

Weekly newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers

Wow what a week! We started with odd socks and with Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers and Cub uniforms and thinking about what remembrance means, and we have finished with the most amazing art work for interfaith week beautifully displayed in the hall.

On Tuesday, I was lucky (!) enough to attend the Harpenden schools' cross country event. Despite the rain and the mud our years 5 and years 6 children had a fabulous afternoon with some success and a lot of mud. It was great to see such enthusiasm and determination to keep going in quite challenging conditions.

Pudsey Bear on the playground Wednesday afternoon got us all in the mood for children in need and our children all look amazing today in their spots.

Have a lovely weekend.

Tracey Berry
Head Teacher

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTIFICATIONS AND SCHOOL EVENTS

JotForm Responses for Sporting Events

If your child has been selected for a sporting event please could you complete the JotForm as soon as possible to confirm availability and give permission. It takes a lot of time and effort to arrange these fixtures and we simply don't have the capacity to chase outstanding responses.

Without a completed JotForm your child will not be able to participate.

Salvation Army - Free Christmas Tree Trail: 18 Nov, 10am-2pm

Detectives Wanted!! We need your help to find our missing Christmas decorations. Use your Trail Map to visit the four locations in the Town Centre to find and mark off the decorations. When you know which decoration is missing come to The Salvation Army Hall to claim your special detective prize.

Trail maps are available on the day from Harpenden Library or The Salvation Army Hall. Free to enter for all. Good Luck Detectives!

<https://facebook.com/events/s/christmas-trail/874986514232589/>

SPOTLIGHT ON GOVERNORS



Last night the full governing body met for the second time this academic year. It was lovely to hear about some of the school's continued academic success and also to discuss what can be done to continue to improve the school further over the coming terms.

Sadly, we said goodbye to Paul Cousin last night - he has served as a committed board member for a full 4-year term of office and will be missed. We also welcomed 2 new governors - Lucy Lindsay and Tristan Ashman - and we look forward to their fresh input going forward.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



Our attendance target is 97%. Total attendance for last week was 96%.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

November 2023

Fri 17, 3:30-4:30pm	Y5/6 Football v Manland (H)
Wed 22, 3:30-4:30pm	Y5/6 Football v Kings (H)
Wed 22, 3:30-4:30pm	Y5/6 Netball v Kings (H)
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 Xmas Wreath Workshop

December 2023

Mon 4, 9:30-10am	Nursery Nativity
Tue 5, 9:30-10am	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	Whole school Xmas lunch
Tue 19	Panto
Wed 20	Term Ends (1.15pm)

January 2024

Thu 4	Inset Day
Fri 5	Start of Term
Mon 15	Young Voices Concert at O2
Mon 22, 7-8:30pm	Governors Resources Mtg
Mon 29, 7-8:30pm	Governors TLC Meeting

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

March 2024

Tue 5, 1:15-3:45pm	Y5/6 Boys Football
Thu 14, 9:30-3:30pm	Y5/6 Hockey Competition
Wed 20, 1:30-4pm	Y5/6 Netball Rally
Tue 26	Spring Music Festival
Thu 28	Term Ends (1:15pm)

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

Children in Need - whole school
Y5/6 Boys football 22nd Nov - selected pupils
Y5/6 Boys football 17th Nov - selected pupils
Memory Lane cafe visit - Year 4

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
rhyme

Reception
seedling

Year 1
caption

Year 2
prowling

Year 3
elaborate

Year 4
earnest

Year 5
astronomical

Year 6
monotonous

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

SPORTS REPORTS

Netball

On Monday, The Lea played two friendly matches v St Nicks. Year 6 played really well and won 9-4! For Year 5, it was their very first match and they learned a lot from it; however, the combined Y5/6 team they were playing were too strong and they lost 0-5. Well done everyone!

Football

Last Friday the boys Football team had their first friendly of the year against Harpenden Academy. We played two games. The first game The Lea won 2-0 with Teddy saving a penalty and the second game Harpenden Academy won 3-0. All the boys played really well, with some great passing, tackling, goals and teamwork.

We are all really proud with how you represented the school and we look forward to the friendly against Manland after school today!

Cross Country

On Tuesday afternoon the year 5 and 6 Cross country team went to a very muddy Rovers ground to compete in the annual district Cross country competition.

Each race consisted of two laps around the Rovers ground with about 80 competitors in each race.

They all tired they hardest and ran strongly- a special mention to Phoebe Carter in year 5 for finishing 9th in the year 5 girls race!

The Cross country team were all encouraging to one and another and represented the school brilliantly. Well done!

#GoTeamLea

AWARDS



Team Points

Emerald was the winning team this week.

31 children received their silver certificates for 50 team points. Well done!



The Lea Superstars

Nursery

Albie D

For a great start at the Lea and settling in so well!

Reception

Amelia & Enzo

For super progress with their phonics.

Year 1

Maya

For impressing us with her enthusiasm for learning.

Laurie

For excellent understanding of addition.

Year 2

Eli

For working hard to remember his capital letters in writing.

Bella

For writing some fantastic adjectives to describe the big bad pig.

Ayla

For producing a neat and interesting piece of writing about the big bad wolf.

Year 3

Adriana & Eva

For fantastic work in gymnastics - creating great balances and showing excellence in their movements.

Year 4

Marianne

For always being kind and helpful and James for an amazing piece of writing.

Year 5

Carter

For showing perseverance and determination in maths.

Year 6

Rosalyn & Jenson

For showing great resilience with their arithmetic skills.

Sports

Phoebe C

For fantastic long distance running resulting in a top ten finish in the year 5 Girls Cross Country race!

Noah D

For giving 100% effort in all PE lessons and being a fantastic learning partner in Gymnastics!

PTA

Hello from your PTA! We would like to start by saying a huge thank you to all those who participated in Challenge 2023. We are happy to announce you managed to raise a whopping £1,308.95!!

We would like to say a special thank you to Maya (reception) and Brianna (nursery) for raising the most money. They had a bake sale, bike ride, and a Boxathon. Also, Tao Yin (year 5) and Nam Nam (reception) for the most creative idea selling homemade crafts from their garden stall. We would like to present them all with a books voucher each, well done and we will get them to you soon!

So far, with funds raised this academic year, we have been able to purchase new sports equipment and new books for the school. With budgets getting tighter, this is a great help to the school and simply wouldn't be possible without the support of the PTA and yourselves, so thank you!

Reminder of our wreath making night, we need a minimum of 20 people to attend for the event to go ahead, so if you

haven't already, please purchase your tickets ASAP.

Tickets for family film night are now available to purchase <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/thelea/index.cfm>

Also, we will soon be asking for donations for our annual rainbow raffle. All information can be found on the poster attached, and tickets are available to purchase from our online shop.

The deadline for Christmas card artwork was today. However, if you have forgotten, please return by drop off on Monday. If you miss this deadline, unfortunately, your child's art cannot be submitted.

This time of year, we recognise there are a lot of events taking place as well as the fundraising side of what we do we really hope to deliver a lot of fun with it. Thanks again for your continued support in helping us help our school!

We hope you all have a great weekend!

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](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/thelea)

A large, multi-colored rainbow arches over the word 'Christmas' in a large, pink, cursive font. Below 'Christmas' is the word 'RAINBOW RAFFLE' in a bold, green, sans-serif font. The background is light blue with scattered yellow stars and red holly leaves with berries.

Christmas

RAINBOW RAFFLE

The PTA are asking for donations to create fantastic hampers for some lucky winners to enjoy over Christmas. To donate, please bring an item which matches the colour of your child's class below.

Nursery - red

Year 3 - Blue

Reception - orange

Year 4 - Purple

Year 1 - Yellow

Year 5 - Pink

Year 2 - Green

Year 6 - Rainbow

Donations can be made in the box outside the school office at drop off or pick up between 1 and 8 December.

The raffle will be drawn on **Thursday 14th December** at 3:30pm in the school hall.

Raffle tickets will be £1 each and available to purchase via the link below.

A cartoon character with a brown face, wearing a red Santa hat and red and white striped leggings, holding a white sign that says 'Thank you!'.

Thank you!

A red rounded rectangular button with the text 'WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/THELEA' in white, sans-serif font.

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