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## Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery – School Newsletter

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

This week's total school attendance is 93.9%

Dear Families of LHPSN,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter break and managed to enjoy some family time, chocolate eggs and the spring sunshine and showers?

We had a super end to the term celebrating passover and Easter as well as our PTA 'Break the Rules' day. It was a pleasure to award our Friendship, Effort, Pupil of the Half Term and Enquirer badges to children in Awards assembly and to see how many children are putting our learning powers into action on a daily basis. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the parent consultation evenings; it was lovely to welcome so many of you and to give you the opportunity to see the children's workbooks and see the great progress being made across the curriculum. This week I have been talking to some of our Year 2 children about the PSHE curriculum learning they have been doing. There were so many dream, believe, achieve ambitions in their 'Dreams and Goals' work and the children eagerly talked about who inspires them. We reminded ourselves of safety in school and telling adults if we have worries about ourselves and others. I'm meeting with Year 3 and Year 6 next week to find out their views and opinions on our PSHE curriculum. I also spent time with Year 1 this week catching up on their fabulous phonics learning - they were learning the sound for the trigraph 'dge' - 'it was a squidge on the bridge' - I was extremely impressed with their phonics and reading skills and all their sound and letter knowledge. What a great start to becoming independent readers this is!

The governors have been busy this week undertaking the recruitment for the new Headteacher. It's been a very exciting time in school with so many applicants keen to be the new Headteacher. As I write, the process is still ongoing, but I know Mrs Mayne, Chair of Governors, will write to you shortly and let you know the panel's decision. The new Headteacher will start in September which will give me time to ensure there is a smooth handover.

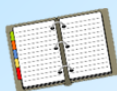
Have a wonderful weekend - I will be shouting encouragement from the sidelines to two family members who are doing the Malver Hills half marathon on Saturday - I do hope the rain stops!



Yours in learning,  
Miss Salisbury

### Date for Diary

25.4 - Netball Match Yr. 6  
26.4 - Ancient Egypt Workshop  
28.4 - Bike-ability Yr4  
01.05 - Bank Holiday  
24.4 - 27.4 - Bike-ability  
28.4 - 3MS Class Assembly  
03.05 - PGL Parents evening  
03.05 - SEN drop in  
05.05 - Kings Coronation celebration



### Miss Salisbury's Golden Book Stars

Freddie I (5JL)  
Amelie R (1HB)  
Freddie K (1HB)



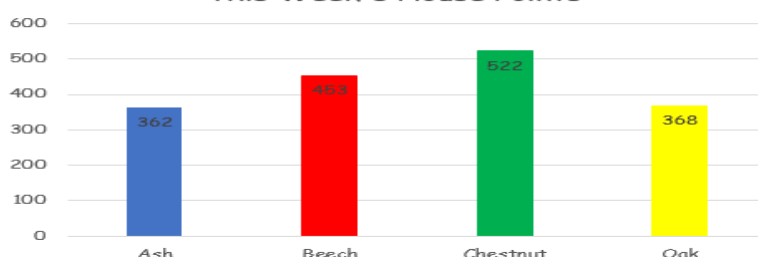
### Easter and Passover Events

We had a very busy end of term at LHPSN celebrating both the Jewish Festival of Passover as well as holding an Easter assembly. As part of our approach to celebrating and respecting all religions and cultures, the whole school celebrated Passover and learnt about the history behind it and what makes it so important for the Jewish people. We were very pleased to welcome Mr. Orchard who talked to the Year 5 children about his beliefs and the different ways Passover is celebrated.

It is always a pleasure to welcome Sheri Gidney from Lickey Church to our school and she shared an Easter story with us which was fun as we all had to do actions. There was some lovely singing from the whole school. We hope everyone continued to enjoy Easter celebrations at home.

Mrs Brooks  
Year 4 Teacher and RE and SMSC Lead.

This Week's House Points





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### LHPSN'S Recommended Reads!

Over the next few weeks, our Year 6 Reading Ambassadors will be sharing with you our wonderful staff's reading recommendations! Every two weeks, they will be interviewing a different teacher to discuss their favourite books and must-reads! For their first instalment, the children spoke to Miss Smith!

#### **What's your favourite book?**

Either 'The Highland Falcon Thief' by M.G. Leonard and Sam Sedgman or 'The Book Thief' Markus Zusak.

#### **Do you enjoy reading?**

Yes! Reading helps you to understanding different people's points of view and how to empathise with others. It can also help you unwind after a busy day and experience times and places you can't visit!

#### **Who is your favourite author?**

Agatha Christie and Ray Celestin.

#### **What is your favourite genre?**

I enjoy crime, mystery, and historical fiction.

#### **Miss Smith Recommended Reads:**

- EYFS – 'How To Catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers.
- Year 1/2 – 'Investigators' by John Patrick Green.
- Year 3/4 – The 'Mr. Penguin' series by Alex T Smith.
- Year 5/6 – Any book by Katherine Rundell!

Miss Williams



### Nursery Easter Event

The Nursery children enjoyed getting creative with their families at our Easter event. Everyone got busy hands creating lots of Easter crafts making Easter chicks, Spring lambs and Easter egg wreaths. Thank you everyone for making our Easter activity an extra special event.

Mrs Virnuls



### Break the Rules day

We had a very Egg-citing end to our Spring Term with two fabulous events organised by our Egg-cellent PTA team. The children were invited to 'Break the rules' and we had a very colourful day that day! Nail varnish, crazy hair styles, non uniform and yummy treats at snack time! After school we had around 180 children join for our first ever cinema experience with a screening of Peter Rabbit! Popcorn and fun was had by all! Thank you PTA, with these two events we raised an incredible £1360!! Please look out for a belated Easter colouring competition coming home this week with chocolate Easter Egg prizes to be won in each year group!

Mrs Williams

### Team Lickey 10K run

Team Lickey are delighted to be reuniting to once again run the Birmingham 10k/ half marathon. Some of you may remember we ran a few years ago to support Birmingham Children's Hospital and Cancer Research UK and raised a lot of money to support both causes.

This year we are joining Miss Williams as she runs the half marathon for Alzheimer's Society. This is a charity which is doing wonderful work but continues to need as much support as possible.

We would very much appreciate any donations. Support along the streets of Birmingham would be welcome too so please watch out for us.

Thank you so much to anyone who donates.

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/catrin-williams962fbclid=PAAaYGFd0ggz-YgoTOORU\\_Jx51M8xEaPU5wJd6-SS\\_Mzj9CBALOsYHucBXJik](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/catrin-williams962fbclid=PAAaYGFd0ggz-YgoTOORU_Jx51M8xEaPU5wJd6-SS_Mzj9CBALOsYHucBXJik)

