



Dear Parents,

Last year, Leasowes worked extremely hard to raise the profile of wellbeing and positive mental health. We believe that it is important to recognise our own mental health, that of others and be proactive in finding ways to keep ourselves fit, healthy and have a positive outlook on life. There are times when life comes to try us and it is important that we all have access to the support necessary to help us through such times. World Mental Health Day is on October 10th and therefore I would like to highlight the website 'Young Minds'. This is a registered charity that aims to, 'Make sure all young people get the best possible mental health support and have the resilience to overcome life's challenges'. On this site, there is support for young people and parents alike. It gives information on a range of subjects including anxiety, divorce, self-esteem and many more. It has a parental helpline that you can also contact for advice. For an 'A to Z' guide of support for parents, please click the hyperlink [YoungMinds](#). This will take you directly to the page and then you will be able to search all of the resources offered. I hope that this link is useful to the Leasowes Community. Please share with your friends if they are ever in need of support.

This week, along with my Senior Leadership Team, I have had the pleasure of spending time in every classroom to talk to children about their learning. It is an absolute joy to see the children engaged in their work, demonstrating great learning attitudes and continuously building on their knowledge. This is the very best part of my job. We have such a talented teaching staff at Leasowes who make learning come alive, rooting it in enjoyable and purposeful learning. I have built nests for baby owls in Nursery, discussed the 'Curiosity Cube' in Reception, witnessed brilliant 'Talk for Writing' in Year 1, investigated solids and liquids and been introduced to Non-Newtonian Fluid in Year 2, held conversations in French in Year 3, used maps and iPads to discover Anglo Saxon villages in Year 4, helped build parachutes to understand air resistance in Year 5 and used primary and secondary sources to identify reliable information about World War 1 in Year 6.

I can honestly say that we are all exhausted after such a jam-packed week of learning. Our children, as always, are polite, helpful and cannot wait to share what they have learned this week. Therefore, the next time you ask your child, 'What have you learned at school today?' and they reply, 'Nothing', DO NOT BELIEVE IT, they are having a blast!

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

Safeguarding of our Children and Community

Leasowes is situated in a busy residential area and key drop off and pick up times can be hectic. Please be mindful of the community and other parents by ensuring that your cars are parked safely and are not in front of driveways. Also, please ensure that dogs are always on leads and not obstructing gateways into school. This will ensure the safety of our children. Let's work together!

Together we learn. Together we grow.

Respect

As discussed above, myself and Mr Coombs, alongside SLT, have been in and out of classrooms, watching lessons and talking to the children about their learning. It is wonderful to see the respect that the children have for their teachers and peers, working alongside each other brilliantly.

Continuing this attitude to learning through life will ensure that the world is their oyster!

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

23rd & 24th October

PTFA KS2 Disco

There will be a KS2 disco on Friday 18th October. Halloween theme if you dare!

Save the Date!

Our ever-popular 'Fish n Quiz' will take 'plaiice' on Friday 8th November.

Parents' Forum

Over the past two years, Parents' Forum has given you as parents a voice on different initiatives we put into place to help Leasowes run smoother and more effectively. For example, in the past, Parents' Forum have played a key role in the choice of our school uniform, formulating the Behaviour and Maths Calculations policies, as well as giving input in how PSHE is taught at Leasowes. Attending these meetings really will give you a voice as well as an insight in how we strive to continuously evolve, and therefore improve the outcomes for your children. The first meeting of this academic year will take place on Wednesday 16th October at 2.30pm. Please contact the office if you would like to attend. Look forward to seeing you there.

Mr Coombs

New to Reception

On Tuesday 22nd October at 9.15am, we will be holding a 'New to Reception' meeting for the parents of all potential children wanting to join our school in September 2020. Mr Coombs, the Early Years team, JLT and myself will talk to parents about our Vision and Values, before giving you a tour of the school. Please help us to get the message out there!

The Great Leasowes Bake Off!

You may remember a group of girls from Year 5 running a cake stall to raise money for a charity last year. This was so successful that they have asked to take this on again, with all profits this year going to the Macmillan cancer charity. The event will take place straight after school on Friday 18th October.

Leasowes Extra Vacancy

Leasowes Extra have a vacancy for a Play Worker to start as soon as possible. At least 7.25 hours per week to be worked between the hours of 3pm and 5pm, Monday to Thursday term time only. No qualifications necessary, however, previous experience of working with children in a similar setting would be an advantage. Applicants must be 18+. For more information or to request an application form please email Mrs Caven: extra@leasowes.staffs.sch.uk