



## The Lea Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents and Carers

And so ends another busy week at The Lea and our first half term of the year. It gives me such a thrill to walk around the school and see the variety of learning activities our children are engaged in. This week Y4 have been completing laps in the swimming pool, Y1 have made colourful spinning tops, Y2 have been making soup and Reception have been looking at an amazing array of foods from around the world.

Our Language days this week have been an amazing opportunity for our children to learn about and listen to a diverse range of Languages. I must give a big thank you to all the staff and parents who have helped to make the days such a success and to Mrs Davenport in particular, who has organised and coordinated the days - thank you.

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Cain today. She has been with The Lea for 5 years in a multitude of roles including: TA, MSA and in supervising in our breakfast club. I know that she will be missed by staff, children and parents alike and we wish her all the best as she moves on to new adventures.

Enjoy the half term break, stay safe and see you all in a week.

**Tracey Berry**  
Head Teacher

### ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTIFICATIONS AND SCHOOL EVENTS

#### International Days

This week the children have enjoyed two special International Days at school. Every class has had at least one language lesson; KS2 have taken part in a Language Lab consisting of lessons in German, Spanish, Mandarin Chinese and Latin, whilst younger children have enjoyed their introduction to French! Each class has explored a country in more detail, doing art, geography and history activities. Finally, some of our amazing parents visited school yesterday afternoon to read stories and poems to the children in different languages; each class heard at least two, including Ukrainian, Creole, Portuguese, Cantonese and Romanian. Very many thanks to all those parents - we are hugely grateful - and most importantly, the children had an amazing time!



### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### October 2023

Mon 23 - Fri 27	Half Term
Mon 23 - Fri 27	PTA Challenge 2023
Tue 31, 3:20-4:30pm	Y5/6 Girls Football (H)

#### November 2023

Wed 1, 9:10-10:15am	Reception Open Morning
Thu 2, 12:30-3:30pm	Y6 Mixed Basketball
Wed 8	Individual photos
Thu 9, 9:10-10:15am	Reception Open Morning
Thu 9, 9:30-1pm	Y5/6 Girls Football
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 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	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

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 Girls' football match - selected pupils  
Y6 Mixed Basketball - selected pupils

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



Our attendance target is 97%. Total attendance for last week was 98%.

## 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 **harvest** Reception **island** Year 1 **fragile**

Year 2 **sukkah** Year 3 **paragraph** Year 4 **ceased**

Year 5 **economy** Year 6 **skittish**

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## PTA

Hello from your PTA!

The main duty of the PTA is to organise fundraising events to help raise money for the school to facilitate experiences the school budget can't cover. This year we are looking to provide the school with new play equipment, books and sports equipment, including new bibs for team sports. We are also looking at raising funds to redevelop the courtyard outside the year 3 classroom. None of this would be possible without parent support and involvement. This is why we are asking as many of you as possible to take part in Challenge 2023 and raise £20.23 for your school during the holidays! If only 150 students took part, this would raise £3034.50 and a whopping £4855.20 if all 240 students took part! Which would be an incredible start to this academic year.

Another date for the diary is our annual wreath making night, which will be on Monday 27th November. Tickets are on sale now. See the poster for full details. <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/thelea/index.cfm?event=Shop>

The next PTA meeting is 1st November 6pm. It would be great to see some new faces.

If you've not signed up to your school lottery, click the link below. One winner from our school every week and a chance of winning £25,000 <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/the-lea-primary-school-and-nursery>

Follow our Instagram page @theleapta for all updates.

Finally, we hope you all enjoy October half term & we look forward to sharing with you our plans leading up to the festive season.

## SPORTS REPORTS

### Football

Last Friday the Year 5 /6 Girls Football team went to Sauncey Wood for the next round of league fixtures. The girls thought and battled in each game and demonstrated some good tackling and passing. We drew one game and lost our other three games. The girls had a good team spirit and we look forward to the final set of games after half term!



#GoTeamLea

## AWARDS



### Team Points

**Sapphire** was the winning team this week. 5 children were awarded their bronze certificate for 25 team points and 35 children received their silver certificates for 50 team points. Well done!



### The Lea Superstars

#### Nursery

#### Badiya

For starting to use her words and gaining in confidence every day!

#### Reception

#### Theodor

For excellent progress and effort in his learning this half term.

#### Sophie

For growing in confidence and working hard on her phonics.

#### Year 1

#### Sophia

For teaching her friends how to count in French.

#### Ryan

For being an excellent toy maker in our toy workshop.

#### Year 2

#### Edward

For challenging himself to write more facts about oceans that he had learnt in geography.

#### Year 3

#### Maya

For speaking really clearly and confidently to the class about Sweden during our International Days.

#### Year 4

#### Dhruv

For having a positive attitude to all aspects of school life.

#### Year 5

#### Isla

For displaying great enthusiasm and ambition when discussing her reading.

#### Noah D

For always speaking up and contributing in class with a positive attitude.

#### Year 6

#### Whole Class

For having a great 1st half term - working hard, showing a good mindset and having a good positive start to Y6.

#### Sports

#### Trina

For always being a positive role model within all PE lessons, after school clubs and at Sporting fixtures!

## SPOTLIGHT ON GOVERNORS



Some of our governors came in to school on Wednesday to observe some of the International Day activities - it was a good opportunity for them to see first hand some of the wider learning that takes place within the school.



# 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](http://pta-events.co.uk/thelea)





# 2023 FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE!

The Lea School PTA challenges you to raise

**£20.23 in 2023**

How you fundraise is completely up to you. It doesn't matter if you don't raise the full amount, every little helps and we want you to have fun! Here are some ideas for you and your family.



Sponsored bike  
ride



Toy sale



Bake sale



Sponsored  
dance-a-thon



Car wash

We ask that all children return their sponsorship form and funds to either someone on the PTA or their teacher by Friday 3rd November.

Please e-mail **leaschoolpta@hotmail.com** pictures of what you have been doing, we would love to share them on the PTA instagram page and we will be giving prizes out for the most creative ideas!

## Good luck!





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The ADHD and Autism Trust



# **UNDERSTANDING ADHD & AUTISM FOR DADS**

## **FREE INTRODUCTORY 6-WEEK COURSES FOR PARENTS/CARERS**

### **ABOUT THE COURSE**

These interactive courses are designed for dads /male carers of children with a diagnosis or suspected diagnosis of ADHD and/or Autism.

**ALL SESSIONS MUST BE ATTENDED**

### **TIME AND PLACE**

**Understanding ADHD and Autism for Dads (plus wider family)**

Wednesdays - 1st Nov - 6th Dec 2023 (Week 3 Online)  
St Albans Fire Station Community Room - 10 am - 12 pm

**Early Years**

Thursdays - 2nd Nov - 7th Dec 2023  
7 - 9 pm **ONLINE**

**Teen Years** (knowledge of ADHD/Autism assumed)

Wednesdays - 8th Nov - 13th Dec 2023  
7 - 9 pm **ONLINE**

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# **UNDERSTANDING ADHD & AUTISM IN GIRLS**

## **FREE INTRODUCTORY 6-WEEK COURSE FOR PARENTS/CARERS**

### **ABOUT THE COURSE**

This interactive course is designed for parents & carers of girls aged 5 to 14 yrs with a diagnosis, or suspected diagnosis, of ADHD and/or Autism (or 4 & already in reception).

**ALL SESSIONS MUST  
BE ATTENDED**

### **TIME AND PLACE**

**Tuesdays**

31st Oct to 5th Dec 2023

10 am - 12 pm

ONLINE VIA ZOOM

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# SUPPORT GROUPS

## FREE ONLINE SUPPORT GROUPS FOR HERTS PARENTS/CARERS

### ABOUT THE GROUPS

ADD-vance runs regular support groups which provide an opportunity for you to meet other local parents and discuss individual concerns with two specialist ADD-vance coaches. We welcome parents and carers who have a formal diagnosis for their child, as well as those who do not have a formal diagnosis but would like to learn more about neurodiversity.

### TIME AND PLACE

**Sleep Support Group**  
**Weds 1/11 - 7.30-8.30 pm**

**General Primary Aged Children Support Group**  
**Tues 7/11 - 1-2 pm & 05/12 - 7.30-8.30 pm**

**General Secondary Aged Children Support Group**  
**Tues 14/11 - 1-2pm**

**Parents/Carers of 16 to 24 yrs Support Group**  
**Tues 21/11 - 7.30-8.30 pm**

**PDA Support Group**  
**Tues 28/11 - 1-2 pm**

**ALL ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

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# **UNDERSTANDING ADHD & AUTISM IN THE PRIMARY YEARS**

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### **ABOUT THE COURSE**

This interactive course is designed for parents & carers of children aged 5 to 11 yrs with a diagnosis or suspected diagnosis of ADHD and/or Autism (or 4 & already in reception).

**ALL SESSIONS MUST  
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### **TIME AND PLACE**

**Thursdays**

2nd Nov to 7th Dec 2023

Bedmond Village Hall, Bedmond,  
Abbotts Langley  
10 am - 12 pm

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OPEN HILL presents

# LIGHT IT UP

An enlightening event for children between 7 and 11 years old

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

**Saturday  
21st  
October**

**10AM -  
12 PM**

**Suggested  
donation  
£2**

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

**REGISTER at [www.openhill.club](http://www.openhill.club)**

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

