

Leas Park Junior School Weekly Newsletter 23rd September 2024



Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

It's Week 3 of our new term and the children have been so impressive, from assemblies to their learning, and they are looking so smart! Well done and keep it up!

We have some new articles in our Reminders and Messages section this week, please take a look!

Future dates and events

Please see below our main 'diary dates' so far for this academic year. We hope this will help with your diary planning.

****Please note these dates are subject to change and if this should be the case we will give as much notice as possible****

Inset Days:

Friday 18th October 2024

Friday 14th February 2025

Monday 28th July 2025

Tuesday 29th July 2025

Wednesday 25th September 2024 - Writes Photographs - individual photographs - full school uniform with jumper/cardigan, please. Please could Year 3s bring their PE kits with them in a bag. Thank you

Thursday 3rd October 2024 – Harvest Festival

Monday 7th October 2024 – Flu immunisations

Tuesday 15th October 2024 – Parents’ Evening

Wednesday 16th October 2024 – Parents’ Evening

Friday 18th October 2024 – Inset Day

Friday 15th November 2024 – Year 5 Viking trip to Perlethorpe (details to follow)

Wednesday 27th November 2024 – Christmas Fayre - 3:15pm

Monday 9th December 2024 – Lower School Christmas Disco – 6pm-8pm

Tuesday 10th December 2024 – Upper School Christmas Disco – 6pm-8pm

Thursday 12th December 2024 – Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 17th December 2024 – Lower School Christmas Performances (Times TBC)

Wednesday 18th December 2024 – Upper School Christmas Performances (Times TBC)

Thursday 19th December 2024 – Christmas Party Day

Friday 20th December 2024 – Christmas Activity Day

Friday 20th December 2024 – LAST DAY AT SCHOOL

Monday 6th January 2024 – FIRST DAY BACK AT SCHOOL

Friday 14th February 2025 – Inset Day

Tuesday 4th March 2025 – Year 3 swimming lessons start

Tuesday 1st April 2025 – Parents’ Evening

Wednesday 2nd April 2025 – Parents’ Evening

w/c 28th April 2025 – Mock SATs week

w/c 12th May 2025 – SATs week

w/c 2nd June 2025 – Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check

w/c 9th June 2025 - Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check – mop up

Tuesday 24th June 2025 – Sports Day – Lower School 09:30am, Upper School 1pm

Tuesday 10th July 2025 – Year 2 Parents Welcome Meeting (invite only)

Wednesday 11th July 2025 – Year 2 Parents Welcome Meeting (invite only)

Wednesday 16th July 2025 – Summer Fayre – 3:15pm

Friday 18th July 2025 – Reports home

Tuesday 22nd July 2025 – Year 6 Leavers Presentation – 6:30pm


Wednesday 23rd July 2025 – Whole School Picnic – 11:45am-1:15pm

Monday 28th July 2025 – Inset day

Tuesday 29th July 2025 – Inset Day

The Leas Park Awards

Golden Tickets		
Class	Amount collected this week	Running total so far this half term:
3B	1	4
3P	2	2
4C	3	7
4G	6	9
5C	1	3
5H	2	5
6A	5	8
6P	9	10



Winner of the Week:	Overall winner this half term so far:
6P	6P

Tea Party



Class	Name
3B	Amelia S
3P	Finley B
4C	Darcy G
4G	Missy B
5C	Ava D
5H	Jaxson J
6A	Myla W
6P	Zoey M

Star Writers



Class	Name
3B	Reeva S
	Frank D
3P	Safiya D
	Heath R
4C	Saffire W
	Jonah F
4G	Sophie H
	Alice R
5C	Pippa B
	Libby H
5H	Lyla E
	Sophie S
6A	Emmie-Grace S
	Benjamin U
6P	Neveah P
	Freya G

Pen Licences



Class	Name
5H	Jacob S
5H	Daisy M
5H	Millie S

Book Vending Machine



Lower School Winner


Class	Name
3B	Grayson E


Upper School Winner


Class	Name
6A	Lyla S

Reading Raffle Winners



Dinner Winners		
	Class	Name
	4G	Philip M
	5C	Ariela B
	5H	Jayce H
	6A	Jacob M
	6P	Riley B

Thumbs Up!				
	Class	Name	Amount awarded	
	4C	Emilie G	25	
	4C	Ella C	25	
	4C	Rory B	25	
	3B	Amelia S	25	
	3B	Aria C	25	
	3B	Arla D	25	
	3B	Aubree W	25	
	3B	Charlotte T	25	
	3B	Gracie H	25	
	3B	Grayson E	25	
	3B	Oliver W	25	
	3B	Reeva S	25	
	3B	Quinn T	25	

Shout Outs			
	Class	Name	Reason & From
	6P & 6A	All the class	Partake theatre on Monday-super engagement and contributions. Mrs Pursey, Mrs Ainley and Mrs Liptrot were very impressed.
	All!	Every child in assembly on Thurs	Thank you for the BEST assembly of my Leas Park life...so far! You all showed the expected behaviours for Leas Park students. It was a pleasure to be in your company. Miss Cope.

Year 5 Sports Leaders



On Wednesday 25th, Nicola Biggs from Mansfield School Games Partnership is coming into school to provide training for some of our year 5 pupils. Selected children will take part in sports leader training during the afternoon, to enable them to organise and run sporting activities and games during lunch time. After they have completed their training, the sports leaders will be able to lead school games activities for their peers. The children who have been selected for the training, will receive a certificate and a sports leader bib that they will keep in school and wear when it is their duty.

Jeans for Genes Day



On Friday 20th September, we raised money for Jeans for Genes Day by coming to school wearing our jeans and making a donation of £1.00.

Jeans for Genes Day raises money for children and families in the UK that are affected by life-altering genetic conditions.

We are delighted to announce that we raised **£109.00** for this worthy cause.

Asda Cashpot for Schools



Every time you shop with Asda Rewards from 2nd September to 30th November, Asda will donate 0.5% of your total spend to a primary school of your choice. Plus, Asda will pop £1.00 into your chosen school's Cashpot every time someone opts in. Even more, Asda will get school started with a further £50.00!

Plus...you don't lose any of your own Asda Rewards earnings and your own Cashpot will continue to grow!

We are looking to sign up with Parentkind for this donation and need to make over £163.00 to cover the sign up fee. We would appreciate any support with this. Please tell everyone - your family, your friends, even your postman (!) to nominate our school and shop and scan their Asda Rewards cards, so that we can raise much needed funds.

Thank you for your support!

Attendance update - change of guidelines



At the start of our school year, we discuss with the children in assembly about how important their attendance is and that we have some super awards coming up in school that we would like them all to work towards.

Our policy states 'Leas Park Junior School is committed to providing a full and efficient education for all pupils. The school sincerely believes that all pupils benefit from the education it provides and therefore from regular school attendance. To this end, the school will do as much as it can to ensure that all pupils achieve maximum possible attendance and that any issues, which may impede full attendance, are acted upon as quickly as possible.'

The law states that parents/carers have a legal obligation to ensure that children within their care attend school regularly. Schools and the local authority have a duty to ensure that poor school attendance is dealt with swiftly'. Attendance was mentioned on our recent 'Good' Ofsted inspection report, stating how important it is that your children attend regularly to ensure that their learning is not affected.

It is recommended that schools now follow the new guidance issued by the Local Authority, 'Working together to improve school attendance' - August 2024, and based on our attendance rates in recent terms, in line with national expectations we must now consider the request of a penalty notice to be issued to any parents removing their children from education during term time, in line with the new guidance.

The national threshold has changed, according to the National Framework for penalty notices, this is now 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks. A school week means any week in which there is at least one school session. (A school day is made up of two sessions - one morning session and one afternoon session).

We want to work with you to improve our attendance and we have appointed Miss Cope, as our Attendance Champion. Her role will involve her working alongside and supporting the teachers with any of their attendance concerns. She will be aiding with the communication with parents, organising and attending meetings and working with parents, pupils and teachers to help tackle the barriers to persistent non-attendance and championing those children in classes in school, whose attendance is in line with what we expect.

Please familiarise yourself with the attendance guidance for schools at : [School attendance and absence: Overview - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/school-attendance-and-absence-overview)

If you have any questions or need any help and advice regarding attendance, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, Miss Cope or the School Office.

Reminders, messages & additional news- please read!!

Changing dinners

Please note that the school office will need one weeks' notice, if you wish to change your child from school meals to sandwiches, or vice versa. Thank you.

Water bottles

Staying hydrated helps with concentration but please ensure your child's water bottle is of a reasonable size. We are noticing a lot of extra large water containers being brought into school and we only have so much room at the side of our sinks to store them! Water is readily available for them throughout the day so they are able to refill whenever they need to.

Snacks

Children are allowed to bring a healthy snack in with them to have during break time, for example fruit or vegetables. Please do not send in grab bags/multi packs of crisps, biscuits or sweets. Please ensure any food sent in to school is both fish and nut free. Thank you for your co-operation.

Clubs

Our clubs have started and are going really well. Please support us by reminding your children about their clubs and who will be collecting them afterwards.

Jewellery

Children should not be wearing jewellery to school, with the exception of a watch (not a smartwatch) and small stud earrings, which will need to be removed or covered during PE lessons. This is due to Health and Safety and the possibility of loss or damage.

Regular reminders...

Scooters and Bicycles

Whilst we allow scooters and bicycles to be brought to school, please ensure your child does not use them **anywhere** on the school site. This includes on the way down the drive. There have been several near-misses recently and also damage to a vehicle. Please note, any scooter or bicycle left at the school is done so at the owner's risk. We cannot be held liable for anything stolen or damaged.

Pupil Lateness and Absence

School starts at **08:45am**. Please ensure your child arrives on time and with all the uniform, equipment, lunch and snacks that they require for their day. If you are going to be late arriving to school, or if your child is not in full school uniform, please contact us on 01623 477629 to let us know why. If you know in advance that your child will not be in or will be late in the following day, the message system regarding pupil absence can be accessed at any time outside of office hours via our telephone number.

Staff Car Park

Please **do not** use the staff car park as a thoroughfare as children follow adults through the gates, sometimes running on their own and obviously, this is not safe. The staff gate will be closed at 08:30 each morning.

Regarding parking, please note the staff car park is for use **by staff only**. We have very limited space and quite often staff need to leave site and return at short notice. Extra vehicles can make manoeuvring dangerous and can also mean that spaces aren't available for staff who need to be here. Thank you for your understanding.

Pupil Information

Please ensure school have all of your up to date contact information. If you change your telephone number or address, please let school know as soon as possible and ensure that we always have at least two separate emergency contacts for your child.

Nut and Fish free school

In line with NCC policy regarding nut allergies, we do not allow any type of nuts including peanuts in school - either in packed lunches or in snacks. This also includes any nut based products including Nutella, other sandwich spreads containing nuts and any cereal bars that may contain nuts.

Also we would like to remind you that Leas Park is a "fish-free" school, and as such we do not allow any fish or fish products in the children's packed lunches or snacks. Thank you for your support.

Illness & Medications

Please find below a handy chart to help when your child is ill on a school day. If you do need to keep your child off school, please contact the school office on 01623 477629 **before 09:00am on the day they are due to be off.**

If you wish for your child to be given medication whilst at school, please complete and submit the form via this link:

[Leas Park Junior School - Permission for School to Administer Medication](#)

All medication needs to be handed into school and collected by an adult.

Do I need to keep my child off school?

Use this guide to find out when they should stay off, and when they can go back if they are well enough to do so.

Condition	Exclusion Rule
Chicken Pox	At least 5 days from onset of rash and until all spots have crusted over.
Conjunctivitis	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed.
Diarrhea & /or Vomiting	48 hours from last episode.
Respiratory Illness (e.g. colds & flu)	Can return when no longer have a high temperature and well enough.
Glandular Fever	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed.
Hand, foot & mouth	No need to stay off if well enough, but school or nursery should be informed.
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics.
Head Lice	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed.
Measles	4 days from onset of rash.
Mumps	5 days from onset of swelling.
German Measles (Rubella)	5 days from onset of rash.
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after commencing antibiotics.
Scabies	Until after first treatment.
Slapped Cheek	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed.
Threadworms	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed.
Tonsillitis	Can return when no longer have a temperature and well enough, school or nursery should be informed.
Whooping Cough	48 hours after commencing antibiotics.

Parent/carer workshops and information



Please find lots of helpful information, located in 'General Information' in the 'Parents' tab on our school website or via the following link:

[www.leaspark.notts.sch.uk/general information](http://www.leaspark.notts.sch.uk/general%20information)

We hope you find the information in the Parents section useful.

Please check on the following link to see if you are eligible for Free School Meals and Milk for your child:

[Free school meals and milk | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)

The site also has ideas for healthy meals and recipes!

Please find below some details regarding a SEND Consultation and help information from our NHS Healthy Families Team.