



Dear Parents,

After a break in the weather, we were finally able to run four out of our five planned sports days. We still have KS1 on Thursday 4th July and are hoping for continued sunshine. Sports days are the most unpredictable events that we run in the school calendar as we are at the mercy of the British weather. Every effort is made to allow these to go ahead, however we have to make decisions taking into consideration the Health & Safety of the children, parents and Grandparents accessing our field safely. Nursery, Reception, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2 sports days have all been brilliant. The children's behaviour is always impeccable, truly showing the values of the school. Thank you to all for supporting these events.

This week the Senior Leadership Team has had the pleasure of spending time in Early Years and Year 1 classes. For those of you that have children in our Leasowes Extra Nursery, I am thrilled with how the staff have created the stimulating environment, ensuring a smooth transition for all. There is a real sense of belonging. The learning that takes place in our Nursery, Reception and Year 1 classes is just fantastic. Children are enthused by the learning opportunities and staff continue to provide such valuable experiences. We had a real focus on progress over time and over the year the children risen to the challenges. The standard of writing by the end of Year One is just unbelievable and this is because we have such great teams driving standards and ensuring the children meet their full potential.

Today I have witnessed, first-hand, our entrepreneurs of the future. We have held our Year 6 Enterprise Fair. This is a wonderful event where children experience the process of creating a business. The children have to present a business case to the PTFA to loan £5. If successful, they use this capital to start their business. The children are placed into groups to complete team-building activities before learning about marketing, idea development, finance, budgeting and store development. As part of this process, the children visited Amazon, an extremely successful business to see how it is run. After the Enterprise Event, the children have to pay back their £5 loan to the PTFA and any profit made goes towards their end of year celebration day. The innovative creations never cease to amaze me. We now need to watch this space for the next Richard Branson!

As always, it is really important that we communicate effectively with you about your children. Therefore, if you have a query about your child, the best person to initially contact is the class teacher. If you feel you need to speak to someone more senior, please contact the phase leaders. The phase leaders know their departments well and share information at Senior Leadership Meetings with Mr Coombs and myself.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Bettany
Headteacher

Vacancy

Leasowes Extra have a vacancy for a Play Worker to start in September, 13 hours per week to be worked Monday to Friday before and after school. Previous experience of working with children in a similar setting would be advantageous. Applicants must be over 18 years old. To apply, please contact Mrs Caven on 01785 337375 or extra@leasowes.staffs.sch.uk for an application form. Closing date for all applications is Friday 5th July.

Together we learn. Together we grow.

Teachers2Parents

At Leasowes, we use 'Teacher2Parents' messaging platform to communicate with parents via text and email. We also use 'SchoolMoney' to manage parent's payments for lunches, educational visits etc. Just for your information, there is a Teachers2Parents App, which will help you to manage communications and payments. It is available on Apple App Store and Google Play Store.



Visit our Building Project blog on the Leasowes website under 'Parent News'. Exciting times ahead!

Pupil Premium Funding

At present, the number of families applying for Pupil Premium (also known as Free School Meals) funds at Leasowes has dramatically decreased. We feel that this may be due to families thinking that it is now unnecessary to apply, due to their child receiving a Universal Free School Meal in EYFS and KS1. Pupil Premium eligibility is a separate set of funding that when applied for will provide the school with around £1300 per year that can be spent on interventions and resources that will directly impact your child's education.

You can register your child for Free School Meals (Pupil Premium) if you are in receipt of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

If you would like any more information, please do not hesitate in contacting Staffordshire County Council on 0300 1118007, email freeschoolmeals@staffordshire.gov.uk or apply directly through <https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/web/fsmweb/>

Year Three Visit to Wroxeter

After a very wet and rainy week, we did expect a few downpours during our visit to Wroxeter but thankfully it stayed dry all day! The Roman City is a fascinating place with the remains of a Roman Bathhouse as its main attraction alongside a reconstructed Roman Villa built just over ten years ago as part of a Channel Four programme called - Rome Wasn't Built in a Day!

There is also a small museum full of interesting artefacts from Roman times. Year Three did not let us down with their ability to ask unusual and unexpected questions. They also made excellent use of their prior learning about the Romans in class. They became Romans for the day, discovering what happened at the baths when Romans met to socialise while sweating away all the dirt from their skin! They were impressed by the largest free-standing wall in the UK but rather less impressed by the sponge on a stick alternative to toilet paper!

After making mosaics, using their role-play skills and exploring the Roman Villa, Year Three have definitely developed their understanding of life in Roman times.

The Year 3 Team

