



Message from Mrs Keep

With the Summer Half Term break upon us, our thoughts inevitably turn to the remainder of this academic year. Now that their exams are behind them, the children in Years 6 and 7 can focus on their residential trips. The Year 6s will make their inaugural visit to PGL Liddington and the Year 7s will head to Dorset for their Geography fieldwork trip. With the Year 5s not long returned from their stay in the New Forest, there is every cause to reflect on how lucky the children are – and how lucky we are that they grasp every opportunity with both hands.

In assembly this week, we looked at an average life counted out in jelly beans; we then looked at just one jelly bean and contemplated what we would do with it. The answers were varied; most said they would spend time with their friends and family, some wanted to read a favourite book, one boy even had dastardly plans to be rebellious. The point of the assembly was, whether what looms is bad or good, embrace it, because when the day is done, you can't get it back.

However, while we need to live each day to its fullest in the here and now, we can plan for the future. Critical Thinking and PSHE were introduced into our school timetable this year and both subjects have had a huge impact on the way our children think and learn. I am therefore excited to share with parents a further curricular development which will help ready our children for the modern world. From September 2018, there will be a new direction for the teaching of languages at LPH. Whilst continuing with Latin and French, the children in Year 7 will all study a second modern foreign language. As part of their weekly timetable, they will spend one afternoon a week at Lancing College where they will be taught either German or Spanish by College teachers. They will also have their Games lesson there, using the superb Lancing College grounds and facilities. Optional Mandarin or Coding as after-school clubs will complete the afternoon.

Finally, and most importantly, our Year 8 girls and boys are heading into the final preparations for their Common Entrance exams. Though there will undoubtedly be a revision-focused half term for them all, these exams will reflect the culmination of the hard work they have been putting into their studies since long before Year 8. I know I speak for the whole school community when I wish them good luck.

I hope all our families enjoy a restful half term and look forward to seeing you all again after the break.

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Pirates take over Nursery



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Congratulations



We are delighted for Alistair C and Henry O who have gained awards to their chosen senior schools. Along with our 9 pupils with awards to Lancing College, this represents one third of our current Year 8. Well done, all!

Year 6 Charity Day in aid of Unicef

Your child will be invited to dress in sports kit to take part in an exciting football obstacle course. It will be £1 to come in kit and 50p to take part in the obstacle course.

There will also be a cake sale in the Laurent Hall 3.30 - 5.30pm



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Pirates in the Nursery

The children have had so much fun with their Pirate project. They had role play in the Nursery pirate ship and walked the plank. They created old treasure maps, pirate fruit boats and other props for our Pirate Day. Come and take a look at our 'Wanted' poster gallery, claim your 10 pieces of gold! On Pirate Day, we enjoyed dressing up and the children learnt about map reading, seeking and finding various pieces of treasure hidden around the grounds.



Pilot visits Reception

The Reception children were very excited when they had a visit from Captain Ascough (Leo's Daddy). We were prepared with so many questions and still wanted to find out more! We saw the flight deck and we experienced landing and take-off. Thank you Captain Ascough for coming in to see us.



Year 1

We have had a very exciting couple of weeks with the arrival and hatching of our 6 ducklings.

The children cared brilliantly for the ducklings and in turn the ducks inspired the children to produce some fantastic work in English and Science.

The ducklings have now been rehomed at the College farm by farmer Jon who will send us photos of their progress!

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National Outdoor Learning Day

We are so fortunate to have such lovely school grounds to play and work in and National Outdoor Learning Day was wonderful for our Pre-Prep children.

The Year 1 children had a wonderful time outside. We focused on our minibeast topic and made a Bug Hotel using wood, bricks and recycling. The children were fantastic at working as a team to create their structures.

The Year 2 children spent a lovely afternoon planting seeds as part of this term's Science topic. They have been learning about following the instructions on seed packets and used dibbers and trowels to plant lots of different seeds. Hopefully we will see some marigolds, sunflowers, beans, pansies, pumpkins or tomato plants starting to develop over the next few weeks. We finished the session with an outdoor team game where the children had to find some wooden discs which Miss Ball had hidden in the school grounds. This was definitely a test of the children's resilience as the last disc was rather well hidden. Luckily Freddie saved the day by finding it!



Year 2 has spent as much time outdoors as we can and our celebrations to mark the Royal Wedding Day were no exception! We all dressed in red, white and blue and wished the Royal couple a long and happy life together.

In our PSHE lessons, we have been thinking about our topic: 'feeling proud of ourselves'.

We have been drawing pictures of things that we feel proud of and shared these with one another in class.



The children have been learning all about heraldry as part of their Knights and Castles topic and have designed their own coat of arms. Pictured above are the ferocious bunch brandishing their shields.

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LEAP Programme 2018

Our Year 8 scholarship pupils have a wide range of activities they undertake after their exams. In Science, some have continued the tradition of the Bubblicious enterprise by creating beauty products to sell at the Summer Fair. They found recipes, adapted them, sourced ingredients and devised products around themes – for example, a solar system of bath bombs! Their next task is to work out their finances so that the books are balanced and there is a healthy profit for the PTA.

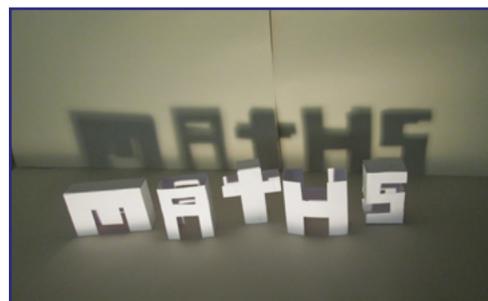
Others have been creating three-dimensional logos for the different subjects. So far we have a net shape of 'Maths' casting a sharp shadow, a colourful tee shirt for Sports and a globe is being created for Geography.

Another group has been devising a Science/Magic show for the younger children and also plan to extract DNA from strawberries.



UKMT (United Kingdom Mathematics Trust) Junior Mathematical Challenge

In April a group of our more able mathematicians took the UKMT Junior Challenge. It is the UK's most popular mathematics competition with over 300,000 students taking part each year. To recognise the highest performers in the Challenge the top-scoring 40% of participants are awarded bronze, silver and gold certificates in the ratio 3:2:1.



We are delighted to report that our children have been awarded 4 gold, 4 silver and 8 bronze certificates:

Gold

Archie N
Alistair C
Noah K
Cooper F

Silver

Michael B
Zoe C
Emiliano R
Zain F

Bronze

George C
Luke R-D
Henry O
Nima Z

Bronze

Francesca D
Jessica J
Oliver P
Harriet S



In addition to the Junior Challenge, the UKMT invites 8,000 children to take part in a further round called the Junior Kangaroo.

This is a one-hour multiple-choice paper, with 25 questions, which is sat in school. It is similar to the Junior Challenge question paper but rather more challenging!

It is an invitation-only event and this year we have three pupils who will go forward to take part in this competition.

Many congratulations and best of luck to Archie N, Alistair C and Noah K who will be sitting this test in June.

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Chess Success

Our quartet of pupils Toby R, Kit B and Huggie B in Year 4, and James R in Year 5, recently took part in two competitions. In the Sussex Junior Chess Primary Cup, LPH took on three other schools and topped the leaderboard with 10 points. They now go on to play in the finals of the Premier Cup in June. In the Delancey Chess Championships, the regional Megafinal was contested by some 80 schools. Toby won the U9 tournament and the title 'Supremo', Kit came second and Huggie played exceptionally well, beating higher ranked players to qualify for the Gigafinal in Twickenham in June. James narrowly missed out winning U10 section, eventually losing to an England player and coming third overall.

'Enjoying the Countryside' Art exhibition at the South of England Agricultural Show

This year three of our year 5 pupils are entering the landscape painting competition at The South of England Show, at the Ardingly Showground, West Sussex. The show runs from 7-9 June and schools are invited to enter three pupils per Key Stage group. We wish Ollie G, Mia H and Laila D the best of luck and for those of you going to the show, look out for their fantastic paintings in the 'Countryside Hub'.



The Brighton Film Quartet

It was with great pleasure that we welcomed Miss Loosemore's 'Brighton Film Quartet' to perform their most recent show for the children in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4. Following rave reviews from this year's Fringe Festival audience, it was no surprise that the children were mesmerised while the images on screen were accompanied by the quartet. To know that Miss Loosemore is not only a teacher and performer but also a film-maker and composer inspired a number of the children and we hope that some of them will have a go at creating their own compositions at home. Miss Loosemore was delighted with the feedback from the children, for example, "That was awesome. I loved it" and "Amazing. It was the best concert I've ever gone to."



Year 5 Residential Visit to Ferny Crofts in the New Forest

On arrival, we quickly found our rooms, unpacked and headed outside to the warm sunshine to complete the Nature Trail in groups of three or four. The children enjoyed finding the clues hidden around the site and used their map skills to good use.

After lunch, we headed off to the instructor-led activities of rafting, crate stack and gladiator challenge. All the children completed the same activities but of course at different times as they were split into 3 groups. It was great to hear the chatter of excitement when we returned for our snack break as the children were telling each other about what they had been doing and what they have achieved.

After a very enjoyable evening meal of spaghetti bolognese, we set off on a hike across the New Forest, led by the very knowledgeable Ferny Crofts instructors. Finally we returned back to the Croft Centre for hot chocolate and bed. After a fantastic night's sleep for some and a rather shorter sleep for others (including the teachers!) we awoke to a lovely breakfast which included cereals, toast and a bacon roll. Another day of fun activities and fantastic weather followed. A trip to the tuck shop was enjoyed by all, especially Mrs Deane as she likes to play shopkeeper. The day was rounded off by an excellent BBQ outside and toasting s'mores on the open fire.

Friday arrived far too quickly. After packing our bags, stripping the beds and another amazing breakfast, we had our last morning of activities. The time flew by and, all too soon, we climbed aboard the buses again to head back to Hove.



Sporting Round Up

Boys' Cricket Results

Wednesday 16 May

W/D/L

1 st XI	v	Brambletye	W by 65 runs
2 nd XI	v	Brambletye	W by 5 wickets
Colts A	v	Brambletye	W by 24 runs
Colts B	v	Brambletye	L by 13 runs
U9	v	Brambletye	L by 11 runs

Wednesday 23 May

1 st XI	v	Handcross Park	L by 85 runs
2 nd XI	v	Handcross Park	W by 30 runs
Colts A	v	Handcross Park	W by 4 wickets
Colts B	v	Handcross Park	L by 35 runs
U9A	v	Handcross Park	L by 52 runs
U8A	v	Handcross Park	W by 7 runs

Girls' Rounders Results

Wednesday 16 May

W/D/L

U9	v	Cottesmore	L 0-14
U8	v	Cottesmore	L 6-9

Athletics

Our U9 Athletics team enjoyed a fantastic afternoon at Dorset House School, joining 7 other schools from across Sussex for a track meeting. A team of 4 girls and 4 boys competed throughout the afternoon in a range of events including 60m hurdles, 75m sprint, 200m and 600m before combining as a team in the 100m relay. A real team spirit was evident throughout with the children supporting and encouraging each other during each round of events.

Coco M did exceptionally well, taking 2nd place in the 75m hurdles in a photo finish, whilst Alec V ran well to come 3rd in his 200m heat. Tom M finished a strong 2nd in the 600m. Congratulations also go to Alex G, Forrest C, Polly E, Hannah M and Aggie M for earning their places in the team and competing with commitment and resilience.

Considering nearly half of the team were made up from Year 3 this was an excellent experience for the younger team members who will look forward to improving on their performances next year.

The cricket season continues with a winning block fixture over Brambletye and a 3 all draw against Handcross Park. Noah K scored an impressive 47 for the 2nd XI and Felix M hit 44 for the Colts A team.



U8 Cricket v Handcross Park

The younger girls' fixtures against Cumnor House took the form of pairs cricket. There were three narrow losses with the U10 girls losing by 9 runs in a very close game. There was some fabulous batting all round and the girls' bowling was complimented on by the school's umpire. The U9 girls lost by 4 runs with some brave batting from Hannah M and Coco M. The U8A girls lost by just 2 runs. The girls showed some really impressive bowling and team playing. This was an excellent effort by all three teams as they have done just a few weeks' cricket training. The U11 girls played the traditional game and lost by 49 runs in a match that clocked up over well over 500 runs!



U9 Athletics Team at Dorset House

The boys' U13 team taking part in Aegon Tennis met their match against Brighton College, despite some valiant play from Ethan R, Henry O, Rupert M and Jayden H.

Staffing Announcements

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This point in the school year is the traditional time when announcements are made with regard to those teaching staff leaving us at the end of the summer term.

After 12 years of service, Mr Farley will be moving to Bede's Prep School to be Director of Music. Under his direction, the music department at Lancing Prep Hove has grown and flourished and he leaves us with a strong, thriving department for his successor to take on.

Ms Barber will be realising one of her ambitions as she moves to Seaford Head School to teach French at GCSE and A Level and Spanish to KS3 pupils. While the new changes to the teaching of languages here at LPH mean that there are undoubtedly exciting times ahead, where dance is concerned, Ms Barber's pointe shoes will be hard to fill. Nonetheless, we intend to build on Ms Barber's excellent work and keep dance firmly in place in our extra-curricular programme.

In the Pre-Prep, Miss Jane and Mrs Knight have decided the time is right for a change and are moving on. Both have put in 12 years' dedicated service at LPH and we wish them well for the future.

Following on from this news, I am delighted to announce the following appointments for September 2018:

In the Pre-Prep, we will welcome Ms Sarah Langley who joins us from Balfour Primary School. In a very strong field of candidates, Ms Langley stood out as exceptional; her teaching, her references and her interview all showed someone who fizzes with ideas. She showed passion for teaching young children and an abundance of warmth towards them. Miss Snell and Mrs Shaw (currently teaching in Years 3 & 4 respectively) will also move to the Pre-Prep to complete the team. As for the Prep, Mr Clifton and Miss Weller will continue to teach Years 3 and 4 respectively next year and Miss Atkinson will become a Year 4 form teacher alongside her English teaching.

Mr Paul Messingham joins the school as our new Computing teacher and will also support Technology teaching. An experienced teacher, he is currently Head of Computing at Knightsbridge Prep and was Head of ICT at University College School and Dulwich College. When he started talking about bringing photography and robotics into the curriculum, we knew he was the man for our school.

Having been impressed by the quality of applicants for the Director of Music role, we have a final shortlist of two and I look forward to announcing an appointment shortly after half term.

A first round of interviews for a new Head of Languages has taken place this week; a second round commences immediately after half term. Again, I look forward to confirming our appointment soon.

The new teachers joining the school will begin to spend time with us as term draws to its end, and we will of course bid a proper farewell to those leaving us this summer. It is always sad to say goodbye to those who are moving on, but I am heartened by the high quality and quantity of applications we have had for each of these positions.

Mrs Keep

Diary Dates

Week 7 - Lunch Menu Week 1

Monday 4 June

Term re-starts

Pre-Prep spelling bee begins

Tuesday 5 June

13+ Common Entrance exams

Cricket v Dorset House U9A & B (h)

18.00 Year 7 Geography Residential trip

Information Evening

Wednesday 6 June

Cricket v Cophthorne

Colts A & B / U9A & B (a)

U12 Rounders Tournament @ Handcross Park

Rounders v Hurst U9 / U8 (a)

18.30 Year 2 into Year 3 Information Evening

Thursday 7 June

Year 3 visit to Brighton Theatre Royal

to see *Awful Auntie*

Rounders v Shoreham College U9 / U8 (h)

18.30 Year 6 into Year 7 Information Evening

Friday 8 June

Year 1 visit Brighton seafront

Year 5 visit to South of England Show

Year 6 Charity Day in aid of Unicef

Saturday 9 June

Lancing College Open Morning for

Lancing Prep schools' Parents Years 4-7

Week 8 - Lunch Menu Week 2

Monday 11 June

My Money Week

Year 4 visit to Newhaven Fort

U11 Cricket Tournament @ Lancing College

Tuesday 12 June

Year 7 visit to the Geological Society and
the Natural History Museum

Years 5 & 6 girls cricket trip to SCCC for
England v South Africa

Cricket v LPW U9A (h)

Year 8 performing in Festival concert at CoGS

Wednesday 13 June

Requested date for ABRSM exams

Cricket v LPW 1st XI @ LC / Colts A (h)

Hurst Cricket Colts 'Sixes' (a)

Cricket v Ardingly College U8A (h)

Rounders v Windlesham House

U13 / U12 / U10 / U9 (a)

Years 3 & 4 Performance Evening

Thursday 14 June

Cricket v Windlesham U9A & B (h)

Brass Evening

Friday 15 June

Pre-Prep Father's Day Event

Cricket v Windlesham House U10A (h)

Saturday 16 June - Summer Fair

Sunday 17 June

10.15 Festival Eucharist @ CoGS

Year 6 residential trip departs

Noticeboard

Parking in our neighbouring roads

Please do take care when parking for drop-off and pick-up at school. It has been brought to my attention by the parents of one of last year's leavers that their child was recently clipped by a vehicle in Hove Park Road. Fortunately, the parent reports that the child was left shaken up but otherwise uninjured, thanks in no small part to the driver behaving responsibly but commented that every parent's nightmare - that their child might be involved in an accident - is a situation that can be made worse by the congestion in these roads at the beginning and end of the school day. The safety of our children is paramount to us all. Please support us in this.

Mrs Keep



Summer Fair: For our Bubblicious stall this year, we need small, clean jars with lids. The smaller the better – to be filled with our lovely, scented body and hand scrub mixture. Please bring them to the main Reception. Thank you.

Dr Cooper

Calling all Pre-Prep Daddies

Save the Date!
Friday 15 June
*Come for tea and a playalong
with the Pre-Prep.*
*Invitations will
be sent after
half term*

Notable Dates:

Friday 6 July - Prize Giving at Lancing College Chapel

Autumn Term 2018

Term starts Tuesday 4 September

Half term from Friday 19 October, usual collection times,
restarting on Monday 5 November

Term ends Friday 14 December

Spring Term 2019

Term starts Monday 7 January

Half term from Friday 15 February, usual collection times,
restarting Monday 25 February

Term ends Wednesday 3 April