



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a lovely summer and are ready for the new academic year. It was lovely to see all of the children arrive on Wednesday looking super smart and excited about their new learning journeys. The children who are new to Reception arrived at school and settled in extremely quickly. Also, thank you to all of the Reception parents that were able to attend lunch with their child. One of my favourite conversations from the start of term was with a child who was so excited to be in Year 6 that she packed up her school bag in the first week of the summer holidays. I love your enthusiasm Isabelle!

Over the summer, many improvements have been made to the school environment. Our exciting building project is well on the way and I am sure that you have noticed some of the developments. Miss Reeves is kindly keeping us up-to-date with these and they can be found on the website under 'Parent News'.

The staff started this week with two intensive days of training. We started with safeguarding training, which all staff attended. This reminds us that safeguarding children is the most important role we have. We revisited our schools values and the importance of this to drive all of our policies, procedures and practice. Mrs Till led curriculum visioning, as we would like to ensure that we provide the very best education for our children. Finally, to complete our inset training, on Tuesday the staff took part in Art training. This updated teachers on new and exciting ideas for teaching the children progressive skills across the year groups.

Every year we think carefully about how we would like to further improve. As a result, we have developed our School Improvement Plan (SIP) where we target three key areas that we would like to focus on. Our three focus areas can be seen below.

Next week, you will have the opportunity to 'Meet the Teacher'. These sessions will run after school on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September from years 1-6. There will be two sessions to choose: 5pm and 5.45pm. This will provide you with the opportunity to meet the staff and learn about some of the routines and teaching that takes place.

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 are Mrs Bromley (EYFS), Mr Locke (KS1), Mrs Till (Lower KS2) and Mrs Davies (Upper KS2). The phase leaders know their departments well and share information at Senior Leadership Meetings with Mr Coombs and myself.

We look forward to working collaboratively with parents over this academic year.

Mrs Bettany

### School Improvement Plan Key Issues

1. That practice and performance is led by our values, ensuring that this has direct impact in creating a reflective and thriving learning environment that we all deserve, therefore improving opportunities and outcomes for all.
2. Learners develop a 'true fluency' with regard to mathematics and that this is reflected in the way that they confidently apply and interlink their knowledge and skills in a variety of contexts.
3. Intent and implementation within the planning and delivering of subjects is both clear and creative, with all appropriate knowledge and skills covered, to ensure that we provide a curriculum that is ambitious, rich and enjoyable; therefore guaranteeing that learners are curious and prepared for their futures.

Together we learn. Together we grow.

### Our School Values

At Leasowes everything we do at school is underpinned by our vision and values. We pride ourselves on using these values in our everyday language and actions. Children have a clear understanding of what they are, what they mean and how to put them into practice, both individually and collectively as a school. This half term we will especially be thinking about **RESPECT.**

### Arrival and Collection

Please note below the opening and closing times of gates.

#### **EYFS & KS1 Gate:**

Opens at 8.40am and closes at 8.55am prompt.

#### **KS2 Gate:**

Opens 8.40am and closes at 8.50am prompt.

#### **EYFS & KS1 Gate:**

Opens at 3.05pm and closes at 3.20pm. Please remember any KS2 children need to be picked up from the KS2 gate.

#### **KS2 Gate:**

Opens at 3.20pm and closes at 3.30pm



Well done to our 'tweeters', we love your #bookface! Do you know who they are?



### Social Media

The benefits of social media to communicate with others are just brilliant. Many of you will be friends and currently WhatsApp groups & Facebook Groups appear to be the preferred methods to communicate. Please continue to support our Parents Acceptable User Agreement and only post or comment about the school appropriately. If you have any issues, please come into school so these can be resolved quickly and with the appropriate member of staff. Thank you.

### Health & Safety

Please ensure that younger siblings are kept away from the Forest Schools Area and play equipment whilst waiting for children to be collected from school.



### Twitter

At Leasowes we love Twitter. This is a great way for us to showcase what we have been learning about or experiences we have provided the children. Please follow us @LeasowesPrimary



### KS1 Scooter Zone

Please take scooters and bikes through the KS1 gate and place them at the top of the ramp in the Reception playground. Please remind children to walk with them through the gate.

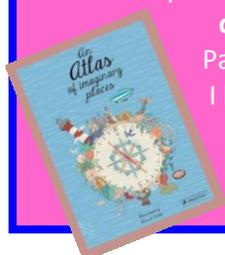
We endeavour to be a nut free school. Please be extra careful when providing packed lunches. We have several children in school with severe nut allergies. Thank you for your ongoing support with the care of our children.

### PTFA

The PTFA will hold their AGM on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September in the KS2 hall. All are welcome. On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September, the PTFA will be available for an informal chat. There will be drinks and nibbles so that you can meet the PTFA and ask any questions.

### Writing Celebration

As part of the writing stimulus for the first two weeks back, all pupils (from Nursery to Year 6) have been completing work based on 'An Atlas of Imaginary Places' by Mia Cassany and Ana de Lima. To celebrate the creativeness of the children, we would like to invite you to *tour* this magical place and see the fantastic work that pupils from across the school have created. On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September, the work and worlds created will be on display for you to look at. The work will be **displayed in the KS1 hall** and will be open for viewing at the end of the school day. Parents should collect their child as normal and then visit the exhibition straight after collection. I look forward to seeing you on the 13<sup>th</sup> September and sharing in the enjoyment that reading can bring.



Mrs Wood  
English Leader