



Dear Parents,

What a lovely few weeks we have had at Leasowes. Children are back in school and have settled beautifully, there are signs of Spring all around and the end of a very difficult period for all is in sight. This week's theme for my assembly was, 'At Leasowes we aspire to make a change'. The National Lockdown has certainly shown that human activity has a huge impact on our environment and that by making some changes to our behaviour we can make a difference. Our Junior Leadership Team, along with Eco-Committee, were set the task of thinking about a new action to add to our school charter to enable school to think about protecting our environment. Of course, they did not disappoint. On Monday I had the pleasure of launching the new addition to our charter, created by our pupil leaders, 'Protect Today to Preserve Tomorrow'. This will be added to our charter and we will spend time thinking about what this means to Leasowes. JLT and Eco-Committee will be leading an assembly on this after Easter.

As part of our new addition to the charter, I introduced Earth Hour. This is an initiative led by the World Wide Fund where on 27th March at 8.30pm everyone is encouraged to switch off all of their lights for one hour to show we care about the future of our planet. Earth Hour raises awareness and reminds us that small changes to our own lives can make a big difference. Here is the link to find out more about [Earth Hour](#). It would be wonderful if some of our families joined in. I would love to hear all about it.

At Leasowes we are always trying to improve the areas within school to offer children the best possible opportunities. We have the most enviable school grounds with two forest school areas, two playgrounds, trim trail, AstroTurf and a beautiful field. However, staying true to our school value of aspiration, there is always more that we can do. Therefore, we are pleased to announce the new addition of two traverse walls: one on the KS1 playground and one on the KS2 playground. The traverse walls have been created using existing walls to not only improve the school's facilities but also expose children to different sports and experiences. Of course, at Leasowes a traverse wall was not enough. Whilst completing this project we incorporated a breath-taking mural that stays in keeping with our surroundings but also excites our love of art. Originally inspired by David Hockney, 'The arrival of Spring' artwork, our talented designers created a bespoke piece of artwork for Leasowes. Please see pictures overleaf.

During our remote learning provision, class email addresses are used to communicate with staff. These emails are only used and reactivated during National Lockdown or isolation periods. Now that children are back in school, please contact through the school office email or speak to teachers on duty at the gates.

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. This will be the last newsletter before the Easter break and we wish you all a wonderful holiday.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Bettany
Headteacher

School have been made aware there have been cases of trespassing on the school site out of school hours. If you witness this, please contact the police for the safety of those involved and to protect our school environment. Thank you for your support and vigilance in this matter.

Together we learn. Together we grow.

Arrival and Departure at School

As you are aware we continue to provide several entrances to school to enable children to enter as safely as possible. Please make sure children are not riding scooters or bikes on the property or climbing trees. Parents are requested to wear face coverings but we are aware that for some people this will not be possible.

RIGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT



ARTICLE: 42 – KNOWLEDGE OF OUR RIGHTS

WHY? LINKED TO OUR VALUE OF ASPIRATION. AT LEASOWES WE ARE ALWAYS ASPIRING TO KNOWING ALL OF OUR VALUES AND ADVOCATE FOR THESE IN ALL WE DO.

School Uniform

At Leasowes we pride ourselves on our school uniform and always aspire to meet one of the actions on our charter, 'Look Smart, Act Smart'. National Lockdown has seen the closure of non-essential shops and as a result some uniform items have been difficult to get hold of. After Easter, please make sure that children are wearing sensible school shoes. Trainers are only allowed for PE lessons. In addition, we are always being asked for spare ties. Therefore, ties are now available to buy from the school office. These are £5 each. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Year 3 Swimming

As from Friday 23rd April, Year 3 will be starting swimming lessons.



Look at how our traverse walls developed!



Forever developing children's experiences.

