

Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery

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Newsletter 13th July 2018

Dear Children, Parents, Governors, Friends and Families at LHPSN,

I'll kick off the newsletter with a huge CONGRATULATIONS to Year 6 for their enthusiastic performance of 'It's Coming Home' which created a great feeling of fun and excitement in the run up to the World Cup semi-finals. The performances were thoroughly enjoyable and despite the children being away the whole week before on transition visits, they remembered all their lines, steps and moves perfectly. Thank you to the audience members too, who were very encouraging, and said how much they enjoyed the show.

This week we also received our provisional KS2 SATs (Y6) results with excellent outcomes. Based on indicative averages school is in the top 20% nationally for reading and writing at the expected standard and greater depth/higher standard. I am delighted with our staff and pupils who have worked hard over recent years to improve all aspects of literacy. Progress is also strong in literacy and maths. The final percentages will be confirmed in the autumn term and published on our website for you to see but provisionally we report 87% reading, 88% writing and 88% spelling punctuation and grammar, 77% maths these are all above national averages and in some cases well above. These outcomes are a result of the excellent teaching across KS2 for the last four years and with particular thanks to Miss Taylor and Mr Witcomb for preparing the Y6 children so well.

At KS1 (Y2) we also report strong outcomes for the end of key stage one with reading and maths above the national averages at the expected standard and greater depth/higher standard and writing in line with the national average. We report 81% reading, 69% writing, 76% maths which are either in line with or above the national average. Again this is thanks to the super KS1 team who have taught the children for the last two years and particular thanks to Miss Perry and Mr Greenwood.

We have one busy week left before we finish for the summer so I wish you all a safe and happy summer and look forward to working in partnership with you all again in September,
Yours in learning,

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Miss A.L. Salisbury
Headteacher

Teddy Bears Picnic

On Thursday we hosted a school's partnership 'Teddy Bears Picnic' for 240 reception children from the schools we work closely with in the Grove Partnership; Beaconside, Holywell and The Coppice. Everyone had a lovely afternoon thanks to the super organisation of Mrs Williams, Mrs Bryan and the EYFS staff. The Reception children made lots of new friends and will look forward to seeing them again next summer when they get together for their Year One event.

Miss Salisbury's Golden Book

Eva F
Isabelle B
Jasper C
Gabriel C
Asavari B
Cameron T
Bailey B
Max H
Holly M
Amie S
all in 2AP
For wonderful poetry performances

Farai P in Nursery
for amazing work in PE

Szymon K in LB2 for his independent writing

Alfred K-W in Nursery for his spectacular writing

Please remember that products containing nuts are not permitted on the school premises due to allergies, this includes packed lunch items. Thank you for your cooperation



Dates for your Diary - please also check the school calendar on our website.

Monday 16th July Yr2 to 3 transition talk

Tuesday 17th July Yr 1 Smitte farm trip

Wednesday 18th July Y6 leavers disco

Friday 20th July 2:30 - 3:00 Leavers Assembly (doors open 2.15)

Children return to school on Tuesday 4th September

Book Amnesty

There will be a box in the main school office for you to put any school books in. Please have a search on book shelves, behind the sofa, in school bags for any school books - they will be greatly received!

WOW

Year Six pupils had transition visits to their new secondary schools last week. Head Teacher's from two schools phoned us to say how well they got on and what a pleasure they were to have.

Attendance Award KS1 & KS2



House points Award Winner

Foundation

Nursery are enjoying the sunshine with lots of water play, using different equipment to experiment with and explore. We have also enjoyed playing in our forest school. We are having lots of time to play in our new classrooms as we get Reception ready. Reception have had a fantastic week exploring Africa, finding about meerkats, deserts, plains and safari animals. Sunny the meerkat visited us and we helped him write a postcard to send to his family telling them all about school! There are no bears in Africa so Sunny was amazed to meet so many on our field enjoying a teddy bears' picnic along with all our new Reception friends from our partnership schools.

Mrs Reading, Miss Cooke and Dr Kirby

KS1

Jambo everyone! (Hello in Swahili) In Year One we have been enjoying learning about Kenya. We were particularly enthusiastic to learn to sing songs in Swahili and to play African drums. To end our topic, we hosted a mini concert. Each class chose a song to perform for the other class. 1KG sang Simama Kaa wonderfully and some pupils played instruments that they had made at home! 1RB chose to sing Che Che Kule, a call and response song. They took turns to lead and did a fantastic job of remembering all of the words in a different language. Well done everyone!

Miss Boyer and Mrs Garvey

KS2

On Wednesday 11th July, 10 children from Y4 went to Aztec Upton Warren for the Bromsgrove Schools Annual Regatta. The day consists of timed heats in the morning and then schools are put into similar timed groups for the finals in the afternoon. We only had 3 children who had done bell boating before so we had regular practises in 4AB each lunchtime over the past couple of weeks so that the newcomers had an idea of what to do.

The children had to work as a team and support each other in what is quite a tiring set of races and each of them should be proud of their effort and performance. For more details, please see the school website!

Mr Weston

Language Base

Language Base had their annual picnic on Thursday. What a lovely time was had by all, both past, present and future pupils! We had a cream tea in the environmental garden which was a scone (lovingly made by Language Base children), jam and cream served with a nice, cool cup of squash. The garden was filled with balloons and all the children, who attended, took a balloon home. All children who are currently in Language Base had a certificate based on their contributions to class. Throughout the afternoon, the sun shone making a wonderful, fun time to end our year in Language Base.

Many thanks to all the parents who joined us.

Miss Hateley and Mrs Jones

On Tuesday 17th July the school IT ambassadors, a PTA representative, IT company reps and school staff will meet to decide on how to spend the amazing £6500 raised by the PTA and school friends and family members over the past two years. The IT team together will decide on what is needed by school to ensure all pupils get access to the brand new and exciting IT equipment. Thank you everyone for your help in raising this money. We will let you know on the school website what we decided to spend the money on and then in the new year we'll put pictures of the equipment on a newsletter so everyone can see us enjoying using it!

Mrs Williams

All pupils will need a large, strong, named carrier bag for the last day of term to bring their work home in.

Thank you!

We would like to extend a final big thank you to all those of you who donated since our page was set up. Our final total stands at £3728.45 which all goes towards Ward 15 at BCH. It has been wonderful to see our school community come together to support a cause so dear to our hearts and also to see Oliver looking so well at some of our events. We all wish the Portman family a happy, healthy summer holiday. The page is set to close in August so there is still some time to donate.

Mrs Brooks.

Parking

Please do not park in the school bus bay during drop off or pick up time. Recently, returning school trip coaches have been unable to park in the designated bus bay due to parents parking in there. This puts our children in unnecessary danger when they have to park further away.