



Friday 13th July 2019

Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery, I hope everyone managed to find time to rest and have some fun during the summer - adults as well as children! I'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new children and families, I know you will enjoy and benefit from being part of the LHPSN school community. We are a large site with over 65 staff and 430 children, so there are plenty of people around to help everyone settle in and to point you in the right direction. As with all large organisations there are many procedures we ask you to follow so we are all able to ensure the children are our priority and our time and efforts are focussed on providing the best education we can offer.

You will hopefully by now have received reading books and record sheets encouraging you to set aside some dedicated reading time for you and your child. This week during assembly, I read from one of the 'old favourites', the Mr. Men. The story of Mr. Rush with his accidents and mistakes were a good reminder for everyone as we settle back into school routines. Even though it's a book for much younger children, our older children have helped younger pupils to act on the message and have themselves modelled calm and orderly behaviours. I cannot stress enough to those of you who don't read with your child or feel you have time just how valuable that dedicated time is. My own daughter regularly used to negotiate the number of bedtime stories (including the Mr. Men) with me, and now aged 24, we still swap books, recommend new titles and spend many conversations discussing characters, research and plots. The shared joy of reading with your children doesn't stop when you can read, it opens up new doors, opportunities and conversations whatever age they are.

Miss A. L. Salisbury
(Currently reading and enjoying: A Postcard from The Lickey's)



Attendance Award

KS1

2HB - 98.83%

KS2

LB2 - 100%

Parking

The staff and governors would like to thank the many parents who are cooperating with the parking changes to ensure our school is a HSE 'safer site'.

Note: **Parking on the school drive is not permitted** as it blocks the access route for emergency vehicles and blocks the pavement for our children and families - especially those with pushchairs.

Thank you for being respectful of others and putting our children's safety first.

PE Kit Reminders: Our PE kit is very simple and is worn, without exception, from Reception through to Year 6. Children are expected to change for physical education activities and parents should provide the following items.

Key Stage One (Reception to Year 2) PE Kit

Girls House t-shirt (colour) plain white sports socks; black pumps, navy blue gym shorts (but not cycling shorts). Tracksuit and trainers for outdoor games preferably plain navy blue or black.

Boys House t-shirt (see above) plain navy shorts (elasticated waist) plain white sport socks; pumps. Tracksuit and trainers for outdoor games preferably plain navy blue or black.

Key Stage Two (from Year 3 -6)

Girls House t-shirt (see above) navy blue gym shorts (not cycling); plain white socks; trainers and tracksuit for outdoor games preferably plain navy blue or black.

Boys House t-shirt (see above) plain navy shorts, one pair with elasticated waist for PE, one pair for outdoor; plain, white or blue, long sleeve soccer shirt, trainers and tracksuit for outdoor games preferably plain navy blue or black, red soccer socks, soccer boots (optional).

A named drawstring bag should be provided to keep PE clothing tidy.

Great North Run

I was thrilled to take part in The Great North Run at the weekend along with my two elder sons (who are much faster than me!). It was a fantastic day with so much wonderful support. I am very proud to say I completed the 13.1 mile course in two and a half hours. We were running to support World Cancer Research and if you would like to sponsor us the link is below. Any donations would be very much appreciated. Many thanks.
Mrs. Brooks

Miss S's Golden Book Stars



The teachers and I are so proud of how well everyone has settled back into our school community this week. We have seen lots of excellent behaviours, efforts and achievements already. I would particularly like to commend:

Year 1 for their super transition into main school

Year 3 for listening and following instructions so well at swimming this week.

I would also like to thank parents for ensuring children are on time, have the correct equipment for the day and prepared for their day ahead - this really does help good learning.

Dates for your Diary

16.09.19 - PTA AGM
17.09.19 - EVFS & YR1 Phonics Workshop (9am to 10am)
11.10.19 - School Photo's
18.10.19 - Harvest Festival Assembly
25.10.19 - TED Day
w/c 28.10.19 - Half Term



What have we been up to this fortnight?



Nursery

The nursery staff would like to say a big welcome to all of the children who have settled so beautifully this week. We have been learning new names and faces and exploring our environment. We have enjoyed singing songs, reading favourite stories and playing outside with the Reception children.

Reception

It has been wonderful to welcome our Reception children and their families (new and old) to school. They children have been amazing as they begin to get to know each other and their teachers and become familiar with our routines and rules; not forgetting being able to say goodbye to their families as they come into school each day. Well done everyone!

Silver Sports Mark Award!

Over the summer I was delighted to find out that our school had been successful in upgrading our School Sports Mark from 'Bronze' to 'Silver.' This is the first time that Lickey Hills has gained the 'Silver' mark and it really is a big achievement which is reward for the effort that our wonderful children and staff put into our sport last year. We went to more tournaments, ran more lunchtime clubs and even started the 'Daily Mile' initiative in Key Stage 2 which secured us this upgrade. I am looking forward to carrying on in this spirit this year and hopefully push for Gold!

Mr Brewer

Language Base 2

LB2 have spent the initial weeks getting to know each other. Following on from this, they created a 'Guess Who' book full of interesting and surprising facts as well as mystery images. This week, LB2 have begun exploring the text 'Tuesday'. The pupils have loved exploring the pictorial text and were enthused to take on the role of detectives.

Language Base 1

LB 1 have enjoyed their first few weeks of being creative masters. Using the theme 'Marvellous Me', we have created our own biscuit faces, designed new birds to fly high as we aim high as well as using clay to build our own pencil pots.

Literacy work has centred on the text 'The Invisible Boy' by Trudy Ludwig. It is immensely powerful text about a young boy at school. The children have discussed their feelings around their experience of school with such openness, it truly has been something wonderful to be part of.

Some of the pupils have also settled well into their mainstream classes and we are immensely proud of the confidence and positive attitude to do this.

PTA Annual General Meeting

Please join our wonderful PTA for their first meeting of the year. This will be held on Monday 16th September 6-7pm in the school bungalow, which is located at the top of the school drive. Everyone welcome, refreshments and a great chance to meet other parents and get involved in helping raise money for the school.

News from the Hive

Welcome new families, we have had a very busy 2 weeks settling our new nursery and reception children..... they have been amazing! All of the children have done a splendid job helping to make our new children feel welcome and happy. We had great fun in our Summer Holiday Club, the children particularly enjoyed our pool party and the trip to Lickey Hills, if your child attended the summer club, please could you complete and return our questionnaire which will be available from Miss Lynch at the Hive. Thank you - Miss Lynch