



Friday 14th September 2018

Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery

Dear Children and Families,

I really must commend everyone for such a super start to the new school year. It has been a pleasure to welcome everyone back and to see such enthusiastic and productive classrooms. Thank you all parents and carers for ensuring everyone is well equipped for their day and super smart in their uniforms. Year 1 and Year 3 have made their transitions to new key stages and despite a few early morning anxieties, have quickly settled and enjoyed their learning. Our new wraparound care club, The Hive, has also had an excellent start, thank you for your positive feedback and support in the transition. Many thanks to Miss Lynch for her hard work during the summer and the Hive team for welcoming everyone and ensuring they are safe and happy in their play.

Looking ahead - Please check the school website calendar for the year's dairy dates. On the afternoon of the 28th September, Mr Greenwood (AHT and Maths Lead) and the staff, invite you to come and find out about our new maths scheme, 'Maths No Problem!' We will also share our approach to maths and how you can help at home from Year 1 to Year 6, I do hope you are able to attend and look forward to welcoming you.

Yours in learning,

Miss A. L. Salisbury
Headteacher



New Computer Equipment!

We want to say a big "Thank You" to the PTA for their brilliant fund raising efforts over the last two years. We reached our target figure at the end of last term, and as a result we've been able to buy 30 new Chromebooks! The Chromebooks will be used throughout the school. Not only will we be able to teach discrete computing skills, but the Chromebooks will be used across the curriculum as tools to enhance our learning. All children in the school will benefit from your generous support.

Attendance Award

KS1

2MG

99.4%

KS2

6CW

97.5%



House Team of the Week

Chestnut – Green Team



LHPSN Wow News



Welcome to our new Nursery and Reception children! You have come in beautifully with so many smiles for your new teachers. And well done parents and carers for helping the children settle so quickly - it's a big step leaving your little ones with us and waving goodbye. We've really enjoyed getting to know everyone!

Miss S's Golden Book Stars

Brand New Nursery and Reception children for coming in so well on their first days of school!

Joshua J yr 2 for his amazing descriptive writing

Isabelle C yr 4 for super work in class



Safeguarding News

Please make sure anyone collecting your child from school knows your password. Children will not be released to anyone other than parents without this.

Dates for the diary

18.09.18 - PTA - AGM 6.00pm Everyone Welcome

28.09.18 - Maths Workshop for Parents 1.30pm-2.15pm

5.10.18 - Nursery and Reception Phonics and Reading workshop 9am

12.10.18 - Individual School Photos

Our school value this term is **empathy**: the ability to understand and share the feelings of another.



What have we been up to this fortnight?



EYFS

Nursery have had a fabulous start and are settling into nursery brilliantly. We are enjoying getting to know each other, exploring nursery and playing together. This week we have used mirrors to talk about what we look like before making a collage of ourselves. We have shared some of our favourite stories and sung some counting songs.

Miss Cooke

Reception have made wonderful start to school life and it has been lovely to welcome old and new faces back to Lickey Hills. It has been a busy couple of weeks as we become familiar with each other and get to know the different rules and routines. We have enjoyed sharing stories helping us understand about the importance of rules as well as when it's good to stand out in a crowd.

Mrs Reading

KS1

What a super start Year 1 have made! We have enjoyed reading the book "The Shopping Basket" and have written some great shopping lists and labels. In Maths we have been exploring counting forwards and backwards and using a ten frame to help us. In PE we have practiced finding and using our own space. Well done Year 1!

Mrs Garvey

Year 2 have had a very exciting week. In literacy we read the story "The Pet Who Flew". We used the iPads to research a particularly interesting bird - The Hornbill and next week we'll write a report all about them. We have also been learning about transport, we've discussed different types of transport and sketched them in art.

Mr Greenwood

KS2

Welcome back to everyone, particularly to our year 3 pupils who are new to key stage 2. Year 3 have settled straight in to their new surroundings and have a very energetic first term planned. This term they will be learning Yoga, taught by a visiting Yoga specialist and they are already enjoying attending weekly swimming lessons. It is fantastic to see our new year 3 pupils with such positive attitudes and enthusiasm for learning. It is also super to see them trying really hard to be independent thinkers and learners. We all look forward to the term ahead.

Mrs Cupper and Miss Smith

Language Base

The children have made a fantastic start to the Language Base. All the teachers are really proud of how well they have settled in. The LB reception pupils have been learning how to write their names, Year One have been ordering numbers to 10 and we have one pupil who can write numbers to 30 and another who has been working on numbers to 100. Great work everyone! Miss Hateley

All the children have settled really well into their new routines and new classes. In literacy we are working on improving our sentences with adjectives and learning to remember to use a thesaurus to 'uplevel' our vocabulary. In maths we are finding out about the names of angles and some of us are estimating and measuring using a protractor. Mrs. Jones

Safeguarding and Nurture Team

Ask any of the children and they will tell you what Miss Salisbury's favourite two words are...**Safe and Happy!** And that's what we want everyone at LHPSN to be. Miss Salisbury, Mrs. Williams and Miss Lynch are the three Designated Safeguarding leads at school so please do come and see us if you have anything you feel concerned about regarding the safety and wellbeing of our children.

Mrs. Pennant and Miss Lynch are also always on hand to speak with children and parents about their emotional well-being - from friendship problem to eating problems, from family changes to feelings of anxiety - they are both excellent listeners and will always find a way to help solve a problem!

News from the Hive

What a fantastic start to the New Year! The Hive is now fully up and running and all of the children have settled in really well. The new resources have been a big hit as has the menu and food on offer. The staff have been very proud of the children and their behavior. It's been lovely to welcome our new families. We look forward to working in partnership with you this year. Zoe Lynch -The Hive Manager



Additional News

-If you have a message for your child's class teacher in the morning please write this in a note and pass to the member of staff on duty at the door rather than pass it on verbally. This will help us to ensure all messages are passed on during this busy time.

- E-Safety agreements will be coming home with the children. Please help your child to read and understand these important rules. Children and parents can then sign these and return them to school to support our computing curriculum.