



Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of an extremely busy term ready for our Easter break. I really hope that the weather is good so that we can all enjoy some outside time with our families. As you are aware, at Leasowes we believe in promoting a positive health and wellbeing. We have been working extremely hard to raise awareness and provide activities and outlets to support this. Mrs Wood, who is our wellbeing champion, drives this with all of our stakeholders. With the support of all of the staff, she does an amazing job and I am thrilled to announce that we as a school have been recognised for this by achieving the Wellbeing Award for Schools (WAS in partnership with the National Children's Bureau). During the verification, we had to provide a wide variety of evidence, which included a full presentation as well as the verifier meeting the children, staff members, Governors and parents to discuss wellbeing across the school. There is always more that can be done, but it is a real celebration of all the hard work that takes place. A huge thank you to all involved.

We have received thanks from both Marshlands Special School and Castlechurch Primary School for the kind donations made by the families at Leasowes to support their school in coping with the tragic loss of their pupils. Your kindness is much appreciated.

As you are aware, Mrs Bourne has been teaching in Reception covering Mrs Bromley's maternity leave. Mrs Bourne has loved teaching in Reception so much that she has decided that this is where she would like to teach all of the time. Therefore, I am pleased to announce that she has secured a Reception Teacher position in another school and we wish her all the best in her new venture.

Last week we held two extremely successful Parents' Evenings. These were well attended and it is always great to share information about your child. Thank you to all who completed the Parental Questionnaire. We have looked at the results and I will share these with you in the next newsletter. We are considering trialling an online booking system for Parents Evening in the Autumn Term. We will keep you posted if this goes ahead.

This week Leasowes has hosted the annual football competition again. This has run over three consecutive nights for Years 4, 5 & 6. We had between 12 and 20 teams enter every night and the competition was fierce. The standard of football was just brilliant and all teams were a credit to their school, with over 430 children competing. We entered teams every night and all of the Leasowes children showed our school values. The Year 6 teams fought hard, but unfortunately did not qualify for the Semi-finals. Our Year 4 team were unlucky to lose in the final, but the teams were extremely evenly matched and the final was intense. Finally, Year 5 were victorious for the second year running, without conceding a goal. Thank you to Mrs Moores, Mr Stanley and Mr Williams for organising such a great event. Also, thank you to our hard working PTFA who provided refreshments every night for all to enjoy.

After such a successful term, all that is left for me to say is that I wish you and your families a wonderful Easter break and look forward to seeing you all in the Summer Term.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Bettany
Headteacher

Save the Date!

Our ever popular Fish and Quiz is back on 10th May. Do not forget to save your place!

Polite Reminder

Please be mindful when parking on Porlock Avenue and the surrounding roads.

Together we learn. Together we grow.

Lunch Menu

After Easter, the existing Week 2 lunch menu will be active for the first week back only. After that, there will be new menus that will be provided for the children. These will be uploaded onto the website for your perusal.

Aspire to be Future Me 2019

On Thursday, we held our second annual Aspire to be Future Me event where the children came dressed in a whole host of different aspirational career attire. The day was a real success and once again showed not only our value of aspiration in play but also the collaboration between children, the respect they had for visitors and the courage they had to think outside the box and ask many thought provoking questions.

The children started the morning in their classes discussing what they were dressed as and preparing questions for the volunteers. At 9:30, the children were sent on their way to their first career talk. From the sirens on the playground to forensic evidence in 1GA there was a buzz in the air with children eager to learn, question and respect the hard work and aspirations that our volunteers demonstrated. After half an hour with their first speaker, the children navigated the school to arrive at their second choice. A special mention must be made to our Head Boy and Girl, House Captains and many KS2 children who were more than willing to help the younger children find their way to their second talk.

To finish the day, children completed work around aspiration that will be displayed in the KS2 hall after Easter.

Aspire to be Future Me would not be possible without the volunteers who take time out of their busy schedules to attend and inspire the minds of our future generation. Thank you to the volunteers for allowing the children to see such a vast array of possible career paths:

Recruitment – Chris Errington

Accountant – Lorraine Banks

Forensic analyst – Christine Hall

Guide Dog worker and Nurse – Alison Banham

Architect – Ian Wood

Police Motorcyclist – Gerard Burge

Producer – Alison Brown

Journalist – Will Conaghan

Security Guard – Simon Foster

Make Up Artist – Holly Baker

Miss Leonard

Motorcross – Daniel Rosborough

Paramedic - Ray Edensor

Dog Hydrotherapy – Abbie and Gemma Holmes

Police – Andy Middleton

Fireman – Harry Alcock

Nurse – Heather Leonard

Engineer – George Nichol

MoD civilian HR – Lianne Al Khaldi

Teacher – Mrs Till

Olympian Athlete – Archer – Alison Conaghan

