



Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and feel well rested. This half term the Leasowes community will be thinking about our value of 'Love'. Love manifests itself in many ways; this could be a love of family, friends, environment, life – the list is endless! Leading on from our new charter action, 'Protect today to preserve tomorrow', we continue to think about our love of the environment. It is important that we not only talk about this but show the children that we are prepared to take action. Therefore, this week we fully launched our drive to eradicate single use plastics. My assembly thought about what single use plastics are and how they impact the environment, in particular our sea animals. As a result, we are working towards reducing the 'big four': cups, straws, bottles and bags. We have made changes to the materials we use in our kitchen to serve the children to make sure that we do not use single use plastics. Additionally, our PTFA have purchased multi use cups and we are encouraging the children to bring in reusable water bottles. We are all learning to love our environment.

So much happens in a year and at Leasowes we demonstrate our resilience by continually moving forward no matter how difficult the barriers can be. At this point I feel it necessary to mention our curriculum. We have made significant changes over the years to our curriculum. We drive a fully inclusive, progressive and ambitious curriculum teaching relevant knowledge and skills that are rooted in our school values. Personal development and character education play a key role in our curriculum to ensure that children leave Leasowes as well-rounded individuals that are able to flourish in our ever-changing society and make a positive contribution to our community and beyond. Mrs Till leads the curriculum in her Assistant Headteacher Role and does a superb job. She has now finished school to take up her maternity leave. We wish her all the very best in her extra special journey. Whilst Mrs Till is on leave, we will continue to drive our curriculum for our children. Please have a look at our curriculum on the website under 'Learning for Life'.

Whilst thinking about staff, it gives me great pleasure to announce that after a rigorous recruitment process, Miss Ashton has been successful in securing the Early Years Phase Leader role. She has already hit the ground running by attending Early Communicator training and then delivering this training to all of the EYFS staff. We are currently developing our Early Years Curriculum to meet the changes of new EYFS Reforms. We have a fully committed team of professionals and this is an extremely exciting time. We wish to congratulate Miss Ashton and we know she will make a huge impact.

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

Together we learn. Together we grow.

### Good Diabetes Care in School Award

We are pleased to inform you that we have been nominated for the 'Good Diabetes Care Award'. The nomination has been made to show appreciation of the support our school provides to pupils with type 1 diabetes. Applications are in the process of being completed; we will keep you posted if and when we are successful in achieving the award.

### Health and Safety

It saddens me to report that some of our youngsters in and around the area are embarking on dangerous 'dares' to trespass on school property and climb onto the roof. Several schools have been targeted and Leasowes is one of them. Children and young people are placing themselves in extreme danger and I urge all to ring the police if you witness this or hear about this behaviour for the protection and safety of all.

### RIGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT



**ARTICLE: 7 - THE RIGHT TO YOUR NAME AND NATIONALITY.**

**WHY? LINKED TO OUR VALUE OF LOVE, WE SHOULD LOVE OUR NAME AND COUNTRY AND PROTECT IT TODAY TO PRESERVE IT TOMORROW.**

### Non-Uniform Day

We have a non-uniform day on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May; the last day of term. Our Junior Leadership Team would like all to wear stripes in some sort of way, this can be as simple as stripy socks. Donations of a £1 would be greatly received.

### PTFA – Summer Fayre

As you are all very aware, life over the last year has not been the same as we know it. This is extremely true for schools and our school community. We are unsure of what the future brings but remain hopeful that the Government Road Map, that will be announced on 21<sup>st</sup> June, will allow schools to celebrate the end of a difficult year in some way. If this is the case, our wonderful PTFA are busy planning a Summer Fayre in the hope of being able to provide some fun and celebrate with our school community. This of course will rely heavily on the restrictions and as a result this **may not go ahead**. It needs to be noted that as restrictions across the country have begun to ease, school restrictions have remained the same. Decisions will be made quickly after the announcements. Please be reassured, if the road map allows this we will act responsibly and place in our own restrictions e.g. the fayre will be run outside in the open air. Let's keep **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 5.30pm – 7.30pm** as a 'save the date' just in case we are able to go ahead. Our Leasowes Community means so much to us, but safety always remains at the heart of all that we do.

Now that our building works are complete, we continue to improve our school site. Signage in and around school is key to the accessibility of our provision. We have started to clearly identify key areas in school. Here is a glimpse into some of the areas including the Library Learning Hub, two intervention rooms (Roots and Shoots and Woodlands), classroom signage and general signage. This will continue to evolve overtime.

