



NEWSLETTER



LEA C. E. PRIMARY & PRE-SCHOOL



Our value for this month is
'RESPECT'



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Goodrich Castle Trip

On Tuesday 2nd April, Rainbow Class went to Goodrich Castle. The rain threatened to open up on us but we braved the elements and were rewarded with some lovely weather for most of the day. We saw lots of things; arrow slits, towers, the chapel, the great hall, the stable, the moat (though apparently it's a defensive ditch not a moat) and Roaring Meg the Cannon. The children had a great time and all behaved well throughout the day, being complimented by the English Heritage staff as "potentially the best behaved class we've ever had."



DIARY DATES

April

EASTER HOLIDAYS: 15th – 26th April 2019

Monday 29th Summer Term Starts

May

Wednesday 1st Y2 Multi Skills at JKHS
(re-arranged from 6 March)

Thursday 2nd Chestnut Class Swimming

Thursday 2nd Y5 Whitemoor Lakes
Residential Meeting at 3.30pm

Monday 6th BANK HOLIDAY

Wednesday 8th – Friday 10th May
Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes Residential

Wednesday 8th Y4 Tennis at JKHS

Wednesday 8th Y6 London Residential
meeting at 6pm at Gorsley

KS1 & KS2 SATS
Monday 13th May – Friday 17th May

Thursday 16th Pre-School Cake Sale

Monday 20th – Friday 24th May
Year 6 London Residential

Monday 20th Y3/Y4 Multi Skills at Wyeseide

Wednesday 22nd Y3/Y4 Football at RRC
(re-arranged from November)
together with Y5

HALF TERM
Monday 27th – Friday 31st May

June

Wednesday 5th Y6 Leavers Celebration at
Hereford Cathedral

Wednesday 5th Y5/Y6 Cricket at RRC

Thursday 6th Chestnut Class Swimming

End of Summer Term:
Thursday 18th July 2019



Cluster Dance Festival

This week saw the annual Ross and District Dance Festival which was again held at Lea.

We enjoyed a fantasy story from Willow class, an adventure in the woods from Chestnut class, a dance team from Bridstow, Superheros from Gorsley and a demonstration and master class in Stomping by members of Rowan and Oak classes.

CLASS ATTENDANCE

Rainbow	96.5%
Chestnut	93.7%
Willow	96.3%
Rowan	97.9%
Oak	97.1%

**WELL DONE
ROWAN CLASS**



PARKING REMINDER

Please can we remind parents of **School and Pre-School** to park in the Village Hall Car Park when collecting and dropping off and not park in the Staff/Visitors Car Park.

Lately we have had visitors and staff struggle to park due to some parents using the Staff/Visitors Car Park.

Thank you for your co-operation.



LITTER PICK

MONDAY 15th APRIL
Meet at the Village Hall at 10.00am
Help keep Lea looking lovely ☺



PEACE CHILD

Last week, Rowan Class presented their musical extravaganza, "The Peace Child" to the school and to their parents and families. Everyone who watched it was blown away by the outstanding performances by all of our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils!

Everyone had done a fantastic job of learning their lines and cues and their singing really raised the roof! Well done to everyone involved!



Digital Leaders

Last Wednesday a group of Year 5 and 6 children went to Digital Leaders at Ashfield Park.

We have a great time making videos on how to spend less time on our iPads and more time outside. We also put sound into stories and had fun on Seesaw. Altogether we had a great day with our friends and we had lots of fun and learnt about the human body on VR.

By Oliver Stevens & Noah Shutt

Castell Coch Trip

The children of Chestnut and Willow classes had a magical trip to Castell Coch, near Cardiff last week. The weather was lovely, which meant that we were able to have a picnic lunch on the grass outside.

The decorated rooms told stories from Aesop's Fables and the mirrored and painted ceilings were amazing. "It looked like a fairy castle" said Isaac.



Swimming Gala



Snow, ice, hail and road closures and an early leaving time didn't cool the enthusiasm for the annual swimming gala at Monmouth Boy's School on Thursday 4th April.

All swimmers swam really well, enjoying the heat, noise and competitiveness between the schools. Results and times should be with Mrs Fursdon by the end of the week.

Residential Payments Due

Please remember that **final payments** for the London Residential (Year 6) and Whitemoor Lakes (Year 5) are due week commencing 15th April 2019.



Uniform

Please remember to send your child into school in the correct uniform, which is forest green sweatshirt and green polo shirt both with the school logo and black or grey school trousers or skirts/pinafores.

During the warmer months, black or grey shorts may be worn or green gingham dresses. **Leggings should not be worn and shoes should be school shoe type**, black in colour and should be practical and safe to wear in school. No trainer type shoes should be worn.

Thank you for your continued support on this.



Thank you

Thank you to those parents / carers who came into the KS1 and KS2 SATs meetings a couple of weeks ago. We hope you found the information useful.

Sing Spring



Children in Chestnut and Oak Class went to Sing Spring at The Larruperz Centre on Wednesday and were a real credit to our school. Look out for our next newsletter with all the details.



Pre-School News

For the Summer Term, we will be continuing our topic of 'Spring Time and Growth'. We will be planting flowers and vegetables and looking at Garden Centres in our role play.

Please can we ask parents to chop any food length ways that you send in for your child e.g. grapes, cherry tomatoes, cocktail sausages. Thank you.

STOMP STYLE WORKSHOPS



Last Thursday Pete Francis, an ex-member of the internationally known STOMP dance group came into school and led workshops with all classes during the day.

The children moved in rhythm and used their hands and feet to make patterns and percussion sounds. They also worked in groups to plan, practise and perform their own short routine. The children all worked really well and had a great time.

Concentration was really good throughout. At the end of the day, the older children performed their whole group performance and their individual dances to the rest of the school.

Hard Federation Consultation



Father David Howell would like to thank all the stakeholders for their responses to the Hard Federation proposal and he is delighted to inform you that from 8th July 2019 the Governing Bodies of Lea CE Primary School and Gorsley Goffs Primary School will be dissolved and the new Gateway Federation Governing body will strategically support the management of both schools.



SAVE THE DATE!

SCHOOL & VILLAGE FETE

SATURDAY 29TH JUNE



'Children's Church' at

St John the Baptist Church, Lea

28th April at 10.00am

(Every 4th Sunday of the month)

Starts with craft activities followed by a short relaxed service.

Everyone is welcome ☺.



Debating Competition

On Thursday 4th April five pupils from Year 5: Digby Melton, Harriet Orme, Hugo Cook, Alex Whittington and McKenzie Elson travelled with Mrs Hewitt to Ashfield Park Primary School to take part in the Herefordshire School's Debating Competition.



The children prepared and presented arguments on a variety of subjects, such as, "Should plastic be banned?" and "Should children be allowed to eat sugary foods?" The children were highly praised for their confident speaking and as usual, were superb ambassadors for Lea School. Well done everyone!

