



# Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

## Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you parents for sending the children back to school well rested, re-energised and ready for learning after the half term break. Everyone has settled back calmly into the class and school routines. There is a polite reminder on the newsletter about uniform standards, and I would also like to remind you that children need to have full PE/sports/swimming kit in school. Additionally, reading books, homework, spelling equipment and musical instruments must be in school on the timetabled days. This ensures your child is prepared and ready for the day ahead.

Parents' evenings take place next week. I look forward to welcoming you to LHPSN and I know teachers and pupils are keen to share the progress they are making. Staff will also signpost you to the end of year objectives and recent assessment outcomes. Appointments for Year 1 and Year 2 will take place in their classrooms and Nursery, Reception and Year 3 - 6 will use the hall. Language Base appointments will take place in the Senior Leader offices. All parents, please arrive for your appointment via the school main entrance and take advantage of our Book Fayre and refreshments in the dining hall area. The children's books will be ready for you to view, so feel free to arrive earlier if you'd like more time to enjoy them before your appointment. For those evenings, the Hive will be relocated to KS2 classrooms with access via the usual front door where a member of Hive staff will meet you. Finally, please do not park on the school premises as there is not sufficient space.

Thank you as always for your co-operation in all matters.

**Miss A. Salisbury (Headteacher)**



### Attendance Award

**KS1**

**1SH – 89.0%**

**KS2**

**6MT – 89.5%**

### Reminders

Also: **Polite Reminder to Parents and Carers:** Long hair should be fully tied back for school as this helps to prevent the spread of head lice. We do not encourage attention seeking hairstyles. We prefer that children wear a plain headband and/or bobble/ scrunchie. Nail polish and tattoos are not encouraged and earrings should be safety studs. Please ensure your child has a school tie, **these can now be purchased from the school office at a cost of £4.00.**



### Miss S's Golden Book Stars



**1SH** – Esme

**3AS** – Eva F

**4SR** – Ruby K

#### **Year 6**

Jude

Charlie

Oliver

Will

Alfie

George

Rosie

Jennifer

Niamh

Simon

**LB1** – Liam C

### In other news....

I'm delighted to share with you that Dr Fishwick has been successful in his application to become a Specialist Leader of Education for Science. This means he will be able to share his love of science and his specialist skills within our network of schools. Don't worry - he's still employed here full time and will continue to work with LHPSN staff and pupils on all things scientific. Congratulations Dr Fishwick - what a super achievement for you and LHPSN.

### Dates for the Diary

05.03.19 – Parents Evening – Whole School

06.03.19 – Nursery Parents Afternoon (to replace parents evening on 07.03.19)

07.03.19 – Parents Evening – Whole School (Excluding Nursery)

11.03.19 – PTA Meeting in Bungalow – 6.00-7.00 – All welcome

15.03.19 – Comic Relief Day – Dress in Something Red!

18.03.19 – Y6 trip to RSC



# What have we been up to this week?



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Nursery have had a wonderful first week back after the half term break. We have started our new topic 'People Who Help Us'. This week we learnt about the fire service and all of the amazing things they do to help us. We have been busy in role play pretending to be fireman Sam and making a fire engine out of junk modelling.

Fingers crossed Spring is finally here! Reception children have started to work on all things Spring related in preparation for our class assembly. It's been lovely to see lots more children choose to learn outside. The children have enjoyed a story 'When will it be Spring?' We have also been doing our number bonds to time just like Farmer Pete in one of the new songs we have been learning.

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**Year 1** have had a fabulous first week and have explored lots of new learning. We have started our superhero theme in writing and we are investigating numbers up to 40 in maths! We also had the exciting opportunity to go on a walk around the grounds to explore the new life that is growing in early Spring time. This week **Year 2** met an explorer! We talked on Skype with John Sullivan who works in adventure and survival. He told us about the places he's been to; the amazing things he's seen and some of the unusual things he's had to eat! John also helped us understand what inspired him, and what keeps him going when "the going gets tough". In other subjects we've started a new unit looking at 2D shapes and symmetry in maths; we're writing about a new book called "A Squash and a Squeeze" by Julia Donaldson; and in theme we've learned about Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. It's been a great start to the half term."

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**Year 3** participated in the Waseley Cluster Netball Tournament on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb against Holywell and Beaconside. Kassaye jumped up with excitement when he found out! Joe said, "Oh my gosh! I can't wait!" The children applied all their skills learned in "Balls Skills Games" and Netball whilst working exceptionally well together to compete. They used excellent communication skills and endurance to play whilst having lots of fun! Izzy reported, "We won lots of games! Huw said, "I enjoyed the competitive games, but I loved working together as a team most of all." Lickey were very successful and we showed good sportsmanship by wishing the other teams well and saying, "Good game!"  
From Mrs Cupper and 3HC.

## Language Base 1

LB1 have had a fantastic first week back after their half term break. We have been exploring the early signs of Spring this week and completed a wildlife walk with mainstream Year 1 children around our beautiful school grounds on Tuesday afternoon. We then used our experiences to produce some descriptive writing about what we saw and how Spring is very different to Winter time.

## Language Base 2

Everyone has returned to school with a super attitude to their learning and are starting the new term off with vigour. Our Year 5 pupils are very much looking forward to performing in their mainstream class assembly which is next week; they have been practising their lines over half term and have their costumes all ready to go! They have also been continuing to read 'The Minpins' and used this to create fact files about the monster..... The Gruncher! We look forward to seeing you all at parents evening next week.

## Additional News

As some of you may be aware, Mr. Weston is currently on sick leave. Some of the staff and friends are starting, or continuing to run as the weather gets warmer and the nights become lighter. We are (once again!) going to be running the Birmingham 10K on the 26th May to support Cancer Research UK, the charity nominated by Mr. Weston. Last year we managed to raise over £3000 which went to Birmingham Children's Hospital and this year we are also hoping to raise money to support cancer patients and their families through what is a very difficult time. Your support was much appreciated last year and we would be very grateful for any donation however small to help us on our way. We are all looking forward to training and I'm sure some of us will be trying for personal bests! Please use the link below to donate:

Many thanks  
Mrs. Brooks

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising-edit/Lickey-Hills-Primary-School>

A big thank you to Mrs. Brooks and all of those of you who are taking part in the run. I really appreciate it. Mr. Weston.

**THE HIVE:** We are pleased to announce the new Hive email address: [zh65@lickeyhills.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:zh65@lickeyhills.worcs.sch.uk). Please use this address for communicating with the Hive by email. Many thanks. Miss Lynch.