



Dear Parents and Carers

Wow! What a week.

The long-awaited County Rapid Fire Cricket Finals at last took place yesterday (postponed from the summer). The team from Year 5 left with eager excitement determined to do well and they returned with silver medals around their necks extremely proud and even more excited. They couldn't wait to tell us all that they were the runners-up of the 'whole county'. Just to remind you, the team came first in the Harpenden district competition and therefore were competing with 6 other district winners. I'm sure you will agree with me, that this is a magnificent achievement for a small school. Well done to all the team and to Miss Weaver for training and supporting them.

In comparison Year 4 had a more sedate Thursday at the Harpenden Peace Day event at the Methodist Church on the high street. The afternoon was led by students from our local secondary schools and Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed the experience of thinking about Peace in the world we live in with several other primary schools. A few children read multi-denominational prayers and were great ambassadors for our school.

On Wednesday, Year 6 immersed themselves in what life was like during WW2. As part of their workshop, they experienced what it would have been liked to be in a school at this time and in the afternoon, with real pennies, shillings and ration books and an air raid siren thrown in for good measure, they learnt what it was like to shop during the war.

These are the days that our children will remember into their adult years.

Tracey Berry
Head Teacher

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTIFICATIONS AND SCHOOL EVENTS

Peace Day

Well done to Year 4 who represented The Lea at the Harpenden Schools' Peace Day event at Hight Street Methodist Church on Thursday. A special well done to Charlotte, Dhruv, Zam, Poppy, Annie and Harper who read multi-faith prayers and quotes with clarity and confidence.

Holiday Camp - October Half Term

We are proposing to run a holiday camp in the October half term. It will be run at The Lea by Noah's Ark (who also run our Nursery and After School Club). Please look out for email with more information and a Jotform link to let us know if you are looking for 5 days, half days, or just one off bookings - so we can gauge whether we have enough interest or not. Many thanks.

KS2 Fruit

Unfortunately we are unable to supply fresh fruit and veg in KS2 anymore. You are, however, more than welcome to provide your child with a healthy snack of unprocessed fruit or veg for break time if you would like to.



International Days - 18 & 19 October

Are you able to read a story to your child in another language? Last year we were very grateful to some volunteer parents who came into school to read stories to our classes in several different languages, and we would love to repeat this event this year! If you are interested and available any time in our school day on **Wednesday 18th** or **Thursday 19th October**, please let the office know by the end of the month. Many thanks.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

September 2023

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
Wed 27, 3-4pm	Y5/6 Girls Football v Roundwood (A)

October 2023

Mon 2, 7-8:30pm	Governors Resources Mtg
Wed 4, 9-10am	Nur/Rec Learn & Share Morning for parents
Thu 5, 3-4pm	Y5/6 Girls Football v Crabtree
Tue 10, 11:45am-3pm	Y5/6 Girls Mixed Tag Rugby
Wed 11	Y2 Harvest Assembly
Wed 11, 9:10-9:40am	Y2 Harvest Assembly
Thu 12	Y5 Trip to Science Museum
Fri 13, 3-4pm	Y5/6 Girls Football v Sauncey
Wed 18	International Day
Wed 18, 3:40-7pm	Parents evening
Thu 19	International Day
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 2, 12:30-3:30pm	Y5/6 Basketball
Wed 8	Individual photos
Thu 9, 9:10-10:15am	Reception Open Morning
Thu 9, 9:30am-1pm	Y5/6 Girls Football Rally
Tue 14, 9:10-10:15am	Reception Open Morning
Tue 14, 1:15-3pm	Cross Country
Thu 16, 7-9pm	Governors FGB Meeting
Fri 24, 9:10-10:15am	Reception Open Morning
Mon 27, 12:30-3pm	Y4 Singing at Memory Cafe in Harpenden

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

International days - Whole school
Y5/6 Girls Football v Roundwood - Selected pupils

SPORTS REPORTS

Cricket

On Thursday afternoon the year 5 Rapid Fire cricket team went to Herts Sport Village to compete in the rescheduled county Finals Rapid Fire Cricket competition.

We played six games in total winning four and losing two. We demonstrated some excellent fielding with good tactics and teamwork, as well as some great accuracy when scoring through the gateways.

The results were really close between all seven teams. We finished a fantastic **second place overall** with *only point separating us and first place!*

The team represented the school brilliantly - we are all so proud of them!



#GoTeamLea

EXTERNAL NOTICES

School Crossing Patrol

We are urgently trying to recruit someone to take up the position of School Crossing Patrol for our school - £10.60 per hour. If you are interested please email scp.enquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk or call 01992 556 816 / 01992 556 803. Please help spread the word!

4th Harpenden Cubs - Spaces Available for Tuesday Cub Pack

4th Harpenden currently have spaces available in their Tuesday Kinvig Cub Pack. This is for age range 8 - 9 years. If you are interested in joining please contact Carrie Jurgenson (crmjurgenson@hotmail.com) or complete the online application form <https://www.4tharpendenscouts.org.uk/> (click on 'Join Today').

Design Herts Life Magazine's Christmas Cover

Calling all budding artists... We've teamed up with Visit Herts and are giving the children of Hertfordshire the chance to design our 2023 Christmas Magazine Cover! To enter, youngsters must live in Hertfordshire and in school years 5-6 (age 9, 10, 11). A selection of entries will be published in the magazine (along with the child's first name, age and school), with the lucky winner's drawing featuring on the cover. To enter a drawing/painting/illustration simply scan and email to hertschristmascover@newsquest.co.uk with the creator's first name, age and school, no later than October 10th 2023. Entries must have a festive design, and the judges are especially keen to see some of Herts' iconic landmarks in there too. Good luck!

St Albans Music School

The St Albans Music School are looking for young people interested in joining a Wind Ensemble. They are currently offering a **TRIAL** session on **Wednesday 27th September!** Please click on the link to find out more about their Wind ensembles: [Woodwind and Brass Opportunities at St Albans Music School \(hertsmusicservice.org.uk\)](http://Woodwind and Brass Opportunities at St Albans Music School (hertsmusicservice.org.uk))

AWARDS

**Team Points**

Sapphire was the winning team this week. Well done!

**The Lea Superstars****Nursery**

Bradley

Reception

Naysa

For excellent effort when writing letters.

Year 1

Austin

For excellent effort and very neat writing.

Jeet

For showing kindness and helping her friends in class.

Year 2

Mateo

For showing determination and working independently in

Year 3

Scarlett

For showing kindness and always offering to help.

Year 4

Isla

For being ambitious in her writing and helpful to others.

Year 5

Jasmine

For being a great role model for Reading for Pleasure.

Jihan

For well thought out contributions to Peaceful Problem Solving in PSHE.

Year 6

George

For showing a good attitude in lessons.

Clara

For always contributing positively in class.

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

pattern

Reception

unique

Year 1

manipulatives

Year 2

moderation

Year 3

prompted

Year 4

villainous

Year 5

thwarted

Year 6

cantankerous

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WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



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

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.

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.



WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN BECOMING THE SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL AT

THE LEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

THE PAY IS £10.60 PER HOUR (excluding enhancements)

JOB SHARES ARE AVAILABLE FULL TRAINING AND SUPPORT ARE PROVIDED BY THE TEAM

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR WOULD LIKE FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL THE ACTIVE AND SAFER TRAVEL TEAM ON

01992 556816/01992 556803 OR EMAIL: scp.enquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Can we please remind you that it is parental responsibility to get your child to and from school safely

Hertfordshire County Council, Active and Safer Travel Team, County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford, SG13 8DN. Tel: 01992 556816 September 2023



"Term time only is perfect as it fits around child care"

"It puts me in a good routine"



"It provides me with extra income"

It's given me the confidence to get back to work"

"It makes me smile"



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.

PTA+
The home of school fundraising

10 REASONS TO JOIN THE PTA

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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

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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.

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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.



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.