

Weekly newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers

We've been enjoying some extra poetry this week at The Lea as Thursday was National Poetry Day. The children listened to The lamplighter by Robert Louis Stevenson and The Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss during my Monday assembly and have heard and written poems in some classes. It has been lovely to see children discussing and reflecting on some of the poetry they've heard and joining in with familiar poems too.

It was great to see so many parents join our Nursery and Reception classes on Wednesday for our Learn and Share morning. It is a pleasure to spend time in early years; the children are always busy enjoying their play and the chatter about what they are doing clearly shows their learning.

Some exciting news for The Lea: as of Monday this week, we are full! Each of our classes now have 30 children. I'm reliably informed, by one of our longest serving members of staff, that this is probably the first time ever and certainly a first since she has been at The Lea. Congratulations to us and everyone who has made the school so successful and a wonderful community that families want to be a part of.

Have a lovely weekend.

Tracey Berry
Head Teacher

DATES FOR THE DIARY

October 2023

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
Mon 23 - Fri 27	PTA Challenge 2023

November 2023

Wed 1, 9:10-0:15am	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 F'ball Tournament
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

December 2023

Wed 6	Rotary Carol Concert
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

TLC Holiday Club at The Lea - Whole school
Y5/6 Mixed Tag Rugby Festival - Selected pupils

SPORTS REPORTS

Football

Oh Thursday afternoon the Year 5/6 Girls Football team went to Crabtree to compete in the next round of league fixtures. The girls played four games, drawing one and losing three. The games were very tight and in two out of the three games a penalty conceded was all the difference between the teams. The girls grew in confidence every game they played and had a great team spirit!

Well done to all the girls and we look forward to the next round of fixtures!

#GoTeamLea



SPOTLIGHT ON GOVERNORS



This week the Resources committee met on Monday night for the first of three meetings over the year. The Resources committee are responsible for quality assuring the school's use of finances and general resources.

It was a positive meeting and a good opportunity to take a closer look at the school's numbers.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



Our attendance target is 97%. Total attendance for last week was 95%.

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

Hello from your new PTA committee, Lois, Caroline, Jack & Jo.

We would like to kick off this academic year with a fundraiser for you to enjoy over the October half term, "Challenge 2023".

We are challenging you to raise £20.23 in 2023. Please see poster for full details.

We have lots of new ideas and are really looking forward to raising funds and having fun.

Lois, Caroline, Jack & Jo

Email: leaschoolpta@hotmail.com

Class Reps

- Nur - Elaine and Hannah
- Rec - Shirley and Charlotte
- Y1 - Tess and Sabela
- Y2 - Laura and Caroline
- Y3 - Lisa and Gemma
- Y4 - Miho and Gail
- Y5 - Cathryn
- Y6 - Beth

EXTERNAL NOTICES

Fife Club at St Albans Music School

Fife Club is an opportunity to learn a new instrument from scratch for an affordable cost, playing together in a fun group setting! Includes free loan of instrument during sessions, and instruments can be purchased at an affordable cost for those wishing to practice at home.

Playing in a musical group helps to build confidence and ability, gain experience of playing in an ensemble and learn performance skills.

Limited places will be allocated on a strict first come first serve basis. Apply early to avoid disappointment!

Fife Club takes place at St Albans Music School (based at Townsend School, High Oaks, St Albans, on Wednesdays, 4:30 – 5:10pm. It is suitable for children in Year 4 and above and costs £59 for the term (9 sessions including concert). **Please note this group takes place outside your child's school.**

Here's how you can sign up for a trial:

1. Visit www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/register
2. Choose 'sign up for music lessons and ensembles'
3. Scroll down to 'Sign-up for courses'
4. Select the 'Music Centre' option and select 'St Albans Music School' as your selected school
5. Choose 'Short Courses/Workshops'
6. Click on Short courses/Workshop
7. Choose 'Fife Club' and 'Add to Basket'
8. Fill in the full details to complete registration. If you already have an account with us, you will then get the opportunity to login with your existing information.

If your child continues to come along to the ensemble after the trial session, you will be invoiced for the ensemble.

After the trial, if you do not want to continue, please send notice to stalbanmusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk and you will not be charged.

For any enquiries, please contact stalbanmusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk or visit www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/st-albans-music-school.

AWARDS

Team Points

Sapphire was the winning team this week. 50 children were awarded their bronze certificate for 25 team points. Well done!

The Lea Superstars**Nursery****Bonnie D**

For always joining in with discussions at carpet time and sharing her ideas.

Reception**George & Ane**

For super independence at school.

Year 1**Isla**

For always being respectful and polite.

Esme

For fabulous understanding in maths.

Year 2**Elijah**

For fantastic presentation in his maths book and explaining his maths knowledge clearly.

Year 3**Yakabu**

For working really hard in all lessons and always trying his best.

Year 4**Lilah**

For a great start in Year 4.

Year 5**Seb**

For taking pride in his work and always having a positive attitude.

Year 6**Zeph**

For putting in a lot of effort into his learning this week.

Makayla

For showing a great mindset in maths.

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
family

Reception
feathery

Year 1
umami

Year 2
existing

Year 3
refuge

Year 4
adorned

Year 5
elusive

Year 6
potential

W, O, R, D, s of the W, E, E, K, s



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!





2023 FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE!

Sponsorship Form

NAME:

CLASS:

MY FUNDRAISING EVENT:

NAME OF SPONSOR:

AMOUNT SPONSORED:

TOTAL RAISED:

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OCTOBER 7TH

HIGHFIELD OVAL

apple fest

A colorful illustration of an apple festival. In the foreground, there are several stalls: a wooden cart with a wheel, a table with a yellow cloth displaying various items, a stall with a red and white striped awning selling 'FRESH APPLE JUICE', and a stall with a sign that says 'Fresh Apple Juice' and a person behind the counter. There are baskets of apples and a flower. In the background, there are several green apple trees with red apples, some people sitting on the grass, and a person climbing a ladder to pick an apple. A bee is flying in the sky, and there are several autumn leaves falling.

HEY RIDES, AXE THROWING, ARCHERY,
MECHANICAL BULL, FOOD TRUCKS/STALLS,
INFLATABLE GAMES & FUN FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY

TIME

12:00 P.M. - 4 P.M.

ON-SITE PARKING

£2.75 PER VEHICLE

 **YWAM HARPENDEN**

registered charity number 1156783

All proceeds go to support the work of YWAM

We need local support to redevelop the skatepark!

About PARC & The Skatepark Project

PARC is a local charity (Charity No. 1179147), established in 2018, to raise funds to build an exciting new play area in Rothamsted Park. This has been achieved and our next goal is to replace the Rothamsted Park Skatepark, which is at end of life.

PARC is working closely with Harpenden Town Council to make this a reality. HTC has pledged £100,000 towards the project & the design proposal is currently with the Local Planning Authority, with a decision due back by Winter 2023.

Additional funding is still needed to reach the £250,000 target and we are appealing to local businesses and the wider community to support us.

The Design

The final design as created by Betongpark, following extensive community engagement.

BIRDSEYE VISUAL // HARPENDEN SKATEPARK



Contact

If you would like to support us or need further information, please get in touch via the following links:

PARC Website: <https://parc.charity/donate>

Email: emailparc@gmail.com

Mobile: Lisa on 07955027524 or Rod on 07913061169

Further information can also be found on the Harpenden Town Council website:

www.harpenden.gov.uk/rothamsted-skatepark

YOU CAN SUPPORT PARC IN 3 WAYS:

Please visit <https://parc.charity/donate> to donate



Monetary Donation – any amount



A monetary donation of any size will be gratefully received and will really help our cause.

Buy a Brick - £100

Help us build a community asset to be proud of.

Buy a brick!

Please support PARC

We'll print your name on a brick with a minimum donation of £100 towards the new skatepark.



Scan the QR code to donate or find out more about the skatepark project at <https://parc.charity>



Inscribe a personal message, the name of your company, family members or friends on a paver to be installed at the entrance to the skatepark.

Minimum donation of £100

Sponsor Board - £2500



If you can donate £2,500, your company name and logo will appear on the Sponsor Board, situated in a prominent location, highly visible to park users.

Example of Sponsor Board in Rothamsted Play Area.

We need your support!

Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops (October-December 2023)

Workshops are open to all young people & parents/carers of children and young people who attend a school or are registered to a GP in Hertfordshire. A referral is not needed to access a workshop.

All workshops are currently being delivered online via Microsoft Teams. For more information about what each workshop covers and to book a place onto a workshop, visit the Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Eventbrite page: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-school-nursingservice-hertfordshire-33494371787>

Workshop	Date & Time
Emotional Wellbeing (For Young People 11-16) A workshop focused on adolescents managing their own emotional wellbeing and things parents/carers can do to help.	Wednesday 22 nd November 6pm
Supporting Adolescents with Self-Esteem A workshop focused on adolescents improving their self-esteem and what parents can do to support.	Wednesday 15 th November 6pm
Supporting your Child's Self-Esteem A workshop focused on parents/carers supporting their child to improve their self-esteem.	Monday 9 th October 10am Tuesday 5 th December 10am
Supporting with Sleep Difficulties A workshop supporting children and adolescents with managing their sleep difficulties and how parents/carers can help.	Tuesday 3 rd October 6pm Thursday 7 th December 6pm
Supporting your Child's Resilience A workshop focused on parents/carers supporting their child to improve their resilience.	Friday 27 th October 10am Monday 18 th December 6pm
Developing your Child's Emotional Literacy A workshop focused on parents supporting their child with developing emotional literacy.	Tuesday 7 th November at 10am
General Emotional Wellbeing and Regulation Tips for Parents A workshop focused on parents supporting their child's general emotional wellbeing and emotional regulation.	Monday 13 th November 6pm
School Transitions A workshop supporting children and adolescents with managing school transitions.	

To access the recorded **Emotionally Based School Avoidance Webinar** please visit: <https://www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services-and-referral-information/our-services-a-z/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-service/>

Can you help?

The Harpenden Trust's single annual fund-raising project - The Christmas Appeal – is just around the corner!

Last year the annual appeal envelopes raised £60,000 to help those in our town who are in need of support in one way or another.

The Appeal envelopes are delivered and collected back by an army of more than 200 volunteers.

But we need a few more people in some areas to join the team. Please think about whether YOU can help.

If you can, then every house in every road will have the familiar purple envelope drop onto the doormat. Thank you.

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St James Road

Moorland Rd Rye Hill Rye Close

Stonemason Close Lindley Close Hyde Close

Moreton Ave Newmans Drive Moreton End Lane

Tennyson Rd Luton Rd (part)

THE MAYOR OF HARPENDEN'S Christmas Card DESIGN COMPETITION

Harpenden's children aged 4-11 are invited to design a Christmas card based around this year's theme "Christmas in Harpenden". The winner will have their design used for the Town Mayor's Christmas Card and will be invited to turn on the Town Christmas lights at the Christmas Carnival!

Cards should be designed on A4 paper, with name, age and school on the back. Please deliver or post to: The Mayor's Secretary, Harpenden Town Council, Town Hall, Leyton Road, AL5 2LX by 3rd November.

