



Friday 12th April 2019

Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery

Dear Parents/Carers,

At LHPSN we are proud of the curriculum we're able to provide that ensures our basic skills of reading, writing and arithmetic are taught alongside our vibrant themed learning. This term we have seen some amazing class assemblies showcasing educational knowledge alongside confident personal and social skills. School is much more than academic progress - although very important- the staff, governors and I strongly believe that LHPSN is an environment where our children feel safe but also challenged to do their best. The assemblies you will have attended this year show how our children share their strengths and also develop their weaker skills. They not only improve their understanding of the themes explored but also develop essential interpersonal skills including the vital skills of managing conflict and resolution. I tell the children that the class assemblies are a highlight of my week, I love to see how year on year the children blossom, talents emerge and independence grows. One of our school Governors, Mr. Frost has been a regular attender and has commented on the enthusiasm and their love of learning. We also noticed that the historical themes included some carefully choreographed battle scenes! Thank you for the support you give, learning lines, providing costumes and most importantly taking time to attend yourselves or sending grandparents or family members to smile, encourage and be proud of our children.

Next term we have SATS and phonics tests, sports days, summer fayre events and a music festival to look forward to, I look forward to seeing you there.

Wishing you all a lovely Easter break,
Miss Salisbury



Attendance Award

KS1
92.2%

KS2
93.1%

Fame Festival

Last week, the Year 4 pupils were invited to play as part of a concert at St.John's Middle School in Bromsgrove. The Fame Festival was a huge success, with all of the pupils performing confidently on the stage in front of a large audience of adults and other performers; who thoroughly enjoyed their music. The combination of ukuleles and flutes was extremely popular and the "flute slide" was particularly memorable. Thank you to all of the pupils for their hard work; the staff from school who attended and to the parents for supporting the children and bringing them in their own time to the concert. Our final thanks goes to Mrs Harper and the music services for providing the children with this wonderful opportunity.
Miss Hahlo.



Miss S's Golden Book Stars



RJR
Olivia F.J

RMK
Archie C
Arlo C
Georgina S
Milo B
George P
Finley M

1KG
Freddie I

4SR
Hannah P

National Autism Awareness Day

On Tuesday 2nd April we joined people around the world in celebrating and raising awareness ASD - Autism Spectrum Disorder. Each class took part in activities focused on finding out what ASD is, what it means for the people who live with it and how we can support our friends with ASD. We have added the resources we used to the SEND support page for parents section of the website. We have also added a beautiful poem written by one of our parents who has kindly allowed us to share it. The poem is titled *Autism Awareness Day - What does that mean for us?* A Yr 6 pupil, who has ASD and helped to design and present the 'What is life like when you have ASD?' PowerPoint said "I like that my friends know what life is like for me, it helps them to understand me a little bit better. It can be hard having ASD so it's important that people know about it"

Autumn Yr6

Reminders

If your child is off sick please remember that you must contact the office **every day** that they are ill. **Who won the £5** in the Easter Egg Sale?. Please remember to let us know so we can announce it!

Fabulous news from the PTA!

A huge thank you from the PTA to everyone who came and supported the Staff vs Parents Quiz. There were 9 teams battling it out for the prize of biggest brain. The biggest thank you must go to Cos Spearman for designing, planning and delivering the quiz with such style and flair! A massive £600 was raised which will go towards much needed school resources. To add to that we have the £200 raised by Mrs Tomlinson, Office Manager, who kindly made 200 Easter Egg surprises for the PTA to sell. Happy Easter from the PTA!

Dates for your Diary

29.04.19 - Back to School
06.05.19 - Bank Holiday Monday
07.05.19 - PTA Meeting 6-7pm - all welcome.
10.05.19 - 4LH Class Assembly
23.05.19 - Last day of term for pupils
24.05.19 - TED Day
13.05.19 - KS1 Sports Day - 9.30am
13.05.19 - EYFS Sports Day - 2.15pm



What have we been up to this fortnight?



Nursery have had an 'eggcellent' week! They have been busy having egg and spoon races, egg rolling to find out which one goes the furthest away and counting the eggs in the bunny's basket. They were very excited to hear the Easter bunny had hidden eggs in the garden for them to find. They made a number line to 20 with the adults help and then swapped them for a chocolate one!

Reception have enjoyed the story of 'We are going on an egg hunt', which we have enjoyed retelling orally using our story map. We then retold our stories independently. We have been sharing eggs into different groups and talking about a fair share. We wonder if the children will give you a fair share of their Easter eggs!

Year 1 : Over the past few weeks Year One have had great fun reading and acting out the story *We're Going On A Bear Hunt*. We used it to help us write our own story about an Easter Egg.

The best part of this week was going on an Egg Hunt in High House Woods. We had great fun working out a secret code hidden on eggs and enjoyed making a nest to keep an egg safe.

We also helped the High House Wood Management Team to plant a tree to commemorate the end of WW1. We are looking forward to see how much it has grown over the next few weeks.



This week **Year 2** have started a new book- "The Lonely Beast". In the story the main character meets a blue whale. The children have been researching blue whales on the internet, and learning about how to search safely using child friendly search engines like "Kiddle". After gathering their information the children began writing reports about blue whales; where they live, what they eat and about their physical appearance. The children have really enjoyed the whole process. In maths we've been learning to tell the time, first to the nearest quarter of an hour and then to the nearest 5 minutes. It has been a very productive 1/2 term. We wish our children and their families a Happy Easter and a relaxing end of term break."

Language Base 1

LB1 have been focusing on healthy eating and learning all about what helps keep their bodies in good working order such as having enough sleep and exercise. The children have also created their own pizzas using fresh ingredients and tried their best to cover all food groups by their choice of toppings. We also said goodbye to Miss Yates this week, who is going off to spend more time with her two children. We wish her all the best as we sadly waved goodbye. We are looking forward to Mrs Trafford starting after Easter in LB1.

On behalf of all LB1 staff, thank you for your ongoing support and have a great Easter break!

Language Base 2

It has been a sad and happy week in LB2 this week. We are saying a very sad farewell to Mrs. Jones. Everyone will miss her and her happy smile lots and wish her a relaxing retirement. We are also very much looking forward to welcoming Mrs. Chivers to the LB2 team. Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Chivers have been busy planning lots of exciting learning for the summer term. As always thank you for your ongoing support, have a wonderful half term.

Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Bird

In other news:

We are the parents of Jack (4SR) and Thomas (2AP) and we run a charity called 'Sun Flowers', supporting people post loss by suicide. The charity is very young in its growth, but we have been astounded by the support we have had so far. This year we have managed to secure a place in the London Marathon, which is a huge accomplishment! Paul Townsend, dad of Millie and Tommy who also has children at Lickey Hills, has been training hard to be our runner. We will all be going to London to cheer him on. Paul says he is "honoured to support such a worthy cause". If anyone would like to sponsor Paul, please can you let Helen Townsend or Bekki Mapp know. Thank you for your support.

Birmingham Children's Hospital

We were thrilled to receive a letter from Birmingham Children's Hospital this week which said we are one of their top 100 fund-raisers in 2018. They have invited us to a special afternoon tea and we are delighted that members of the Portman family will be going. There will be a special red balloon displayed outside the hospital for 12 months with our name on so we are very proud. Once again, we extend our thanks to those of you who donated and supported us when we ran the 10K in Birmingham last year. We raised over £3500! Mrs. Brooks

News from the Hive

Wow! What a term! We have been extremely busy in the Hive this fortnight. The children have enjoyed all of our Easter activities as well as making Mother's day key rings. Hot cross buns and rabbit shaped crumpets hopped onto the children's plates this week, making them all smile. The Holiday booking forms are coming back into school and we should have final a decision very soon. I will be in touch with parents regarding this as soon as we have news. The 'New Noodles' on Tuesdays has been a big hit with the children, they have now voted on keeping these every week. Have a safe and happy Easter break and we'll look forward to welcoming you all back on April 29th. Miss Lynch