



Leicester Prep News

October 2018

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a lovely Summer Holiday (somehow, it already seems a distant memory) and that the children have come back ready and refreshed for a new school year.

Welcome to those of you who are new to LPS this year, we are looking forward to being partners in your child's education. Just looking at the Diary, the year ahead promises to be packed with fun, exciting opportunities!

Mrs Vig

One of the biggest changes has been the departure of Mrs Vig. She has been associated with the School since her eldest son started in Pre-Prep. As her son is now attending university you can see how long we have known her! Mrs Vig latterly had the job of Admissions Officer and will, I know, have been responsible for helping most of you from initial enquiry to starting day and beyond. She had a huge amount of knowledge which will be sadly missed and we would like to wish her all the best in her future endeavours. Thank you, Mrs Vig.



What's New? Pupils . . .

Well, there have been an amazing 18 new pupils across the School since we came back in September, taking our total numbers to 90!



What's New? Kitchen . . .

The kitchen has a brand new cooker, not very exciting you may think, but absolutely vital in our provision for your children. We were slightly dismayed when a fault was discovered the day before we returned from the summer break, however some heroic efforts by Mr Clark meant that we were only cooker-less for a week. Thank you children and parents for being so patient while we fixed the problem.



Mrs Dickenson

Mr & Mrs Trounson

From half term, Mrs Dickenson will relinquish her role as Head of Music at LPS and this role will now be filled jointly by Mr & Mrs Trounson. Mrs Dickenson will continue to teach instrumental lessons and to develop the Saturday Stoneygate Music School. Mrs Emma Trounson has already taken responsibility for singing within the School and Mr Mark Trounson has been teaching children guitar here for over a year. We look forward to working with them and I know there are many exciting opportunities coming up for our budding School Choir.





What's New? Safety . . .

Mr Clark has made a gate to secure an exit at the rear of the School. This is a lovely piece of craftsmanship, we are very lucky to have someone working for us who enjoys creating these pieces.

What's New? Pre-Prep . . .

The whole of the Pre-Prep area was refurbished over the Summer. Freshly painted walls and some new decorations have made quite a difference. ALSO Butterflies and Ladybirds have swapped classrooms! Miss Zamulynskij is still in charge of Butterflies and Mrs Onyelekere of Ladybirds but they have just moved themselves around a little..



What's New? Front Hall . . .

The front hall and main School Hall have been completely redecorated over the summer and I'm sure you'll agree there is now a much cleaner and brighter feel to them.



What's New? Watch this space

You might see a few changes when we come back after half term plans are in place for some further refurbishments

Reception Assembly

What a charming way to start our Class Assemblies this year. Reception Class told us all about their daily routines through some brilliant songs and actions. They seem to have so much energy – jumping out of bed each morning, stretching and dressing and playing and learning, my goodness I am quite exhausted!



Butterflies assembly

Our little Butterflies celebrated their differences today and allowed us to join in with them. What an absolutely delightful time we had, despite some very little voices. I tried to get as many children in this photo as possible although it was quite a challenge! Thank you parents for coming, it is brilliant to know our children are so well supported.



Handwriting Competition

September must mean it is time for our Annual Handwriting Competition. There was a very high standard of entries this year, in fact, it made the judging very difficult! Congratulations to all our winners, with special congratulations to Beatrice Katanga who was our overall winner.



Handwriting Competition Winners

Reception Class
Year 1 – Samraaj Sahota
Year 2 – Jane Walker
Year 3/4 - Beatrice Katanga
Year 5/6 - Arjun Neyta



Harvest

What a magnificent quantity of food we gathered. Thank you to all those parents who contributed. We were ably assisted in our celebrations by 2 church mice, a 'new headmaster' and some pupils. Thank you, Years 5&6! Mrs Brewin and Miss Halliday delivered our contributions to the charity this week.



Achiever's Assembly

At LPS we are very proud of the children's achievements, some academic, some not, but all important in a child's development. We celebrate these achievements in our Achiever's Assemblies. Congratulations to all those children who have been nominated so far this term. Keep up the good work!



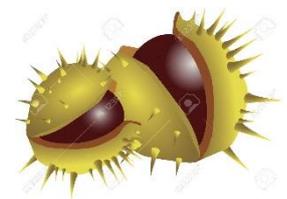
Autumn Craft Competition

Leaflets have been sent home, we hope you have fun working on your entries over half term and look forward to seeing the results when we get back. Let your creative juices run wild!



Autumn Walk

Once again Years 3,4,5 & 6 set out on their Autumn Walk. A full day walking round Pitsford Reservoir in Northamptonshire. This is taken just before they set out – I wonder what they'll look like at the end of the day! What a great autumnal day for a walk!



UPCOMING EVENTS

You will have received a calendar for the second half of term with this please make sure you update your diaries. We would hate you or your child to miss an event.

A few to look out for:

- Leicester Festival of Music and Drama
- Early Years trip to Conkers
- Theatre trips
- Our Christmas performance

PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE

There are a number of children arriving to school late on a regular basis. Not only does this affect your child's education, it can have a bearing on fellow students, i.e. disrupting the class or assembly upon arrival.

It is vitally important that you bring your child to school on time each day. It is to their detriment if you do not! Over the course of one academic year the following time can be lost in your child's education through lateness:

- 5 minutes late each day = 3 days lost education**
- 10 minutes late each day = 6.5 days lost education**
- 15 minutes late each day = 10 days lost education**
- 20 minutes late each day = 13 days lost education**
- 30 minutes late each day = 19 days lost education**

Can we also please stress the importance of ensuring that your child does not miss school unless he or she is genuinely ill.



Wrap-Around Care

For those of you new to the School just a reminder that we offer several services to help busy parents.

There is a Breakfast Club available from 7.45 am for early drop offs, Aftercare for later pickups and a door-to-door minibus service both morning and afternoon.

For further details and prices please contact the Office who will be happy to help.

Swimming – Michaelmas 2

The only change will be that Year 1 will start swimming and Year 2 will not go for the next half term



School Council

Earlier this term elections were held in School for the School Council. Congratulations to those children elected. These are positions of responsibility and those elected should ensure they listen to any concerns of their classmates; and help to raise funds for the playground refurbishment.

Earth Education
School council
Autumn craft competition