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LEPS Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

RECEPTION, YEARS 3 & 4

Case of Head Lice

YEAR 1 - 6

Voluntary Donations

YEAR 2

Case of Hand,
Foot & Mouth

Food Tasting Activities

Dear all

We have made it to the end of January and with slightly lighter evenings beginning to show themselves, it really does feel as though spring is on its way. It has been another busy and positive week across the school.

In Monday's assembly, we continued our theme of spreading kindness at LEPS. We talked about why the Football Association is currently reviewing behaviour in football across England. Their aim is to ensure football is safe, fair and enjoyable for everyone – values that strongly mirror what we strive for here at LEPS. The children shared thoughtful ideas about how we can help everyone feel safe, respected and included, both in school and beyond.

This week we enjoyed a wonderful class assembly from Darwin Class, who taught us all about the Great Fire of London. There was fantastic acting, some very catchy songs and even a fire dance. It was a brilliant performance and really made us all smile.

Thank you to the parents and carers who joined us for the AI Workshop. It was great to share our journey with AI at LEPS and discuss how we are using it thoughtfully to support teaching and learning. The slides from the session have been shared on ClassDojo for those who were unable to attend.

Today, we welcomed our governors into school for a maths-focused learning walk. They visited classes across the school to see our maths curriculum in action and spoke with some of our children, who confidently shared their thoughts and experiences of learning maths at LEPS.

Finally, our Year 5 and 6 disco last Friday night looked like great fun. This week it is the turn of Years 3 and 4 – I hope you all have a fantastic time this evening.

I am sure you will all join me in wishing good luck to our past and present pupils who have headed off today with Mr Behzadi to fly to America to represent Great Britain in the NFL World Championship. We are incredibly proud of their hard work, commitment to training and fantastic teamwork. What an amazing opportunity and achievement – go team GB!

I hope you have a restful weekend and enjoy starting to notice those lighter evenings starting to appear.

Best wishes

Emily Caldwell

Headteacher

COMMUNICATION

We are reviewing the way we communicate with parents and carers, as we currently use a range of different channels such as Parent Mail, our newsletter, ClassDojo, etc.

We have created a short Google Form to gather your views on what information you would like to receive and the most effective way to share it with you.

We value your feedback, so please take a few moments to complete the [survey](#) and share your views.

The Google Form will **close today at midnight**

Thanks
School Office



Creating meaningful traditions for your family

Rituals and traditions can help to bring even more joy and connection to your family. It helps to give your child(ren) a feeling of belonging and a sense of security.



How can parents help?

The key is to keep things simple, so that you can focus on what really matters. Here are a few ideas to hopefully inspire you to create your own, based on your values:

- Have a special date with each child scheduled regularly in the family diary. Keep a journal with ticket stubs, photos/drawings made together, etc
- Pick a day every year to take a photo of your child and/or family in the same spot and save them in a photobook
- Write a letter to your child on every birthday, sharing memories and special events from the previous year and hopes for the next
- Fill a gratitude jar with notes of things you are thankful for at the end of every day and read them all together on Sunday
- Have a special way of saying goodbye to each other using a special word or hand signs

Sometimes we could all do with someone to talk to.

If you would like to meet Elita Bartholomew Matthew for a confidential and non-judgemental chat about you, your child, or any other worries, they are available on Wednesdays from 9-10am.

You can call/text 07469701260 or email elita@schools counsellingpartnership.co.uk

Computing News at LEPS

Year 5 & Year 6 Take Part in the AstroPi Challenge

This week, our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils took part in the exciting AstroPi challenge, a special project run by the European Space Agency (ESA) that allows students to have their code run on the International Space Station (ISS)!

For their project, the children learnt to code the AstroPi computers to create twinkling lights and colourful displays for the astronauts to enjoy. Using the colour luminosity sensor on the Mark II AstroPi's Sense HAT, their code set the background colour of an image to match the colours detected by the sensor. This makes the ISS even more vibrant for the astronauts on board while giving the children hands-on experience with real coding concepts like loops, sequences, and conditionals.

The pupils were thrilled to see their code bring the lights to life in different patterns and are excited by the thought that their work could soon be running in space! They will find out in July where their code has been displayed, when they receive their certificates.

It has been a fantastic way to combine coding, creativity, and space science into one inspiring learning experience. Well done to all our Year 5 and 6 pupils for their amazing effort and enthusiasm!



Miss Stickland

Computing Lead



Kindness and Respect at LEPS

Following on from Ms Calwell's assemblies, we have been researching and reporting on how we show kindness and respect at LEPS. We have been trying to make our school a kinder, healthier environment for everyone, children and adults included. This links to our Power for Good campaign for Anti-bullying Week. Since this campaign, years 4, 5 and 6 have made kindness displays and books. Here are some excellent acts of kindness reported:

'I am grateful that my friend shares their ideas in class'

'Draya was super helpful when putting the chromebooks away'

'Eddie always sits quietly and respectfully in class'

Our acrostic poem has been collected from children across the school
- thank you all for helping!

Roving Reporter Team



Responsibility of your words and actions

Everyone deserves respect

Safe environment

Patience to listen and help others

Equality

Confidence to stand up in our community

Tell a trusted adult if someone is hurt

Important Dates & Holidays

Date	Time	Who is it for?	Description
Friday 30 th January 2026	6.30 – 8pm	Year 3 and 4	Year 3 and 4 Disco – PFTA event – details to follow
Tuesday 3 rd February 2026	9am	Dorset Parents/Carers	Dorset Class Assembly – parents and carers invited to watch and stay for a cup of tea or coffee in the canteen afterwards
Friday 6 th February 2026	6.30 – 8pm	Year 1 and 2	Year 1 and 2 Disco – PFTA event – details to follow
Friday 13 th February 2026	ALL DAY	All children	Dress to Express – be cosy and comfortable to celebrate the end children's mental health week
Monday 9 th -13 th February 2026	ALL WEEK	All children	Children's mental Health Week
Tuesday 10 th February 2026	9am	Devonshire Parents/Carers	Devonshire Class Assembly – parents and carers invited to watch and stay for a cup of tea or coffee in the canteen afterwards
Monday 16th – Friday 20th February 2026		ALL	Half Term – School Closed for all Pupils
Monday 23 rd February 2026	8.30am	All children	School opens for all pupils – Spring Term 2 Breakfast club and before school clubs as usual
Thursday 26 th February 2026	9am	Parents/Carers	Parent Workshop - Topic: Dyslexia at LEPS
Friday 27 th February 2026	ALL DAY	All children	International Mother Language Day
Monday 2 nd – Friday 6 th March 2026	Throughout the week	All children	Book Week – the children will take part in a variety of activities to promote their love of reading
Wednesday 4 th March 2026	ALL DAY	All children	Book Day DRESS UP - all children are invited to dress up as their favourite Book Character
Thursday 5 th March 2026	5pm	Year 4 Parents/Carers	Information about the Year 4 Times Tables Check —ONLINE ZOOM MEETING
Tuesday 10 th March 2026	9am	Carlyle Parents/Carers	Carlyle Class Assembly – parents and carers invited to watch and stay for a cup of tea or coffee in the canteen afterwards
Tuesday 10 th March 2026	3 – 6pm	Buttercups	Termly Reviews – parent teacher individual meetings – details will follow
Tuesday 10 th March 2026	4.00 – 6.30pm	Reception to Year 6	Termly Reviews – parent teacher individual meetings – details will follow
Wednesday 11 th March 2026	3 – 6pm	Ladybirds	Termly Reviews – parent teacher individual meetings – details will follow
Thursday 12 th March 2026	3 – 6pm	Caterpillar	Termly Reviews – parent teacher individual meetings – details will follow
Thursday 12 th March 2026	3.30 – 6pm	Reception to Year 6	Termly Reviews – parent teacher individual meetings – details will follow

Tuesday 17 th March 2026	9am	Coningsby Parents/Carers	Coningsby Class Assembly – parents and carers invited to watch and stay for a cup of tea or coffee in the canteen afterwards
Wednesday 18 th March 2026	8.45am	Reception	Reception Parent Meeting – Information about the end of Reception expectations
Thursday 19 th March 2026	8.45am	Year 1	Year 1 Parent Meeting – Information about the Year 1 Phonics screening
Thursday 19 th March 2026	3.30 – 6pm	N to Y6	PP and SEND Termly Reviews – parent teacher individual meetings – details will follow
Friday 20 th March 2026	9am	Parents/Carers	Parent Workshop - Topic: Mental Health and Wellbeing at LEPS
Friday 20 th March 2026	ALL DAY	All children	Red Nose Day – details to follow about this fundraiser
Tuesday 24 th March 2025	9am	Clovelly Parents/Carers	Clovelly Class Assembly – parents and carers invited to watch and stay for a cup of tea or coffee in the canteen afterwards
Wednesday 25 th March 2026	6.15pm	Musicians	End of Term Music Concert
Friday 27 th March 2026	Usual collection time	ALL	End of Term Collection - Usual times for each year group
Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April 2026		ALL	Easter Holidays
Monday 13 th April 2026	ALL DAY	All children	INSET DAY - School closed for all pupils
Tuesday 14 th April 2026	ALL DAY	All children	School opens for all pupils – Summer Term 2026