

Weekly newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers

Another busy week has flown by as we move through the final half term of the year. Depending on the timing of when you read this, the summer fair will either be about to start, be in the middle of taking place or have finished. At whatever stage it is for you, I hope you can join me in taking a moment to thank the PTA for their exceptional hard work in putting it together. The work has all been voluntary with all proceeds going to the school and I can't thank them enough for their hard work.

I hope you all enjoy/enjoyed it and have a great weekend.

James Berry
HeadTeacher

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTIFICATIONS AND SCHOOL EVENTS

Time Table Change

This week the children in Key Stage 2 have been trialling a change to the timetable. This has involved splitting the morning into three sessions with two break times and moving assemblies from the morning to the end of the day. This has been based on discussions with teachers about how to maximise breaks between learning and aid concentration and so far it has been a really interesting experience. This will continue again next week before making any decisions as to whether to make the change permanent.

Transition Meetings

All classes will be "moving up" to their new year group on the morning of 14th July. In addition to this, there will be parent transition sessions for those children who are moving up a key stage i.e. the current Reception and current Year 2 classes:

Year 2 - Wednesday 29th June, 9-9.30am

Reception - Thursday 30th June, 9-9.30am

We understand that this time will not work for everyone and if you miss the session please feel free to make contact with your child's September class teacher who will be able to discuss the content with you.

Parent Governor Vacancy

A reminder that the deadline for nominations for the position of parent governor ends at midday on Friday, 1st July:

<https://form.jotform.com/221605531690350>

Please talk to current governor co-chairs, Beth Featherby and Sharon Mansour, if you're interested in the position and would like more information; or email our clerk, Sue Stevens, at clerk@lea-pri.herts.sch.uk.

EXTERNAL NOTICES

New Distribution Centre Opening - Redbourn. Summer Holiday Provision for Families

As of Monday, 27 June 2022, a new distribution centre will be open in Redbourn. It will be held every Monday afternoon from 14.00-15.30 at Redbourn Methodist Church, AL3 7BU.

Food collections can be accessed from here in the same way as all the other distribution centres that operate in the St Albans and District area.

If you require food vouchers for the summer holidays, please speak to the school office.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

June 2022

Fri 24	Non-Uniform Day
Fri 24, 3:30-5:30pm	PTA Summer Fair
Tue 28, 9-9:30am	New Reception Parents Induction Meeting
Wed 29, 9-9:30am	Y2-Y3 Transition Meeting for Parents
Thu 30	District Sports
Thu 30, 9-9:30am	Reception-Y1 Transition Meeting for Parents

July 2022

Fri 1	Sports Day
Mon 4, 1-4pm	KS1 Music Festival
Mon 11, 9-9:45am	Y6 Dress Rehearsal
Tue 12	SATs Results Day
Tue 12, 1:30-2:30pm	Y6 Performance
Wed 13, 7-8pm	Y6 Performance
Thu 14	Transition Day
Thu 14, 3:30-5pm	PTA KS1 Disco
Fri 15	End of Year Reports
Fri 15, 6-8pm	PTA KS2 Disco
Wed 20, 9-10:15am	Y6 Leavers Assembly
Fri 22	Term Ends (1.15pm)

September 2022

Thu 1	Inset Day
Fri 2	Inset Day
Mon 5	First Day of Term

October 2022

Mon 24 - Fri 28	Half Term
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December 2022

Wed 21	Term Ends (1:15pm)
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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

Non school uniform - whole school
Sports day - whole school
Raffle tickets - whole school
September staffing and transition - whole school

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



Our attendance target is 97%. Total attendance for last week was 93.2%.

SPOTLIGHT ON GOVERNORS



Last night the full governing body met for the final time this academic year. This meeting was focused on reviewing the success of the year and also considering school improvement plans for the new academic year.

It was also a time of change, with co-chairs Beth Featherby and Sharon Mansour confirming that they would be stepping down at the end of the academic year after completing 5 and 7 years respectively on the board. Their work has been essential to the improvements the school has made in the past few years and they can't be thanked enough for this. (A new chair and vice-chair will be voted in at the start of next academic year.)

PTA



We are really excited for our summer fair this afternoon. Just a reminder there will be no entry fee this year, which will help with queuing so you can come straight through. We will now be selling more raffle tickets at the fair and Mr Berry will be doing the draw at 5pm.

Thank you for all your generous donations and also to those who have volunteered their time to help, without either of these this event would not be possible!

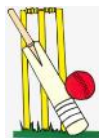
Hope you all enjoy yourselves!

Watch this space next week we will release more information about our upcoming KS1 and 2 Discos on July 14th and 15th.

SPORTS REPORTS

Kwik Cricket Tournament

Some of our Y6 children took part in the Harpenden & District Cricket Tournament last Thursday. It was a super hot day and they were in a tough group, winning some matches and losing others, coming 5th out of the group of 7 they were in. They put in a really good effort though and it is just so lovely to be able to take part in these sports events again.



Woodward & Bonner Cup - Points Update

We are part of the local small schools' league competing for the district Bonner Cup each year. We also compete for the Woodward Cup, which is open to all Harpenden schools regardless of size.

As we go into the District Sports event next Thursday, The Lea is currently coming **SECOND** in the Bonner Cup (out of 8 schools) and seventh in the Woodward Cup (out of 17 schools) so it really is all to play for at District Sports this year!! Best of luck to all those taking part.

#GoTeamLea

AWARDS



Team Points

Topaz was the winning team this week. Well done!

The Lea Superstars



Nursery

Francie

For challenging herself in her learning- investigating and recording things that float and sink.

Reception

Fatima

For playing imaginative games with her friends and always being kind.

Ruben

For excellent reading and using phonics to write.

Rory

For sharing and being kind to his friends.

Year 1

Alfie

For fantastic effort in all of his independent work!

Year 2

Taisei

For always participating in class discussions.

Year 3

Eva

For being enthusiastic and making great contributions to our science lesson on plants.

Year 4

Poppy and Poppy

For being excellent talk partners, supporting one another well with their learning this week.

Year 5

Amelia

You impressed us with your patience and kindness when supporting another child in class with some tricky maths - well done!

Year 6

Indy and Tim

For using their initiative and being extremely helpful!

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
float

Reception
recycle

Year 1
discrimination

Year 2
guilty

Year 3
smother

Year 4
grotesque

Year 5
pilfer

Year 6
coerce

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Verulamium Park, St Albans
(Behind Inn on the Park)

Wildfest!

Saturday 2nd July | 10am-4pm

Join us in the park to learn about wildlife and the local groups that protect wildlife in your District.



Come and explore...

- Information stands
- Bird watching
- Sweep netting
- Tree walks
- Scavenger hunts
- River dipping
- Butterfly walks
- Nature crafts
- Storytelling and more



Year 6 Parents - Suicide Prevention

As part of the Positive Minds programme that the children have been following this term, the Watford FC Community Wellbeing Team give us information about parent support, workshops and advice.

Spot the Signs, is being led by Herts Minds network on Monday 27th June from 11-1pm. To sign up, all you need to do is [click the link](#) in the flyer.



**Spot the Signs – Youth Suicide Prevention Training
(Parents/Carers and Family Members)**



The aim of this training is to help parents, carers and family members to recognise when their young people are experiencing suicidal thoughts and provide next steps support, along with practical advice, information and signposting.

If you are a parent, carer or family member over 18 and living or working in Hertfordshire, please visit the following link for more information and to sign-up for your FREE space:

www.hertsmindnetworkcyp.org/training-workshops/spot-the-signs-emotional-wellbeing/spot-the-signs-youth-suicide-prevention-parents-carers-family-members

**For further information about the training, please contact:
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