



# NEWSLETTER



## LEA C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



Our value for this half term is  
**'Co-operation and The Rule of Law'**



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### Whitemoor Lakes

Year 5 recently went to stay near Lichfield at Whitemoor Lakes Activity centre for 3 days and 2 nights. During their stay they participated in a host of both wet and dry activities. This ranged from raft building and canoeing to fencing and high ropes.

Molly said "It was amazing, all the instructors were very kind and supportive".

Katie said "My favourite activity was abseiling" and William V chose the zip wire as his personal favourite.

The weather was fabulous, the food yummy and the activities exhilarating. A great time was had by all. Thank you to Mrs Webber and Mrs Cook for taking the children.



### DIARY DATES

#### JUNE

- 6-8<sup>th</sup> Wilderness Trip (Y3/4)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Swimming (Willow)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Sports Day 9.30am
- 21<sup>st</sup> Proms in the Playground at Gorsley 6pm (some children may be involved)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Crucial Crew (Dene Magna children)
- 25<sup>th</sup> Dene Magna Induction Week
- 25<sup>th</sup> Crucial Crew
- 26<sup>th</sup> Cathedral Leavers Service (Y6)
- 28<sup>th</sup> Class Change morning
- 28<sup>th</sup> Transition Day JKHS (Y6)
- 28<sup>th</sup> Swimming (Willow)

#### JULY

- 1<sup>st</sup> PTFA Charity Stall Bandstand in Ross
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reserve Sports Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> Seaside Day for Whole School
- 10<sup>th</sup> ) End of Term Musical
- 11<sup>th</sup> ) (details to follow)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Swimming (Willow)



### OFSTED

You should have received an email today about our Ofsted Report which is now available to view on our website. Paper copies can be requested from the school office.

We are very pleased with the result where Lea C of E Primary School and Pre-School remains a 'Good' school. We would like to thank the children for their excellent contribution, parents/carers and Governors for their continued support and of course all the staff who work so hard to make the Lea School and Pre-School such a special place.

### Wacky Hair Day



A big thank you to the children at school and pre-school for supporting our Wacky Hair Day. We raised £106.62 for the Air Ambulance. Thank you to the School Council who organised the event.



### SATS

Last week Year 6 children undertook the Key Stage 2 SATS. The children were all very positive and a real credit to their parents/carers and Mr Goddard, all coming in with a smile on their face and a positive attitude, which was a delight to see. Well done children, we are all so proud of you and your efforts.

### End of Term Musical



After half-term Rowan and Oak Class will begin rehearsals for their end of term musical which will be on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm. I am sure for those who have lines to learn, they will find time over half-term to start this task. What an exciting time and we will be seeing more of Miss Hutton in the coming weeks to support the children in these rehearsals.



**Kirsty Norris**  
**Governor and Chair of Finance Committee and Parent Governor**  
**Personal Profile**

I was elected as parent Governor at Lea School four years ago. My son is currently in Year 3. I have seen at first hand how the leadership and staff at Lea School provide a welcoming and supportive environment for all children. As a parent Governor, I aim to help direct and support the vision and growth of the school ensuring "all-round" development and outstanding education for each and every child.

I am also Chair of the Finance Committee. My background is accounting and I have worked for the same firm of accountants in Gloucester for 12 years now.

In my spare time I'm a Scout Leader running the Ruardean Beavers Colony. I also enjoy exploring the Forest of Dean on my horse, walking with my dogs and skiing.



**Apple Orchard**

Rainbow Class had a lovely day at the apple orchard on Wednesday. We really enjoyed seeing Farmer Robert, Farmer Harry and Rachel and we heard all about how busy they are looking after the apple trees. We learnt about the blossom and the important role bees play in the growing of the apples. It was a lovely day with lots of fun exploring the apple orchard.



**Julian Grail**

**Foundation Governor and Parent Governor**  
**Personal Profile**



My name is Julian, I am both a Foundation Governor (appointed by the church) and a Parent governor, I am also a member of Lea PCC. I have been a governor for around eight years. I have two children Harley and Verity who have both thrived at Lea. I became a governor to help support the school and offer my experience in areas of finance and facilities. I am a firm believer that learning is a life long journey; the path and pace of which is unique to each of us. Lea is a very special school where everyone counts and everyone is given the opportunity and encouragement to reach their potential. As a faith school Lea offers very much more than just an academic education, we instil values which although are based on the Christian faith are compatible with all faiths. These were the things that made me as parent want Lea school to be the place to send my own children.

I would like to wish our Year 6 children all the very best for the future as they move onto the next phase of their lives and enter year 7. I hope they will always look back with fond memories of their time at Lea. I always enjoy chatting to other parents so please do come and say hello if you see me around in school.

**Mike's Sponsored Walk**

On 12<sup>th</sup> May Mike Williams took part in the Big Black Mountain Challenge covering 31.4 miles around the Black Mountain Horseshoe. The walk started and finished at Llanthony Priory and took ten hours and two minutes to complete. The conditions were absolutely perfect for distance walking. Total ascent was equivalent to climbing a mountain of 6,750 feet. Fortunately the descent was the same!

Sponsorship was for the two schools and for the Longtown Mountain Rescue Team who ran the event. They manned the checkpoints and were always helpful. About 850 took part over three different routes, 17km, 27km and the 50km that Mike did. A little over £500 was raised which will be divided equally.

Thanks to all who sponsored Mike, it was much appreciated and a big thank you to Mike for undertaking this challenge for us.



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