



NEWSLETTER



LEA C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



Our value for this half term is
'Patience'



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Building Work Update

We are very pleased with the progress of the extension and we are hopeful that the children will be back in their classroom after half term. The roof is on and the plasterer has been busy this week!

Thank you for bearing with us this half term but we can assure you that the children will definitely enjoy their new learning environment when completed.

DIARY DATES

October

PTFA CHARITY SHOP
Saturday 5th October - Friday 19th October

Wednesday 17th Quicksticks Hockey

Thursday 18th Royal British Legion Visit for Remembrance Assembly

Thursday 18th Willow Class Cake Sale

W/C 22nd October
NO TEACHER LED CLUBS

Monday 22nd Parents Evening
3.30 – 5.30pm

NSPCC Visit for Assembly

Tuesday 23rd Flu Nasal Vaccine Yrs R – 5

Wednesday 24th Parents Evening
5.00 – 8.00pm (NOT ROWAN)

Thursday 25th Special Remembrance Service
Y5 & Y6 (info to follow)

Friday 26th INSET DAY – NO SCHOOL

Friday 26th October - Friday 2nd November
HALF TERM

November

Monday 5th School Returns

Tuesday 6th Pudsey visit & fundraising for Children in Need

Wednesday 7th Football Competition Y5 & Y6

Thursday 8th Remembrance Service for Staff & Children @ 1.00pm

Friday 9th School & Pre-School Photos Individual & Siblings (AM)

Sunday 11th Remembrance Service at Ross Church (Pupil Representation)

Wednesday 14th Open Afternoon 1.30-3.00pm (Current & New Parents)

Thursday 15th Oak Class Swimming starts

Harvest Festival



The whole school was joined by parents to celebrate Harvest Festival on Thursday 4th October at St John the Baptist Church, Lea.

Thank you to the pupils and staff for putting together such a lovely service, with poems, songs and stories. Many thanks also to everyone who brought in donations of food for the Ross Food Bank. Your contributions have been very gratefully received and will be passed on to those in need.

Thank you also to Mrs Calderbank who came in and helped Rainbow Class make a harvest loaf for the Church.

Sports for Champions



On Friday 2nd October we were visited by Olympic Artistic Gymnast, Clinton Purnell, as part of our fundraising for the "Sports for Champions" project, which aims to encourage children to lead a healthier, active lifestyle.

During the day, the children took part in sports activities led by Clinton, and listened to his inspirational life-story.

Thank you for all the fundraising.



Break Time Snacks



At Lea Primary School and Pre School, we encourage healthy eating. In line with this we ask that any snacks sent in for break time should be fruit only.

Any concerns over this please talk to your child's class teacher. Please remember that fruit is provided for Reception and KS1 children.

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society



At LEA VILLAGE HALL

Wednesday 24th October 7.30pm

Admission £5.00/£3.50 (Doors open at 7.00pm)
Tea and coffee available





Netball

Last week we took 7 children to play in a High Five Netball tournament at John Kyrle High School. The children were a real credit to Lea Primary School and played so very well, showing a great resilience and real team spirit between themselves and other teams too. The different schools were quite well matched resulting in 3 draws and 1 win for our team 😊 Very well done to all of those who played and thank you to Mrs Orme for helping with transport.



Parking

Thank you to all parents and carers for working with us with the new dropping off/collection arrangements for Pre School, via the new path. Can we remind you that the Staff Car Park (access via road next to The Brambles) is for Staff parking **only** and dropping off & collection for Breakfast and After School Club. At all other times the Village Hall carpark should be used where possible. Thank you for your support on this matter.

Lin Welch Safeguarding Governor

My name is Lin Welch and I have been a governor of Lea Primary School for the past 6 years but I have been involved with the school for over 30 years. As a member of the governing body I am responsible for safeguarding, attendance and SEN. Before I took early retirement to help look after my grandchildren I worked at Gloucester Academy for 13 years as a Child Protection Officer and Family Support Worker, working with and supporting children with many different problems. I feel this role has helped me to fulfil my role as a governor.

I have 3 sons who all attended the school, when my eldest son started there were only 23 pupils on role so I first became involved fighting to keep the school open, then chair of the PTA helping to fund raise for the building of the present school. Prior to this I helped to run Lea playgroup which over the years evolved in the present Lea Pre School.



The Family Science Evening

A number of families were invited to spend an evening with Doctor Simon Rhodes from Cathedral School and the Ogden Trust.

The families discovered a number of basic scientific principles and then looked at forces and factors which could lead to a successful rocket.

Each of the families used engineering knowledge and team work to create their own rockets.

They were launched onto Gorsley field, some even going over the end of the field hedge!

"It was the best afternoon I have ever had. Dad really enjoyed it. I had a brick, paper and a feather dropped on me, and was about to have a cannon ball dropped on me!"

The size of the cannon ball and polystyrene ball were the same, but the cannon ball was really heavy. We wondered which would land first.



Orchard Walk



On Wednesday Rainbow Class went on the long anticipated Apple Orchard trip.

The weather turned out to be fantastic and all of the children had a fabulous time. First we walked for what seemed like forever. Upon arrival we had a snack. We saw and had a sit in a tractor then watched it harvest the apples. After harvesting the apple had to go into trailers so we threw apples in trailers. A very exciting thing next, we watched in awe as a machine shook all the apples out of the trees. Then we had a lovely sunny picnic to finish and a jolly walk home.

In fact due to the whole class's brilliant behaviour something happened that has never happened before, every single person in rainbows received a reward card to take home. Well done to all of you children.

