



Dear Parents,

We are now firmly into October and after a few wet days the weather is now starting to be kind to us. One year group that has fully appreciated the break in the weather is Year 6 who have been out at Condover Hall on their annual residential. It is wonderful that this has finally been able to take place. The children develop a whole plethora of skills and experiences that they may never get the opportunity to do again. Strong relationships between staff and peers are formed and everyone is given the opportunity to shine like the bright stars that they are. Many of you will have been following the antics on Twitter; a great way to keep up with school life. I had the pleasure of spending the day with them on Tuesday. The opportunities for the children are just breath-taking and an experience that they will never forget. Of course, they are due back today and I am sure that although the parents will want to know all about the fun, the children will just want to sleep – happy weekend Year 6. I will provide a montage of photographs of the week on the next newsletter. However, I will take this opportunity to thank my staff for giving up their time with their families to make this residential happen – Miss Reeves, Mrs Davies, Mrs Bennett, Mrs Armitage, Mrs Cooper, Mrs Carr and Mr Williams – THANK YOU!

As mentioned in the last newsletter, 10<sup>th</sup> October is World Mental Health day. At Leasowes we work hard on supporting children and adults to develop positive mental health and wellbeing. I myself use sport and exercise to ensure I look after my body and mind. I love to run and it seems that I am not alone. This year, 3 members of staff have taken part in Marathons. Mr Locke, our LKS2 Phase Leader ran the Chester Marathon in support of 'Mind'; a charity very close to his heart. 'Mind' is a charity that supports people with mental health issues. He raised over £1300 and although he thinks his long-distance running days are limited, I am sure he has a few miles in him yet. Mrs Heath, one of our catering assistants, ran the London Marathon, also in support of 'Mind'. Mrs Heath trained for 6 months and completed 26.2 miles in a staggering 4hrs 19 mins and 32 seconds – Amazing! She also raised a whopping £750. Finally, Miss Quimby ran a virtual marathon in support of New Cross Hospital and in particular the Heart and Lung Centre who supported her dad. Wow, such commitment to charity work and using sport (great for positive mental health) to care for others.

Leasowes, as always, is a hive of activity. Last night after school, teachers from Leasowes and Barnfields joined together for 'games' PE training with our very own Mrs Moores. Using one of our curriculum concepts: progressive, the training thought about progression of knowledge and skills from Reception to Year 6. The staff experienced how skills are taught, applied and developed into game situations and I must admit it was lovely to see the enjoyment and bit of competitiveness that helps to harness the love of learning.

Although we are unable to celebrate Harvest this year with the parents, the children are working hard in preparing for our in-house celebrations. Mr Bales will lead assemblies where the children will celebrate Harvest with songs, reading and drama. You will have received the letter about supporting harvest through donations and we look forward to being able to share our generosity with our community. Due to the pandemic, decisions around school events are difficult to make in advance. We are guided by the Staffordshire County Council and Public Health England. You will notice that we have the Christmas celebrations booked onto the website school calendar. We are unsure if these will take place or not and will make a decision nearer the time. Please make a note of the dates, but also be prepared that they could be cancelled.

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. Mr Coombs is covering the phase leader role in KS1 for Mrs Till. 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.

### Our School Values

When we think about one of our core values, Respect, we think about the importance of treating others how we would like to be treated.

It's all about being tolerant of each other, whatever our beliefs or backgrounds. October is Black History Month, and throughout this time the children will learn about key black people who have influenced the way we act towards each other. Only the other day, I had a wonderful conversation with Eliza Sharp in year 1 about Paul Stephenson. She told me how he had fought against racism in Bristol, by calling for a bus boycott due to the companies refusing to employ Black or Asian people in the 1960s. How lovely to see that we can all learn from each other about the incredible courage shown by people in the past.

### We are Readers!

Of all the books that the children read in school, my personal favourite is 'Once' by Morris Gleitzman. This is a book set in Poland during the Second World War and is about a boy's journey, looking for his parents in a country occupied by the Nazis.

Throughout the book, Felix meets lots of larger than life characters that help him on his way, protecting him as well as they can from the dangers that were around at this time. I love to read books that are not only gripping stories, but give me an insight into a part of history. This makes them both exciting and knowledgeable. Year 6 will be reading this after half term. I can't wait to read the writing influenced by

this. Enjoy!

Mr Coombs



### New to Reception 2022 Parents Meeting

We are holding two 'New to Reception' Parents' Meetings on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> both starting at 9.15 am. If you would like to join us, please book a space through the office 01785 337370.



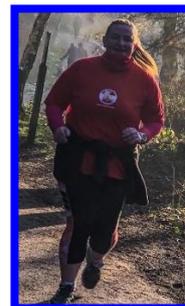
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### Article 24

Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

### Parents' Evening

Letter for Parents' Evening have been emailed today. Please complete the slips and return to school as soon as possible. We look forward to speaking to you about your child.



Proud!  
Our staff supporting positive mental health.

### Leasowes Extra Opportunity!

Leasowes Extra are currently looking for a Play Worker to join their wonderful team in November. We have 20 hours per week available and ideally one position. We would consider splitting into two positions for the right candidates. Hours of work are one hour before school (7.45 to 8.45 a.m.), one hour at lunch time (11.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.) and two hours after school (3.00 to 5.00 p.m.) This would be Monday to Friday, term time only. No qualifications are required for this role, however, experience of working with children would be an advantage. If you are interested, please email Mrs Caven for an application form and job description: [extra@leasowes.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:extra@leasowes.staffs.sch.uk). Closing date for all applications is Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

Over 18's only please.