

Weekly newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you have now all had the chance to read the long awaited OFSTED report and if not, [here is the link](#). It is an amazingly positive report and, as I said earlier this week, it is a testament to the incredible work and professionalism of Mr Berry, the teachers, teaching assistants and support team at The Lea.

It was lovely to see so many parents at the 'Meet the Teacher' events this week and to hear how useful you've found these and for the opportunity to have an informal chat with your child's class teacher. For those who were unable to attend, the PowerPoints will be on the school website shortly. On **Tuesday at 5:30**, I will be holding my first '**Meet the Head**' session where I shall outline our priorities for the forthcoming year and I look forward to seeing you there too.

We have been so lucky with the weather so far this September but the mist this morning felt very autumnal and next week looks a little more unsettled so it's probably time to dust off the rain jackets! In line with our Healthy Schools Policy, the children will be outside for breaks and PE so a light rain jacket would be ideal for next week.

Tracey Berry
Head Teacher

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTIFICATIONS AND SCHOOL EVENTS

SEND Parent Courses

[Parent Support Autumn Term 2023](#) - this booklet outlines the courses that are being run by external providers over the Autumn term 2023 to support parents and families who have a child or children with additional needs.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



Our attendance target is 97%. Total attendance for last week was 96.75%.

SPOTLIGHT ON GOVERNORS



Last night, the full governing body met for their first meeting of the academic year. This was an opportunity to hear about the school's plans for the year ahead. We are pleased to share that Paul Goodwin will continue as Chair of Governors for another year, with Rachel Osborn as Vice Chair.

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.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

September 2023

Fri 15, 2:55-3:15pm	Meet the Teacher – Y1 / Y2
Tue 19, 5:30-6pm	Meet the Headteacher
Wed 20	Y6 History Off the Page WW2
Wed 20, 5-5:45pm	Y6 parents PGL meeting
Thu 21	Y4 Peace Day – Methodist Church
Thu 21, 12-2pm	Y4/5 Rapid Fire Cricket
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 Meeting
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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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 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

School lunch option on Arbor - Whole school
PGL meeting - Y6
No more sweets/cakes in school - Whole school
Ofsted report - Whole school
New PTA committee - Whole school

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.

<u>Nursery</u> explore	<u>Reception</u> amazing	<u>Year 1</u> vocabulary
<u>Year 2</u> experiences	<u>Year 3</u> dismal	<u>Year 4</u> splendid
<u>Year 5</u> tenacity	<u>Year 6</u> elusive	

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PTA

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 07394406612 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 730-9pm 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



Team Points

Sapphire was the winning team this week. Well done!



The Lea Superstars

Nursery **Freya**

For being so helpful and a superstar at tidy up time.

Reception **Clara**

For engaging in her learning and looking after the learning environment.

Year 1 **Rory**

For excellent counting in maths.

Freya

For super writing in our history lesson.

Year 2 **Ayla**

For challenging herself in English to write extra super sentences!

Year 3 **Alfie**

For making a huge effort to improve his handwriting.

Year 4 **Misha**

For role-modelling our school value of kindness.

Year 5 **Stanley & Tao Yin**

For working really well together as learning partners in maths.

Year 6 **Kye & Divine**

For having a positive mindset in maths.

Emily

For being a great role model in Y6.

1**SUPPORT THE SCHOOL**

The PTA is vital to the success of the school. Funds raised enrich your child's learning and make every student's experience better. Be part of the group that pays for the playground your child loves or funds the library that's their favourite place to be.

2**IT'S TOTALLY FLEXIBLE**

Whether you're a full-time parent or working the nine to five, anyone can get involved. It's less commitment than you think, and you don't always have to attend meetings. Small jobs such as designing a poster, distributing letters or running a stall keep everything running smoothly.

3**MAKE LASTING FRIENDSHIPS**

Meet and chat to a wider circle of families from different classes and year groups. Get to know other parents, and bond over exciting events, socials and get-togethers. Find a place to belong and spend time with others who share your values.

4**BE BETTER CONNECTED**

Create closer links with the head, teachers and staff. If you're new to the school, the PTA is an excellent way to find out how things work and become part of the community. If not, you'll still gain greater insight by seeing how things work from both sides.

5**BECAUSE IT'S FUN!**

Be part of the team which organises the best events and get-togethers. Debrief over a glass of wine (or two). Suggest your most hare-brained idea and watch as it catches on and everyone wants a piece of the action. Laugh. Cry. Be there for each other.

6**CHANGE SCHOOL FOR THE BETTER**

Have your say on important decisions. Work with the school and other parents to see where improvements can be made, and implement them. Directly influence the experience of your child and hundreds of others.

7**LEARN NEW SKILLS**

Everyone has something they can bring to the PTA, but you can also learn new skills by trading with others. Always wanted to perfect that cookie recipe? Not sure how to design a poster? Want to hone your public speaking skills? You can do it with the support of the committee.

8**IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING**

Studies show that children whose parents are involved in their education do better in school. Engaging with the PTA shows your children's education is important to you. Play your part in improving the school and watch them

9**IT'S NOT JUST FOR MUMS**

Everyone is welcome, and it's especially important to have dads and male carers represented, as male role models are crucial in children's upbringing. Dads can bring different skills; they can bring a different perspective, and they can bring along other dads.

10**CREATE LASTING MEMORIES**

Our children are only at school for a few years, but they will remember the difference we make for a lifetime. They will cherish the activities and games we fund, learn using resources we buy, and remember the events we hold. Help keep the PTA going so future pupils can benefit too.

PTA+
The home of school fundraising

10 REASONS TO JOIN THE PTA



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.