



LUSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



April 2018

Value for the month: Respect

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Don't forget we also have regular updates on our website. You can find out what is happening in each class, as well as reading the latest newsletters and 'What's On Flyers'. Do have a look. Feedback on what you would like to see on the website is always welcomed.

Welcome!

We would like to welcome Lucas to Larch Class and Harmony to Redwood Class, we hope that they have settled in at Luston School.

A Couple of Reminders

Breakfast Club: Please can we remind parents / carers who use Breakfast Club that it does not start until 8.00 am. Please do not drop your child off before this time and remember that it is your responsibility to see your child into school and to ensure that they have been met by a member of staff.

Turning Circle Drop Off: In order to help reduce queues and improve the efficiency of the morning drop off, please remember to move further forward if you are able to so that we can make use of both pedestrian gates at the same time.

Thank you.

Digital Leaders: Life Through a Lens

On Wednesday 25th April some of the Digital Leaders went to St Paul's Primary School to learn how to make a film for 'Life Through a Lens'. We used real film equipment, including a tripod, microphone and an iPad. We learned about the different shots and techniques a film maker would use. At the end of the day we found out how to make 'stop animate' films. We learned lots and had great fun.

Cathy, Dan and Fenella (Year 5)

Weeping Window Sculpture

On Thursday 26th April three members of Larch Class went to visit the Weeping Window Sculpture at Hereford Cathedral. This is what they had to say about their visit:

"The poppies were beautiful and realistic."

"It was great to take pictures of the poppies and items of interest in the Cathedral."

"It was fun to dress up as a soldier from WW1."

"We saw lots of illustrations of poppies in the cathedral."



By Cillian, Keisha and Georgia

St Michael's Hospice Plant Fair

We are pleased to be supporting the St Michael's Hospice Plant Fair on 4th and 5th May by growing plants for them to sell.

Thank you to everyone who helped plant seeds and pot up seedlings, and to everyone who donated plants from home.



Spelling Bee

We will be taking part in the local schools Spelling Bee competition later this term.

Children will be invited to take part and learn spellings appropriate to their year group before taking part in an in-house competition to select a winner from each year group to go forward to represent the school.

Further details will be sent out early next week.

Sports Afternoon

We will be holding our annual traditional Sports Afternoon on Monday 25th June.

Parents and carers are invited to join us for this event, starting at 1.30 pm. The afternoon will be followed by a FREE barbeque arranged by the FLSA. Further details nearer the time.

FLSA News

Duck race

The annual Duck Race will be held on Sunday 20th May. This is always an enjoyable occasion with stalls and refreshments as well as cheering on your duck! There will be a 'Non-Uniform and Buy a Duck' day on Friday 18th May. More details to follow soon.

Summer Fayre

The FLSA Summer Fayre will be held on Sunday 8th July. The theme this year will be the 1960s in recognition of the fact that Luston School opened in 1968 and will be celebrating its 50th birthday in the Autumn Term.

Sex and Relationship Education

During the summer term all children will be following the school Sex and Relationship Education programme taught through the science or PHSE curriculum. The children will work in their year groups. The curriculum overview is as follows:

Year R	Our Lives
Year One	Growing and caring for ourselves
Year Two	Differences
Year Three	Valuing Difference and Keeping Safe
Year Four	Growing Up
Year Five	Body Changes
Year Six	Body Changes and Relationship

If you have any questions or would like further information please do not hesitate to talk to your child's class teacher of Mrs Freeman.

Class News

Cherry Class

This term in Cherry Class the theme is 'Gardening and Growth'. We will be planting our own bean seeds and recording and measuring their growth in our own bean diaries. Linked to this we will be looking at the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and creating our own versions of the story.

We will also be learning the days of the week and how to write them through the story, 'Jasper's Beanstalk.'

Alongside this, we will be learning about what plants need to grow and their different parts.

Reception Children have already enjoyed their first 'Tree-mendous Tuesday' session, in the forest school area, and look forward to exploring the area more during the coming weeks. Year one children will also be going into the forest area on a Monday afternoon, for a 'Muddy Monday.'

This term will also be very busy in terms of PE, with weekly swimming sessions on a Wednesday morning and

dance sessions with a qualified dance tutor on a Friday afternoon.

We have a very exciting term ahead and hopefully with some better weather we will be able to make the most of our outdoor area and our garden centre role play area.

Willow Class

In Willow Class, our topic for the first half of the Summer Term is 'Weather and Seasons' and we are hoping to see lots of sun, especially when we create our own weather charts and pictograms. We will be learning about the weather here and in different countries and may even get to present our own weather forecasts.

We are also looking forward to our weekly swimming lessons on a Wednesday morning.

On Friday afternoons we will be welcoming Miss Kim who is going to be teaching us Dance. We can't wait to learn some new moves.

We will also be putting our wellies on and enjoying 'Muddy Mondays' in the wood – Year 1s will start before half term, followed by Year 2s after half term.

Larch Class

This term Larch are going to be keeping fit and healthy by participating in athletics and tennis for their games and PE sessions as well as learning about the human body and appropriate nutrition for our Science topic.

We will be learning all about rivers including the journey of a river and identifying different stages of the water cycle. Our cornet lessons will be continuing on Friday and we hope to showcase our progress at the end of the summer term.

Redwood Class

This half term in Redwoods we are learning about The Ancient Greeks. We are exploring many different mythical stories, which have been passed down and adapted through the generations, and focusing our literacy and computing topics around them.

During PE we are playing rounders and fine tuning our athletic skills, as well as hopefully being able to enjoy many sunny lunchtimes and evenings taking part in cricket, athletics, tennis and cross-country running.

Art lessons will be focusing on our textiles upcycling project in which we aim to produce some stylish and individual clothing items designed by the class.

Although the summer term is a very important time for the year 6 cohort, in which they work extremely hard, it is always a period of time jam packed with activities such as the residential, performance, sports day, leavers trip and many other extra-curricular activities enabling them to have a memorable and enjoyable last term at primary school!

Hazel Group

A dark and dangerous month in Literacy as we read about the monstrous beast Grendel. We have been writing character descriptions, instructions and will move on to settings and our very own Legend. Which other legends do you know?

In Maths we have been learning about reading tables of information and timetables - a very useful skill for the future.

Eco-Committee

The Eco Warriors are thrilled to announce that the school has been awarded a grant to help us to develop our garden area.

During Spring, the committee have met to plan the new garden and think about how we encourage wildlife into our garden, especially bees and butterflies. Now we are eager to develop new raised beds for wild flowers, bee and butterfly friendly plants and our own vegetables. In addition, we are hoping to add some other exciting structures.

If any adults would be interested in helping Mrs Kilby with sleepers and top soil to create the raised beds, she would be very grateful. In addition, we

are looking for donations of wooden crates to create another bug hotel and any spare bird nesting boxes people may have.

Many thanks, your Eco - Committee.

Sports Leaders

The sports leaders are year 5 and 6 pupils who choose to be part of the team.

Sports leader events take place every lunchtime and every class has the

opportunity to join in. During lunchtime we organise lots of different sports like: football, netball, dance, tennis, ball skills, races, obstacle courses and all kinds of different activities. We run the activities in different pairs or small groups each day, following a rota, and decide how we are going to deliver each game. Miss Harris (one of our Lunchtime Supervisors) assists us on the field, if it is dry enough, and on the playground.

All of the sports leaders love teaching all of the children who take the

opportunity to come and play. We also love to give out certificates to children who have demonstrated different sporting values and skills during our celebration assembly on a Friday. All of the children enjoy receiving them.

By Mia, Year 6

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 7th May	May Bank Holiday
Week commencing Monday 14th May	Year 6 SATS week
Thursday 17th May 6.00 pm	Year 5 / 6 Residential Meeting
Friday 18th May	Non-Uniform Day—donation in exchange for a duck at the Duck Race
Sunday 20th May 11.00 am	FLSA Duck Race
Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June	Half-Term Holiday
Monday 4th to Wednesday 6th June	Redwood Class Residential
Monday 25th June (pm)	Sports Afternoon—Traditional track races—all welcome <i>Followed by a barbeque arranged by the FLSA</i>
Monday 2nd July	Sports Afternoon—Reserve date
Sunday 8th July	FLSA Summer Fayre—60's Theme
Thursday 19th July	Break up for Summer Holiday