



Dear Parents,

We have had a super start to the academic year. On returning to school, the children from Reception to Year 6 embarked on a journey with their learning based around the book, 'The Atlas of Imaginary Places' by Mia Cassany. Every year group approached their work from a different angle and this came to a crescendo with our Friday showcase. As always, we had tremendous support from parents and the children loved talking to you about their adventures. Thank you for taking the time to share in their learning and thank you to our English Leader, Mrs Wood, for coordinating the event.

Last week we had a wonderful turnout for our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings and this gave everyone a chance to find out about new routines and expectations. Parental engagement is extremely valued at Leasowes and we are always looking for ways to improve. As many of you are aware, during our Spring term Parents' Evening, we ask parents to complete questionnaires to provide school with valuable feedback. This is always shared on the newsletter and senior leaders analyse responses. Our statistics are extremely positive and I thank you for that. However, we did receive feedback to say that a small proportion of parents would like to receive more regular updates about the progress of their child. In response to this, we will be providing you with a simple additional progress report twice a year. This will ensure that you have regular updates throughout the academic year. Reporting will now be as follows:

- Autumn 1 – Parents Evening
- Autumn 2 – Short progress report
- Spring 1 – Parents Evening
- Spring 2 – Short progress report
- Summer – Full written school report

You may remember that last year one of our school improvement targets was to further develop Science, creating curious children. As part of this, the school, led by Miss Reeves in her Science Leader Role, embarked on the Primary Science Quality Mark. To gain this award schools must demonstrate that Science is taught well, has a high profile and is a fundamental part of every child's education, creating Scientists of the future. This is a rigorous process and I am pleased to announce that we have achieved this accolade and continue to strive to produce Scientists of the future. Watch out Brian Cox, Josh Turnock is after your job!

In an effort to play our part in looking after our environment, we are moving towards a paperless system. This is not possible in its entirety, as we do need signatures for certain things. However, where possible, we will use alternative methods of communicating e.g. email, text, website and twitter. Please ensure you continue to check our school calendar, class pages, newsletters and updates on the website and check out our Twitter feed.

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

Together we learn. Together we grow.

### Respect

At Leasowes we are driven by our school values of Respect, Courage, Collaboration, Aspiration, Love and Enjoyment. This half term we are thinking carefully about respect and what this means to us in action. Following last year's super success, we will again be taking part in the T4U shoebox appeal. Mr Coombs will launch this with the children and we will send details on how you can support in the near future.

### Dates for your Diary

The school calendar has all dates of planned events. As I am aware that some will need to negotiate time off please be aware of the up and coming events:

#### **Harvest Festivals**

Year 3/4 - Wednesday 16th Oct at 9:15am - KS2 Hall  
Year 5/6 - Wednesday 16th Oct at 10:15am - KS2 Hall

KS1 - Thursday 17th at 9:15am - KS1 Hall  
Nursery - Thursday 17th 10:30am KS1 hall  
Reception - Thursday 17th 2:30pm KS1 Hall

#### **Parents Evening**

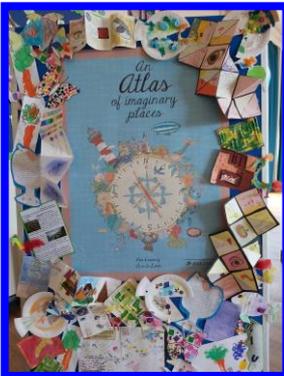
23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> October

### Date Change

Please be aware that May Day next year has changed to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May to coincide with the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day.

### Aldi's Kit for Schools

We will be collecting the team GB stickers from Aldi to claim a free sports kit for school. Please give your stickers in to the school office. Thank you for your support.



### Junior Leadership Team (JLT)

At Leasowes, we believe in providing leadership opportunities for all children of all ages. This can be different types of monitors in the classroom, Playground Buddies, Eco-Committee, Library Monitors, House Captains, Digital Leaders and many more. We believe that leadership instils confidence, helps children to problem solve and ultimately builds towards children becoming responsible citizens.

Last year, we evolved our School Council to form a new Junior Leadership Team. This is made up of representatives from Years 3 – 6. JLT is led by our Head Girl and Head Boy, Amelia and Luke.

They will play a key role over the year and their first event will be to present at our 'New to Reception Parents Meeting'. The JLT will be pivotal in decision-making. They will analyse key policies such as anti-bullying as well as leading key events like Black History Month and seeking the opinions of the children within the school to bring about change. After a thorough interview process in the Summer term, we are extremely excited by our newly appointed JLT that will be led by Miss Leonard. There is every possibility we have a future Prime Minister!

