Plus on 07584 798528**

Email: vistastalbans@gmail.com

Next date:

Wednesday 28th June
Wednesday 4th October
Wednesday 29th November
Wednesday 31st January 2024
Wednesday 13th March 2024
Wednesday 8th May 2024
Wednesday 26th June 2024

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