

Weekly newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers

On Wednesday morning I was fortunate to be able to drive up to Caythorpe to spend some time with our Year 6 children who are away on their residential trip. It was lovely to see them having such a great time and working so well together as a team. They are back from their trip today and I am sure there will be plenty of stories for them to share at home this evening.

Away from Caythorpe and back at school, I am pleased to say that progress has been made in getting our Year 5 and 6 classrooms back in workable condition. A **huge thank you** to the parent volunteers who came along after school on Wednesday to help move furniture and contents out of the classrooms and into the temporary storage that is on the playground – we really couldn't have done it without you.

There are still a few logistical points to organise as a result of the flood and there may be some further inconveniences so please do keep reading communication that is sent out to you. Thankfully, we expect class assemblies (including Reception next week) to be back in action. However, the school talent show will be delayed as a result until the final week of the summer term.

Year 5 have shown resilience in abundance as they have been moved around and have been taught in the hall for the past week. This hasn't phased them as was shown on Wednesday with their bake sale and sponsored dodgeball tournament – all in aid of the Toilet Twinning charity. This has been part of the school's wider citizenship work and I was incredibly proud of their efforts.

Have a good weekend all.

James Berry
HeadTeacher

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTIFICATIONS AND SCHOOL EVENTS

Toilet Twinning

Year 5's Citizenship project this year was to raise money for Toilet Twinning, a charity that enables families living in poverty in vulnerable communities all over the world to have access to toilet facilities. On Wednesday, they had a 'Wear Blue for the Loo' day and took part in a Fundraising Dodgeball. They then ran a Bake Sale after school, selling cakes they had made and decorated at home.

When combined with a generous donation of £120 from local charity Harpenden Lions, this means they raised an incredible total of £357.60, enough for 6 twinned toilets! Very well done to all of yr5, and huge thanks to the parents/carers for their support.

SPOTLIGHT ON GOVERNORS



The governors this week have been carefully reading through the school's draft budget for the new financial year. This will be discussed at length on Monday evening as part of the school's resources committee meeting which is focused on approving the school budget.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



Our attendance target is 97%. Total attendance for last week was 96.7%.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

May 2023

Mon 22	Talent show auditions
Mon 22, 7-8pm	Governors Resources Meeting
Tue 23	Talent show auditions (cont.)
Tue 23	U11 Girls Cricket
Tue 23, 1:30-3pm	Chess Jamboree
Wed 24	Talent show rehearsals
Wed 24, 9-9:30am	Rec Class Assembly
Wed 24, 1:15-4pm	Y3/4 Girls Football Rally
Fri 26	Talent show event (afternoon)
Mon 29 - Fri 2	Half Term

June 2023

Mon 5	Inset Day
Tue 6, 11:30-3pm	Y3/4 Tag Rugby
Thu 8, 12-4:30pm	Rounders Tournament
Wed 14, 9-9:30am	Y4 Class Assembly
Wed 14, 12-2:45pm	Y3/4 Tri Golf
Thu 15	Governors Day
Thu 15	Kwik Cricket Festival
Fri 16, 8-10:30pm	PTA Social at the Red Cow
Tue 20, 9-10am	Nurs new parent info session
Tue 20	Rec bike morning at Oval
Tue 20	Class Photos (was 23 May)
Wed 21, 9-9:30am	Y5 Class Assembly
Thu 22, 7pm	Governors FGB Meeting
Fri 23	PTA Non-Uniform Day
Fri 23, 9am-2:30pm	World Games Day
Fri 23, 3:30-5:30pm	PTA Summer Fair
Tue 27, 9-10am	New Rec Parent Induction
Thu 29, 3:30-6pm	District Sports
Fri 30	Sports Day
Fri 30, 3-5pm	Picnic for Mr Berry's Farewell

July 2023

Tue 4	SATS results day
Fri 7	School Games Event
Sat 8, 2-4pm	PTA Shed Clear Out
Mon 10	Y6 Dress Rehearsal (am)
Tue 11, 1:30-2:30pm	Y6 Performance
Wed 12, 7-8pm	Y6 Performance
Thu 13	Transition Day
Thu 13, 3:30-5pm	PTA KS1 Disco
Fri 14, 6-8pm	PTA KS2 Disco
Wed 19, 9-10:15am	Y6 Leavers Assembly
Thu 20	Term Ends (1:15pm)
Fri 21	Occasional Day

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

Flood updates - whole school
No meal choice selected - selected pupils
Club cancellations - 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.

Nursery
healthy

Reception
subtraction

Year 1
system

Year 2
flexible

Year 3
sheer

Year 4
stupendous

Year 5
ponder

Year 6
- (PGL)

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PTA

Summer Fair - 23 June

Help Needed

Please see Summer Fair poster for more information on this term's summer fair! [Click here](#) to sign up to help.

Summer Fair Raffle Donations

We're looking for prizes for the raffle which will be held at the Summer Fair on Friday 23rd June. If you are a parent or relative who has a small business and would like to donate a prize such as a gift voucher, please email the PTA at leaschoolpta@hotmail.co.uk. All donors will be featured in our online interactive brochure and promoted on social media.

Dates for your diaries this term:

- **Friday 16th June, 8pm 'til late**
Social for parents at the Red Cow
- **Friday 23rd June, 3.30-5.30pm**
Summer Fair
- **Friday 30th June, 3-5pm**
Afternoon picnic on the field for Mr Berry's farewell
- **Saturday 8th July, 2-4pm**
PTA Shed clear out and sort, help wanted please!
- **Thursday 13th July, 3.20-5pm**
KS1 Disco
- **Friday 14th July, 6-8pm**
KS2 Disco/festival

SPORTS REPORTS

Football

On Thursday afternoon the year 3/4 Boys Football Team competed in the Harpenden District Football tournament. They played 4 games, winning 1, drawing 1 and losing 2. The boys played really well demonstrating some excellent determination and team work. Well done!



#GoTeamLea

AWARDS



Team Points

Sapphire was the winning team this week. 61 children were awarded their bronze certificate for 25 team points. Well done!



The Lea Superstars

Nursery

Riyaana

For great blending in Phonics this week.

Reception

Sofia

For leading her friends whilst singing and dancing.

Pedro & Archie

For super speedy running on our daily mile run.

Year 1

Lukas

For trying so hard in your work and never giving up!

Year 2

Whole Class

For all of their efforts and positive attitudes towards SATs this week.

Year 3

James & Ava

For trying really hard to show characterisation in Art.

Year 4

Stanley

For fantastic progress in your writing.

Trina

For always working hard and making brilliant progress in your learning.

Year 5

Whole Class

For working together as a team to run a very successful Bake Sale in aid of the Toilet Twinning charity.

Rosalyn

For showing determination and mastering new skills in her maths work.

Year 6

(None - at PGL)

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.





THE LEA ASSOCIATION *Summer* FAIR NEWSLETTER



**FRIDAY 23rd JUNE
3:30-5:30
WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



THIS YEAR WE AIM TO MAKE THE SUMMER FAIR EVEN BIGGER AND BETTER THAN LAST YEAR! WE RELY ON THE SUPPORT OF ALL OF YOU, WHETHER THAT'S VOLUNTEERING ON THE DAY, DONATING SOMETHING (SWEETS, CAKES, A BOTTLE), BUYING RAFFLE TICKETS OR SIMPLY COMING ALONG FOR THE DAY.

INFORMATION WILL BE SENT AROUND YOUR YEAR GROUPS AS WE ASK FOR AS MANY VOLUNTEERS AS POSSIBLE TO HELP RUN ALL THE STALLS.

BBQER NEEDED!!

**WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOURSELF AS A
'PITMASTER' ?**

**A LOVER OF GRILLING, FLIPPING AND
SKEWERING?**

**PLEASE CONTACT THE PTA NOW IF YOU ARE
AVAILABLE FOR THE SUMMER FAIR.**

3 PM SET UP TILL 5:30.

LEASCHOOLPTA@HOTMAIL.CO.UK

RAFFLE ORGANISER NEEDED!

**PERSON OR PERSONS NEEDED TO HELP
ORGANISE OUR RAFFLE THIS YEAR.**

**WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO TARGET LOCAL
BUSINESSES FOR DONATIONS TO OUR
RAFFLE? PLEASE CONTACT**

LEASCHOOLPTA@HOTMAIL.CO.UK

IF THIS IS AN AREA WHERE YOU COULD HELP

DONATIONS

**ON THE DAY WE KINDLY ASK FOR
DONATIONS OF:**

- **BOOKS AND TOYS,**
- **BAGS OF SWEETS**
- **BOTTLES**
- **BOXED CAKES AND TREATS**

SET UP AND CLEAR AWAY

**IF YOU COULD SPARE ANY TIME ON
THE MORNING OF FRIDAY 23RD
JUNE FROM 9:15 OR AFTER THE
FAIR AT 5:30 THEN PLEASE DO LET
US KNOW.**



SUMMER FAIR



Friday 23rd June
3:30–5:30pm

THE LEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- bouncy castle •
- face painting •
- live music •
- circus skills •
- games •
- entertainment •
- sprogs sport •
- BBQ and drinks •
- and much more!



For more information visit: www.pta-events/thelea



**For children aged
3-12 years**

**The Lea Primary School
& Nursery**

Moorland Rd Harpenden AL5 4LE

8.00am to 6.00pm

HOLIDAY CLUB



- **£35.00
for a full day**
- **£32 for a sibling**
- **£20 per morning or
afternoon**
- **£160 full week
(Monday - Friday)**

Child Care Vouchers
accepted

Booking now open

fun-fest.co.uk

Contact Daljit at:

Lutonoffice@funfestholidayclub.co.uk

Telephone: 01582 369000

Supporting young people for education and career development opportunities

Vacancy for Trustees

James Marshall Foundation (JMF) is a long-established charity that celebrated its 300th Anniversary in 2022. Land and property were bequeathed by a local landowner, James Marshall, in 1722 and our available funding is the income generated from those assets.

We award grants to young people under 25 years who need financial help for education and career development opportunities. Our beneficiaries must live in our catchment area which is Harpenden, Wheathampstead, Kimpton, Redbourn, Flamstead and Markyate.

JMF is a community charity that has considerable local impact. In 2022, we awarded over £300,000 of grant funding, providing over 1,000 grants to help young people.

"I am so very grateful for the tremendous amount of help I've received from JMF. I honestly can't put into words how much this has helped me."

"What an amazing charity! Thank you so much!"

The Foundation is led by a Board of Trustees, all of whom must live in the catchment area of the Foundation. We are looking for up to three new Trustees to join the team, people who can volunteer some of their energy, time and skills to continue this legacy to help young people.

A Trustee Board works best when the Trustees collectively have a broad range of skills and experience. The most important attribute we seek from our Trustees is a strong desire to work with others and contribute towards the help that JMF provides in the local community.

Are you interested? If so, please contact our Foundation Manager, Pauline Whiting, on 01582 760735 or email office@jamesmarshallfoundation.co.uk for more information about this role and how to apply.

Please consider joining our Trustee Board to work in this rewarding role that helps young people in our local community.

Deadline for applications: Monday 26 June 2023 at 9.00am

For further information about James Marshall Foundation CIO, please visit our website
www.jamesmarshallfoundation.co.uk

Charity number : 1181004

Join in the fun at the St Albans Half Marathon on 11th June!



Those looking for a challenge can take on the scenic half marathon, walking half, wheel chair half marathon, 5K or 1.5 mile fun run which takes you on a challenging but rewarding route through the country lanes of St Albans.

To book your FREE place, in return for a minimum fundraising commitment of £150 contact:

sally@atsociety.org.uk

Bookings close on the 7 June, so don't delay!

For more info visit our website:

<https://atsociety.org.uk/product/st-albans-half-marathon>

