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Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery - School Newsletter



Friday 31st March 2023

This week's total school attendance is 94%

Dear Families of LHPSN,

It was wonderful to open our doors and welcome so many parents this week for parents' evenings, I know you appreciate the opportunity to come in and see your child's work books and see first-hand how well they're doing. We've also had two super assemblies from 1MK and 4SB this week - it's good to see how confident the children are and to hear them talking knowledgeably about their learning. We have had more exciting and engaging experiences for the children this fortnight; we have welcomed new visitors into school to enrich our curriculum and help us understand more about our world. Special thanks to Mr Orchard (Y5 Judaism) the Animal Man and Sheri from Lickey church with her Easter stories. You can find out more about our visits and visitors in the newsletter articles below.

As we come to the end of the spring term, I would like to wish you all a very happy Easter on behalf of the staff and governors at LHPSN.

I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 17th April.

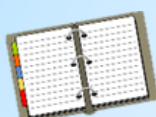
Kind regards,
Miss Salisbury

*Please check the school website for upcoming dates in the summer term including Sports Days and the End of Year Show.

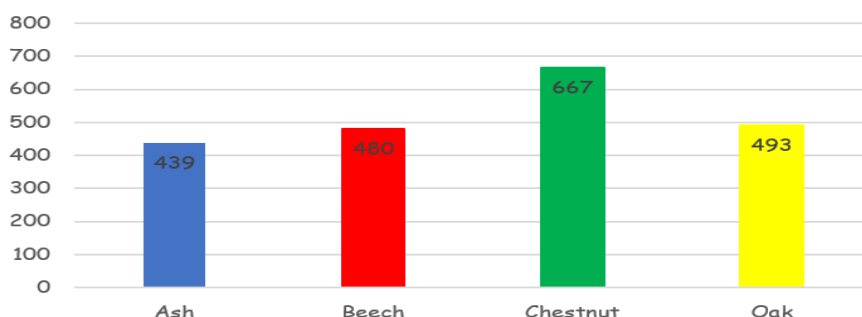


Date for Diary's

30.03 - Nursery Easter Event
31.03 - PTA Break the rules day
31.03 - 1MK Class Assembly
31.03 - Easter Assembly (PM)
31.03 - Breakup for Half term



This Week's House Points



Miss Salisbury's Golden Book Stars



Zhenae (RKG) Aiven (RKG) Harvey (RJR) Piper (RJR)
Maisie (RKG) Ivy (RKG) Emily (RJR) Anjan (RKG)
Grace (RJR) Charlotte (RKG) Mia (RKG)

Theia K, Riley, Louis (1MK) Lucas, Emma M (1HB)

Amber H, Ayla H (2BW)

William, Martha, Tilly P, Oliver B, Sienna, Emily (5HM)
Joshua D-D, Sophie D (5JL)

Bram H, Lexie B, Jacob H, Isabelle H,
Erin M (4SB)

Pupil wellbeing

At LHPSN we are committed to supporting the emotional health and wellbeing of our pupils and staff. We know that everyone experiences life challenges that can make us vulnerable and at times, anyone may need additional emotional support.

We take the view that positive mental health is everybody's business and that we all have a role to play.

By clicking the following link you will find the ways we can help and support the children and their families with any needs that may arise. [Early Help Offer for Families 2022 - 2023 - Help and Support for parents and families](#)

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Nursery News Animal Man Visit

The Nursery children were excited to see lots of different animals which the ranger brought to show us. We saw Ian the Giant Hissing Cockroach; Kellogg the Corn Snake; Bill the Leopard Gecko; Thelma the Bearded Dragon; Miles and Oswald the twin Horsefield Tortoises; Maureen the Pigmy Hedgehog; Karen the European Scops Owl and our favourite Esther the Kinkajou (Honey Bear). As well as seeing the animals, we had hands-on experience holding them gently with our kind hands.

Well done everyone

Mrs Virnuls



Budget 2023

More working parents will be supported through an extension of the free childcare on offer, more than doubling the current support in place. Here Gov.uk explains everything you need to know about childcare from the Spring Budget.

Who is eligible for 30 hours free childcare?

We're extending [free childcare](#) to support more parents returning to work after their parental leave ends.

Currently, parents who work more than 16 hours a week and earn less than £100,000 are entitled to [30 hours free childcare](#) a week for children aged three to four.

We're now expanding the scheme so that working parents of all children over the age of nine months are also entitled to free 30 hours of childcare. This is a transformational change that will make a difference to families across the country.

Some providers may ask for charges in addition to the free childcare. Visit childcarechoices.gov.uk for further information.

When will it start?

From **April 2024**, working parents of two-year-olds will be able to access 15 hours of free childcare.

From **September 2024**, 15 hours of free childcare will be extended to all children from the age of nine months.

From **September 2025** working parents of children under the age of five will be entitled to 30 hours free childcare per week.

This staggered approach will give childcare providers time to prepare for the changes, ensuring there are enough providers ready to meet demand.

What childcare support is available for people on Universal Credit?

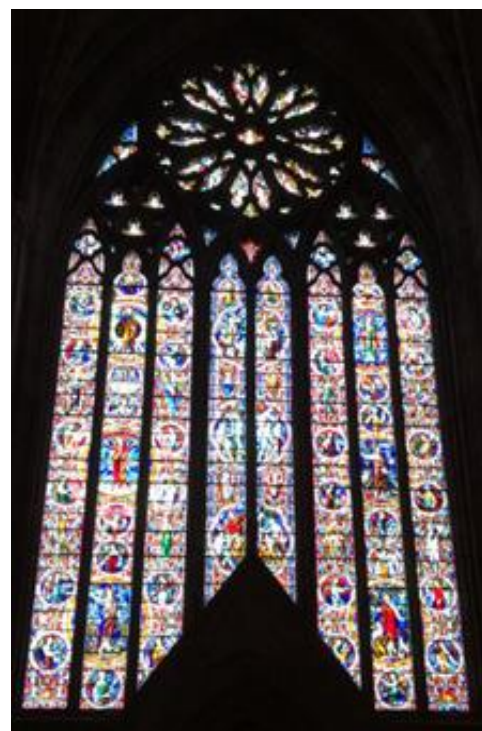
Parents on [Universal Credit](#) are set to get further support too. Currently, up to 85% of childcare costs can be claimed back. However, by Summer 2023 parents will be able to access the funds upfront to make it easier for them to get a job or increase their hours. This removes any gap in funds and eases parents into the childcare costs payment cycle.

The maximum amount of support will also be increased by almost 50%, to £951 for those with one child and to £1,630 for those with two.

Year 2 Trip to Worcester Cathedral

On Wednesday, Year 2 had a fantastic trip to Worcester Cathedral. We have been learning about two elements of Christianity this half term: 'What is the good news Christians say Jesus brings?' and 'Why does Easter matter to Christians?' To extend our understanding of these, the wonderful team of volunteers set up a range of activities for us to explore the story of Easter Week and also to take a tour of the incredible 900 year old building to discover representations and symbols of Jesus and his good news. We had a fantastic day and learnt so much more than we could ever do in the classroom alone. Thank you to the Cathedral Team!

Y2 Team



LHPSN Children Leave Their Own Legacy!

The winners of the care home naming competition went to see their chosen names in pride of place at the care home last week. Scarlett, William, Rose and Hattie were able to cut the official opening ribbons at the entrance of their winning rooms and have a tour of the spectacular care home. Plans are underway to make more links in the future with the welcoming staff and residents of Cofton Care Home. Year 4 are currently participating in the RSA4 social action project which is working on building links within the community. They will be preparing a visit to share their work with the home who have already purchased plants and garden tools for groups of children to help out in the coming months. We're really excited to be able to collaborate by bringing our children's infectious energy together with the attention and experience of the elderly residents to give a sense of purpose to both.

Miss Salisbury





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Reading Corner

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 Moore!

What's your favourite book?

'Goodnight Mister Tom' by Michelle Magorian.

Do you enjoy reading?

Yes! I enjoy reading with my daughter (especially 'The Day The Crayons Quit' and 'We're Going On A Bear Hunt').

Who is your favourite author?

My favourite children's author is Sophie Anderson.

What is your favourite genre?

Classic wartime and horror.

Miss Moore's Recommended Reads:

EYFS - 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas.

Year 1/2 - 'Rapunzel' by Bethan Woolvin.

Year 3/4 - 'The Star-bearer' by Dianne Hofmeyr.

Year 5/6 - 'Beetle Boy' by M. G. Leonard.



Autism Acceptance week

Autism Acceptance week is a yearly event that is planned around [Autism Acceptance Day](#) on the 2nd of April. In 2023, Autism Acceptance Week runs from 27 March - 2 April. Autism is a lifelong condition that can affect the way people interact with others and their environment. It is not an illness or a problem; it is just a different way of seeing the world. It is estimated that there are around 700,000 Autistic people in the UK and that about 1 in 100 children are autistic. The aim of Autism Acceptance Week is to help more people understand what Autism is, as well as the ways it can affect life for Autistic people. At Lickey, we have a number of children who are Autistic. We also have lots of resources and an Autism Champion, Mrs Teasdale, who can find ways to help when things become hard or confusing. We have some groups for invited children but have also just started an open Quiet Club for anyone who is finding the playground a little overwhelming. This runs on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes from 12.50 to 1.20pm. If you would like any information on Autism, please get in touch. The National Autism Association is a great source of information as well and there are local associations too.

Mrs Teasdale

Useful Websites:

<https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/>

<https://www.autism.org.uk/directory/a/autism-west-midlands>



KS1 Drumming Workshop

On Tuesday, children in KS1 were really excited to take part in fantastic drumming workshops as part of our World Music Festival this term. We had the opportunity to play both talking drums and Djembe drums during the sessions. We learnt about tempo, timing, ensembles and response. This was an excellent opportunity to take part in live music and to learn to play new instruments. All the children had great, NOISY fun!

KS1 Team

