



Friday 10th May 2019

Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery

Dear Parents/Carers,

SATs week is upon us again. Each year they are wedged between the London Marathon and the FA cup final, and become the most pressurised time in our school year when our Year 2's and Year 6's are challenged with tests that are used to rank schools against each other. Our teachers and assistants work hard to reduce anxiety and prepare our children for the tests ahead, we remind them that as long as they are truly doing their very best we are proud of them and that any tests are simply a snapshot on the day of the things they have achieved in school so far. Mrs Tomlinson (Office Manager) shared this poem with me this week: SATs don't measure sports, SATs don't measure art, SATs don't measure music, or the kindness in your heart. SATs don't see your beauty, SATs don't know your worth, SATs don't see the reasons, you were put upon this earth, SATs don't see your magic, how you make others smile, SATs don't time how quickly you can run a mile. SATs don't hear your laughter or see you've come this far, SATs are just a tiny glimpse of who you really are. So sitting at your table with a pencil and your test, Remember SATs aren't who you are - remember you're the best!

Our ethos at LHPSN encourages pupils to dream, believe and achieve. We know that challenges make you discover things about yourself that you never really knew so we say - have a go, try your best and learn from those mistakes!

Yours in learning,

Miss Salisbury (Headteacher)



Attendance Award

KS1

2MG
92.83%

KS2

6CW
93.98%

Reminder

We are really close to the target of £1000. Currently we stand at £730 and welcome all donations that go to Cancer Research UK.

You can donate by visiting:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lickey-hills-primary-school>

Thank you.

Spring Clean Out

We are attaching a letter today with a request from EYFS.

It's a great time to have a spring clean out!

Miss S's Golden Book Stars



NUR - Darcey C

RMK - Archie C

LB1 - Freddie E
Liam C

2AH - Brandon MB

3HC - Class book of Maths problem solving

Events Organised by PTA

Friday 10th May - Y6 Cake Bake Sale - 3.20pm
on KS2 playground

Thursday 23rd May - Tuck Shop Treat - 3.20pm
on KS1 and KS2 playgrounds

Tuesday 16th July - Lickey's Got Talent
6.30pm - 8.00pm

If you are interested to know more or you would like to be involved, please email lickeyhills@outlook.com. Every pound raised through our community benefits every child at school.
Thank you.

Thank you

A big thank you to Mrs. Beale for her generous donation to The Hive of 12 boxes of Chess. The children will love them!

Reminder

Year 6 SAT's week next week. Staff will be running a breakfast club. The club will run from 8.15am in the hall. Children to come through the main school entrance. Breakfast will be provided free of charge. Please help your child to have a restful weekend so that they arrive at school bright and early on Monday. Friday is Duvet day! Children to wear PJ's, and bring blanket, pillow, teddy & snacks! Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

W/C: 13th May - Yr 6 SAT's Week
17th May - Duvet Day - Yr6
20th May - Bikeability - Yr6
23rd May - Last day of half term for pupils
24th May - TED day
3rd June - Pupils return to school



What have we been up to this fortnight?



NURSERY

Nursery are really enjoying the theme of the half-term Traditional Tales. This week we have been protecting the golden egg in the Giants castle, counting and sorting the magic beans and measuring how tall the beanstalk is. We are looking forward to planting our own beanstalks next week.

RECEPTION

In Reception this week we have been planting sunflower seeds and preparing the garden. We have designed seed case packets, painted sunflowers and written instructions to help when planting seeds. We have also been looking at time. We wonder how long it will take for our sunflowers to grow?

YEAR 1

Children in 1KG have been busy drawing pictures of the local area that are going to be placed in a time capsule on the site of the new village hall in Cofton Hackett. Next week Chris Newsome, Development Director at St. Modwen, and Sheri Gidney, Reverend and Chair of the Cofton Village Hall Trust, will be in school so that the children can put their work into the time capsule.

YEAR 2

"Y2 have been busy with a new topic in maths - we've been looking at volume. The children have looked at the practicalities of measuring the volume of various containers, and have practised reading the scales on different measuring jugs and cylinders. In writing we have continued to study the book "The Lonely Beast", and have begun re-telling our own versions of the story. In Games we switched to summer games (despite the weather!) we are currently practising our tennis skills, developing our control over throwing, catching and striking tennis balls. Next week Y2's will do their SATs. When the children are not sitting the tests they will be doing lots of fun art and craft activities - in the past children have said it's been their favourite week of the year!"

Language Base 1

All the children. Have settled well into the summer term and and are enjoying our new theme; *How does your Garden Grow*.

As well as planting vegetables and flowers with Dr Fishwick, they have also made flowers for our display in the kitchen and will plant flowers in the outside area!

Language Base 2

It has been a fantastic start to the summer term so far in LB2. We have been busy reading a new book in literacy - 'Esio trot' involving a pet tortoise 'Alfie'. We have been using the chrome books to find out about tortoises and have started to plan and draft a non-chronological report about them. In maths, we have been learning about money and the important life skills of adding amounts and calculating change. We have made sure Mrs Chivers has been made very welcome in her new role in the base and helped to show her the ropes!

In other news:

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Ray on the birth of Ava Lily Ray.

I'm sure you will join everyone here in sending best wishes to Mrs Ray.

CATSHILL BAPTIST FOODBANK

This week we have received a certificate of thanks from the Foodbank Team 2019 at Catshill.

Lickey hills Primary School & Nursery gave a generous donation of 15.8kg of food items to their Spring Appeal. Thank you to all of you who donated.

News from the Hive

Thank you to all of those parents who have returned their Summer Holiday club applications. Myself and Calvin Frost (The Hive Governor) are now working on our final details. Since starting back after Easter, the children have been producing beautiful summer paintings. Since the lighter nights have appeared, the children are really enjoying their outdoor environment.