



# NEWSLETTER



## LEA C. E. PRIMARY & PRE-SCHOOL



Our value for this month is  
**'Quality / Forgiveness'**



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### Pancake Day

On Shrove Tuesday everyone in Rainbows Class had a fantastic time, mixing, chopping and most importantly eating our pancakes. We all tried blueberries and strawberries and many children wanted a bit of everything on their actual pancake.



### DIARY DATES

#### March

- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> TAG Rugby (Y5/Y6)
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Willow Class Swimming
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Castell Coch Trip (Y1/Y2)
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Science Week (activities to be confirmed)
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Cluster Science Event at Gorsley Goffs
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Piano Presentation to Parents with Mrs King at 3.15pm
- Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Mothering Sunday

#### April

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Dress Rehearsal 2pm (Rowan Class) Pre-school to watch
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Goodrich Castle Trip (YR)
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Production to Parents (Rowan Class) 6.30pm
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Swimming Gala in Monmouth
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Production to Parents (Rowan Class) 6.30pm
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Y1 Hearing Tests
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Willow Class Swimming
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Debating Competition (Y5/Y6)
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> School & Pre-School Class & Group Photos
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Non Uniform Day (bring chocolate for Chocolate Bingo)
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Cluster Dance Festival at Lea
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Easter Service at Lea Church at 2pm
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Interim Reports to Parents
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Chocolate Bingo (Eve)
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Easter Eggstravaganza
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> School Finishes Early at 2pm  
**NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**
- EASTER HOLIDAYS: 15<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019**
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Summer Term Starts

### Update from The Governors Hard Federation Progress



Thank you to those parents who came to the Consultation Evening - although the turn-out wasn't huge, it was a good opportunity for two-way discussion and to have some interesting questions posed and answered. Other responses received so far, both written and verbal, have all expressed support for the federation.

The consultation period ends at 3.30pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. The Governors value your views and really want to hear from you, so please complete the response form or email the school to make sure your views and comments are heard as part of this important decision. Thank you.

Gill Davis, Foundation Governor

### CLASS ATTENDANCE

Rainbow	98%
Chestnut	93.9%
Willow	100%
Rowan	97%
Oak	96.3%

**WELL DONE  
WILLOW CLASS**

### Attendance

Well done to all classes who have improved their attendance over the last 3 weeks and a particular well done to Willow Class with 100% - Excellent!

Remember it is perfectly fine to send children to school with minor illness, letting the class teacher know. If then we feel they are not coping with the school day or they deteriorate, we will be sure to contact you.

Thank you for your support on improving our school's attendance.

**End of Summer Term:  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019**



## World Book Day



On Thursday 7th March we celebrated **World Book Day** with a range of fun activities! Everyone came to school dressed as characters from their favourite book. There was a fantastic variety of characters and creatures! Well done to all who participated (and to parents for helping your children to create their wonderful costumes!)

We also held a competition to create a 3D model linked to a story or book. The resulting entries were all exceptional and the children really demonstrated their creative and imaginative skills!

After school, we held a 'Book Swap' in the hall, where children (and grown ups) were able to bring along unwanted books and stories and exchange them for some new ones!

This was a great success and meant that everyone was able to go home with a new book (or two) to enjoy on World Book Day!



## Pre-School News

Welcome back to the Spring Term, we have had some new friends start with us at Pre-School this term who are settling in well! This term our topic will be 'Spring Time and Growth'. We will be looking at the changing season, birds, frogs and their habitats and life cycles and finishing the term with a topic of Easter.



1. Please can we ask that all children have at least 2 changes of clothes in their bags, including socks.
2. We will have the photographer in school on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April to take a whole Pre-school photo, if your child is not in setting this day and you would like them to be included in the photo, please bring them to Pre-School for 9.00am.
3. School Admission Applications for September 2019 - Parents will be informed of their child's allocated school place on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2019.
4. 30 Hour Codes - If your child receives 30 hours funding, please keep re-confirming your codes when you receive the email. If you think you may be eligible for 30 hours funding please speak to Emily and find out how to apply.
5. Booked Sessions - Please remember that all booked sessions must be paid for in full. Please note we are now full for some sessions, if you require extra hours these must be booked in advance. We unfortunately cannot swap sessions for sick days, bank holidays or school inset days.
6. World Book Day - We held World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, the children all looked fantastic - thank you!! They had a super day reading the story of Elmer and making their own elephants and enjoyed having the children from Year 3 come up from school to 'share a story'.
7. We welcome any donations of wellingtons from YR/Y1 as we are short of sizes 9, 10 and 11 for spares and also clothes we can use for spares too.
8. Pre-School Parents, as well as School Parents, are invited to Coffee Morning at Lea Village Hall – see details below.



## DISCO

Nearly everyone attended the School Disco last week which was organised by the PTFA. It was a wonderful event for the children, and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

***A BIG THANK YOU TO THE PTFA!***



## Coffee Morning

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 9am at the Village Hall**

Gill Davis, one of our Governors, will be opening the monthly Village Coffee Morning early, to allow parents from **Pre-School and School** to get together after drop off, if you wish. Refreshments will be provided.



## Recycling at Lea



We need your help to protect our planet by reducing, reusing and recycling your rubbish.

**PLEASE SAVE AND COLLECT:**

*Popcorn, crisps and pretzels packets (no nut packets please)*

**AND IN A SEPARATE CONTAINER:**

*Any brand of biscuit, cracker and cake wrappers*

We will also be collecting in school and pre-school at lunchtime.

Everything collected will be sent to TerraCycle for recycling into hard plastic and reused.

As well as reducing waste to landfill and reusing materials we will also earn money for our school.

Please support our school and the future of our planet and encourage other friends and family to collect too.

Drop off at the gazebo in the playground ☺.



## 'Children's Church' at St John the Baptist Church, Lea

**24<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00am**  
**(Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month)**

Starts with craft activities followed by a short relaxed service. Everyone is welcome ☺.

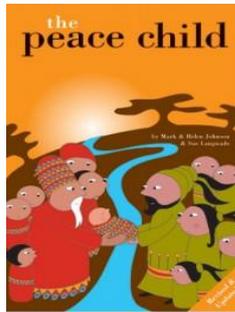
## HEAD LICE



Please be aware that there have been reports of head lice in school. We would ask you to be vigilant and check everyone in the family. Regularly wet combing, with conditioner and a fine toothed comb, is the best way of keeping head lice at bay. The sooner you detect them, the sooner you can get rid of them and prevent other adults and children from being infested.

## The Peace Child

Rowan Class are working hard to prepare for their forthcoming production of 'The Peace Child', a musical play set in the far away, rainforest land of Mambica! Performances take place on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 6.30pm.**



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**SCHOOL & VILLAGE FETE**  
**SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**



## Communication

Please note that when emails are sent to school for teachers we always endeavour to reply as soon as we can. Sometimes due to work commitments we may not answer immediately but please be assured that parent emails will be answered within 3 days.

If you feel something needs to be dealt with urgently please contact the school office.

