



# Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019

## Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been an incredibly sociable and proud week in school this week welcoming many visitors and families to our super school community. We have hosted two induction evenings welcoming the new reception and nursery parents to share the wonderful opportunities on offer to their children at LHPSN. It's an exciting but anxious time for new starters and families but I know your kindness and support will help the children and parents settle. The PTA Chair spoke to the parents and made an impassioned plea for parents to join and support the association in their work to provide fun events and fund raise for the extra bits that our 'ring fenced funding' cannot buy. Please come along and support their fund raising on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> at 3.20pm for our Summer Fayre. I know so many of us are in families with one or two full-time working parents these days and time is always at a premium, but the children love the opportunity to share their 'entrepreneurship' and mathematical skills in a real life situation so please do join in if you can or send in gift donations, every bit does help. You will find a letter from Claire (PTA Chair) in your Parentmail this week.

The week started and ended with grit, determination, lots of cheering and some fantastic sporting achievements in three days of sporting events. Race for Life, led and organised by Year 5 pupils, Mrs Brooks and Mr Brewer (see more below) and two days of Sports Day events phased from nursery to upper key stage two. Once again thank you to those who joined us, took time off work and came along to cheer on the children's efforts. From nursery to Year 6 the children were wonderful: determination, cooperation and encouragement were in full action and there were many proud faces on the field and in the audience. At each event staff were assisted by a very slick and hard working team of Year 5 pupils and ambassadors who ensured equipment was in place and that everything ran smoothly under the guidance of organisers Mr Brewer and Mrs Cupper and the staff team. The winning team will be announced in assembly on Monday when points from all events will be added together.

Thank you as always for your support, it really does ensure we're able to provide the best we can to our children and families.  
Miss Salisbury  
Headteacher



### Attendance Award

**KS1**

**LB1 - 97.5%**

**KS2**

**4SR - 97.9%**

### Sports Days

It finally stopped raining long enough for us to hold our school sports days!

On Thursday KS1 kicked off the events by going first and speeding down the track to loud cheers! EYFS went next with a lot of fun and super sportiness going on. We were very impressed with the standard of this year's Mums and Dads in their 100m sprint when the parent's races came around! The children loved cheering you on! On Friday morning the sun continued to shine for our Yr3 and Yr4 pupils and it was great to hear the children cheering their friends on school. Finally it was Yr5 and 6 children's turn to show us their sporting talents. We were incredibly proud of all of the children who took part. Thank you everyone who came to support and cheer on and thank you to the PTA for providing Teas and coffees. Mr Brewer

### Miss S's Golden Book Stars



15H for their progress in writing

### Race for Life



What a wonderful day we had on Monday! There was an amazing atmosphere on the school field throughout the day as each class took their turn to run for 20 minutes around the field. Our elder children helped the younger ones around and there was such encouragement from children, staff, parents and the wonderful Year 5 cheerleaders. Mr. Weston came and cheered us along too which was great! We had glimpses of the sun throughout the day and luckily the rain clouds stayed away. Many thanks to all the Year 5 children who organised and ran the show. Mrs. Brooks and Mr. Brewer were very proud of you all! Our refreshment stall raised an impressive £275.55 which all goes towards Cancer Research UK. Thank you to all of you who have sponsored us through our just giving page. We will let you know our total at the end of term.

### Reception Father's Day Event

What a lovely morning we had, celebrating Father's Day. Despite the weather we had a fantastic turn out of dads, uncles and grandfathers who joined us for some colouring, construction and small world play. The children spoiled their adults with biscuits and squash to end this special stay and play session. We hope you all loved the children's beautiful cards on Sunday



### KS1 and KS2 Moderation

We have visits this half term from Babcock assessment moderators, to check the quality of our teacher assessments as part of their scheduled checks of Worcester County Council Schools. The moderators examined samples of work at the expected and greater depth levels and concluded that the school's teacher assessment judgements in reading, writing and maths are 'entirely accurate and consistent with national standards'. This was a pleasing but not unexpected outcome as we work very closely within and beyond school to ensure our assessment and reporting is as accurate as it can be.

### Dates for your Diary

26.06.19 - Class Photo's  
05.07.19 - Severn Valley Trip - Y3  
28.06.19 - Non Uniform Day / School Fayre  
12.07.19 - FAME Concert  
15.07.19 - Cadbury Trip - Y4  
17.07.19 - Yr6 Leavers Disco  
19.07.19 - Last day of Term



# What have we been up to this fortnight?



## Nursery

Nursery have been learning about mini-beasts this week. They have enjoyed becoming bug hunters and exploring in the garden to see if they can spot any. They had a fantastic sports day and all tried their very best! Thank you to all that came to support them, they enjoyed the mummy and daddy's race too!

## Reception

This week we have been going minibeast mad in Reception. We have written clues about different minibeasts to play a guessing game with our friends and designed our own minibeasts. Our new story is Superworm and we have described this amazing worm ready to write missing posters. We have also been learning some facts about real worms and have enjoyed exploring where they live and where we can find them.

## Year 1

A huge congratulations to all those children who did their Phonics Screening Check last week. All the children tried their best and I am very proud of them.

## Year 2

Over the last two weeks Y2 have been focused on a class reader called "Wanted- the Perfect Pet". The children have designed a costume for the main character; a duck who disguises himself as a dog! We have also learned about performance poetry and many of us performed our poems in front of the class. In maths we've looked at word problems and practised our addition and subtraction too. We've done lots of practise for sports day too including sprinting, a bean bag race and an obstacle course.

## And in other news....

We had a visitor from Worcestershire Libraries visit on Thursday to give a special assembly about the Summer Reading Challenge which we are hoping lots of children will join in with! This year the theme is SPACE CHASE, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first Moon landing. It's FREE to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge. Children need to read six books, collect the stickers and help solve the mystery. When you finish the challenge you will be invited to collect your medal and certificate at an awards ceremony. Visit [spacechase.org.uk](http://spacechase.org.uk) for more information, or join up at your local library. You can also visit [worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries](http://worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries) to find out about extra activities and events that you can sign up to in your local library for even more fun this summer. Happy reading everyone! Miss Hahlo

## Language Base 1

In LB1 this week we have been reading poems and focusing on rhyming words such as 'cat', 'fat', 'pat'.

We also looked at the artist Andy Goldsworthy, who creates art through nature. What do you think of the children's' art through nature work?



## Language Base 2

What a busy time it's been in LB2! We were extremely excited that we have had a brand new interactive screen for our classroom - which will really transform our learning. Speaking of learning, in our maths we have been revisiting the topic of time, looking at am, pm, and telling the time on an analogue clock. So if you get chance at home - ask your children to tell you the time at every opportunity! In literacy we have started looking at newspaper reports, which has involved watching a short film about a lighthouse. The children are going to be reporters and will eventually write their very own report all about this story. We are looking forward to the summer fete next week - LB have been very busy sourcing prizes for the raffle and tombola. See you there!

## LHPSN and PTA Summer Fete

There's an excited buzz around school as we approach our school summer fete. Please join us next Friday from 3:30 - 5:30 for a huge variety of games, activities, stalls, food and fun. Each class is battling it out to see who can raise the largest sum of money for the school! Please see our list of donations needed, without which we wouldn't be able to go ahead. Please help however you can, the list of donations are listed here. You don't need to stick to your child's year group list if you have donations to make that match any of the year groups - every little helps! We are also looking for donations of bits and bobs for the tombola. Children are invited into school in their non-uniform as a thank you for the donations that come in. One last request - does anyone have a gas BBQ we could borrow for the afternoon? Many thanks - The PTA

**Nursery and Reception** - Bottles (wine, beer, bubble bath etc) also empty wine bottles with screw lids for a bottles game and homemade or shop bought cakes.

**Year One and Two** - Small prizes for fairground games e.g. key rings, toy cars, bubbles, bouncy ball, small teddies, small wrapped sweets eg lollipops, small bags of haribo sweet.

**Year Three** - Chocolate fountain and sweet shop - donations of marshmallows, sweets, chocolate bars, wooden kebab sticks.

**Year Four** - Cakes for the N/R cake stall (Yr4 have their slime stall re-sources sorted)

**Year Five** - Soft toy tombola - donations of teddies and soft cuddly toys.

**Year Six** - Running a BBQ so any links to businesses that can donate BBQ supplies e.g. buns, sauce, onions, **meat**

**Language Base** - Prizes for raffle and silent auction.

## News from the Hive



All of the children and staff at the Hive would like to say a huge thank you to the Beale family for their kind donation of brand new chess board games. Also a special thank you to the Smith family for their very generous donation of a brand new Air Hockey Machine. The children have already enjoyed playing with this new equipment, thank you for thinking of us! Miss Lynch & The Hive Team

