

# Weekly newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As a new Headteacher, you get lots of advice about what to expect in your first year but I think the most apt words I've heard to date, have definitely been, 'expect the unexpected!'

Who would have thought, as I started to get ready to go home on Tuesday evening, that by the time I left school, much later that night, I would be on first name terms with several gas engineers from Cadent!

I have to say, they were an amazing team, who arrived incredibly quickly, reassured us that we weren't in any immediate danger, worked all through the night and into the early hours of Wednesday morning to make the school safe and enabled us to open on Wednesday morning.

A special thank you has to go to Mrs Fawkes, who literally came back in the middle of the night to put electric heaters on, lock up the building and set the alarm.

Thank you so much for managing to pull together packed lunches at such short notice.

Apart from the excitement of a slightly different lunch time, life at The Lea has gone on as normal for the children. We've had a visit from the local fire brigade with their engine, a walk to a local church, bird feeders being made at Forest School and all our normal lessons have gone ahead including algebra in year 6!

Have a lovely weekend.

**Tracey Berry**  
Head Teacher

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTIFICATIONS AND SCHOOL EVENTS

### Parent consultations

Booking for Parent consultations will close on Thursday 8th February, please go to the Arbor app/parent portal to book.

### Grapes

Please make sure that grapes are cut into quarters in packed lunches, especially if your child is in Nursery and Reception.

### Board books

If you have any board books you would like to rehome, EYFS would like them for their reading shed. Please drop them into either Nursery or Reception.

### Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Similarly, the school library is looking for spare copies of Diary of a Wimpy Kid if you have any to donate.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### February 2024

|                      |                                  |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Fri 2, 3:15-4:15pm   | Y5/6 Football v Manland (A)      |
| Mon 5, 3:15-4:15pm   | Y5/6 Netball v St Nicholas (A)   |
| Tue 6, 12:30-4pm     | Y5/6 Mixed Tag Rugby             |
| Fri 9, 3:15-4:15pm   | Y5/6 Football v Kimpton (H)      |
| Fri 9, 3:15-4:15pm   | Y5/6 Football v St Dominic (H)   |
| Fri 9, 3:30-5pm      | KS1 Disglow                      |
| Fri 9, 6-7:30pm      | KS2 Disglow                      |
| Tue 13, 9:15-10:15am | Nursery open morning             |
| Tue 13, 3:15-4:15pm  | Yr5/6 Netball v Kimpton (H)      |
| Wed 14, 3:30-7pm     | Parent consultation              |
| Thu 15, 3:15-4:15    | Y5/6 Football v Sauncey (A)      |
| Thu 15, 3:15-4:15    | Y5/6 Football v St Nicholas (A)  |
| Thu 15, 3:30-7pm     | Parent consultation              |
| Fri 16               | Y1 trip Woburn Safari Park       |
| Fri 16               | PTA Non Uniform Day              |
| Mon 19 - Fri 23      | Half Term                        |
| Mon 26, 3:15-4:15    | Y5/6 Netball v Harpenden Ac (H)  |
| Tue 27, 3:30-6pm     | Y3/4 Rapid Fire Cricket          |
| Wed 28               | Y5 Tudor workshop                |
| Thu 29, 9:15-10:15am | Nursery open morning             |
| Thu 29 3:15-4:15     | Y5/6 Football v Harpenden Ac (H) |
| Thu 29, 7-9pm        | Governors FGB Meeting            |

### March 2024

|                     |                                  |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Tue 5, 1:15-3:45pm  | Y5/6 Boys Football               |
| Wed 6, 3:15-4:15pm  | Y5/6 Netball v Beech Hyde (H)    |
| Thu 7               | World Book Day                   |
| Thu 7, 7-9pm        | In-house Governor Training       |
| Tue 12, 3:15-4:15   | Y5/6 Football v Beech Hyde (A)   |
| Tue 12, 3:25-4:15   | Y5/6 Football v Markyate (A)     |
| Tue 12, 3:15-4:15   | Y5/6 Netball v St Dominics (H)   |
| Thu 14, 9:30-3:30pm | Y5/6 Hockey Competition          |
| Tue 19, 3:15-4:15pm | Y5/6 Netball v Manland (A)       |
| Wed 20              | Y3 trip Chiltern Open Air Museum |
| 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

Tudor Workshop—Year 5

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



Our attendance target is 97%. Total attendance for last week was 94.3%.

### 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.

|                                     |                                       |                                   |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <u>Nursery</u><br><b>freeze</b>     | <u>Reception</u><br><b>injury</b>     | <u>Year 1</u><br><b>bellowed</b>  |
| <u>Year 2</u><br><b>observation</b> | <u>Year 3</u><br><b>lurked</b>        | <u>Year 4</u><br><b>intrigued</b> |
| <u>Year 5</u><br><b>manipulate</b>  | <u>Year 6</u><br><b>sanctimonious</b> |                                   |



### PTA

Hello from your PTA

A big thank you to those who joined us for our 1st PTA Zoom meeting. It was lovely to see so many parents join in. We had some great ideas and lots of positive feedback. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday 5th of March** at 7.30pm we will email the link closer to the time.

The KS1 & KS2 Disglow tickets are selling fast. There is limited availability, so please book soon to avoid disappointment.

**Friday 16th February** will be non-school uniform day. We have decided to try something a little bit different and lots of fun. The Lea schools first ever "break the rules day" £1 for every rule you decide to break! See poster below for more details.

And finally, please sign up to your school lottery. <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/the-lea-primary-school-and-nursery>

We hope you all have a great weekend.

Lois, Jo & Jack

### 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.



### AWARDS



#### Team Points

**Emerald** was the winning team this week. 98 children received their bronze certificate for 25 team points. Well done!

#### The Lea Superstars



##### Nursery **Oliver**

For confidently coming into Nursery and trying lots of new activities this week.

##### Reception **Antonio**

For working very hard in your learning and making progress at school.

Welcome Trevor to the Lea!

##### Year 1 **Isla**

For excellent understanding of numbers to 20.

##### **Jeet**

For always showing enthusiasm for learning.

##### Year 2 **Khadija**

For making a fantastic pop up page and following her plan well.

##### Year 3 **Talia**

For working thoughtfully, carefully and patiently in art this week.

##### Year 4 **Kyra**

For showing an increased effectiveness and creativity in her writing in all areas of the curriculum.

##### Year 5 **Tim**

For excellent regular contributions in maths lessons.

##### **Zaynab**

For being a great Year 5 role model for the class.

##### Year 6 **Theodore and Megan**

For a great effort with maths reasoning skills.

##### Sports **Annabel (Year 1)**

For creating a great superhero story in our dance unit.

##### **Dylan (Year 4)**

For demonstrating some excellent running and dodging skills during our Tag Rugby matches



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



## The Lea Primary School

*"It provides me with extra income"*

THE PAY IS £11.59 PER HOUR (excluding enhancements)

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

### JOB SHARES ARE AVAILABLE

FULL TRAINING AND SUPPORT ARE PROVIDED BY THE TEAM

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

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

*"It puts me in a good routine"*

01992 556816/01992 556803

OR EMAIL: [scp.enquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:scp.enquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

*"It makes me smile"*

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

*"I feel part of the community"*



Hertfordshire County Council, Active and Safer Travel Team,  
County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford, SG13 8DN.  
Tel: 01992 556816 January 2024





# Break

## the rules!



### RULES TO BE BROKEN!

- Wear school uniform
- No silly hair
- No make up/facepaint
- No Nail varnish
- No tattoos
- No cuddly toy
- No odd socks
- No football/rugby tops



### When?

Friday  
16th  
February

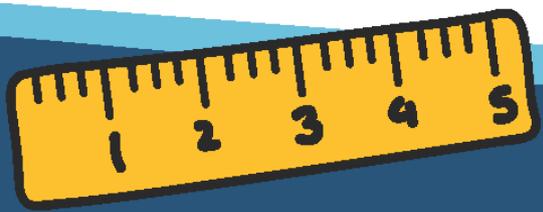
Here's how it works



Donate £1 for each rule you choose to break.

Cash donations will be collected at the school gate or donate online via:

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



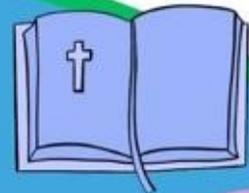
# AWESOME Adventure

## Kids Holiday Club



### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Fun
- Friendship
- Faith
- Bible stories
- Songs
- Games & craft



19th-  
23rd

FEB  
2024

10am - 12.30pm  
Sign-up for the whole week  
or individual days  
Cost - £5 per day  
or £20 for the week

YEARS  
R-6

Roundwood Park School, AL5 3AE

**CHRISTCHURCH**  
**HARPENDEN**

Sign up  
Here →



<http://tinyurl.com/2jns6a5c>

# DO YOU NEED FINANCIAL HELP FOR EDUCATION OR CAREER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES?

**JMF**  
JAMES MARSHALL  
FOUNDATION  
EST. 1722

If so JMF could provide a grant to support you.

To apply you need to:

- Be under 25
- Live in Harpenden, Wheathampstead, Kimpton, Redbourn, Flamstead or Markyate
- Be of limited financial means



**What we can fund includes:**

- Items related to work/apprenticeships
- Further education courses
- College/University costs
- Extra-curricular activities including sport, music, creative arts
- Scout/Guide camps and DofE expeditions
- Laptops
- Curriculum-related residential school trips
- School uniform

**How it works:**

- Online application to make applying quick and easy
- Grants are a significant contribution towards eligible items/activities
- Grants are only awarded towards future costs

**For more information and to make an application visit our website:**

[www.jamesmarshallfoundation.co.uk](http://www.jamesmarshallfoundation.co.uk)

T: 01582 760735 | E: [communications@jamesmarshallfoundation.co.uk](mailto:communications@jamesmarshallfoundation.co.uk) | Charity No: 1181004



UK Health  
Security  
Agency

**NHS**

# think measles

## It's not just a kids' problem

Teenagers, young adults and anyone who has missed their MMR vaccination can get measles.

Symptoms such as:

- high fever
- rash – sometimes starting around the ears
- sore red eyes
- cough
- aching and feeling unwell

**Remember, if it could be measles – they need to be in an area where they cannot pass the infection to vulnerable patients such as the immunocompromised and pregnant women.**



For more information go to  
[www.nhs.uk/vaccinations](http://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations)

**i**mmunisation

Helping to protect everyone, at every age