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Message from Mrs Keep

Since the half term break, much outside of school has changed and again we find ourselves in a society where distancing is an essential act of kindness to others. In school, we now have staff and senior pupils wearing masks in communal areas and we are mindful of the vulnerability of some of our community. Still, when the school day is underway we are all aware of how lucky we are to be in school. The teachers continue to find ways to keep the learning fun and dynamic, and the children never fail to bring enthusiasm and determination to everything on offer. We are very aware of what an energising contrast this is with the world beyond the school gates, and every one of us is delighted to be in this privileged position.

Different it may be, but the world outside of school remains an important part of our everyday lives. We gathered outside as a whole school community to respect the two minute silence, grateful to the weather enabling us to be together as a whole school – something we can only do outside for the time being. I would like to thank Ava, Beau, Aggie, Christian and Hugo for playing the Last Post and Reveille for us all. I know that some of our neighbours were also touched by hearing them play.

Another outward-looking venture has been our annual charity elections, about which more is contained in this newsletter. While the atmosphere in another election across the Atlantic may have been rather sour, here at LPH our children have understood and participated joyfully in the democratic process. I am delighted with everyone who nominated a charity and grateful to Mr Clifton for organising the election itself.

At a time when we are all necessarily distant from each other, it is reassuring to know that we can still reach out to others. We all wore red on our return from half term to show racism the red card in exchange for a £1 donation to raise funds and awareness of anti-racism campaigning; this is a key discussion point visited as part of the PSHE curriculum in all year groups. We have also worn odd socks to remind each of us that we are wonderfully unique, celebrating our individuality in Anti-Bullying Week. You will have already received a letter from the PTA regarding the 'Love in a Box' appeal that we contribute to annually. This year more than ever it feels important to help the local young homeless at Christmas time, and I hope this will be a record-breaking year for donations from the LPH community. While we are aware of how lucky we are here at LPH, I hope we will all continue to reach out and help others.



The Last Post & Reveille



Pudsey Biscuits for Children in Need



Year 5 at Yellowwave Beach Sports



National Odd Socks Day

News from the Pre-Prep

Pre-School

Over the last two weeks, the children in Pre-School have been learning and celebrating lots of different events. For Remembrance Day, the children made poppies to decorate the classroom and held a two minute silence. They also celebrated Children in Need by doing lots of Pudsey themed activities!

The children have also been learning about Diwali by making paper plate diwa lamps. As well as this, they have taken part in Diwali-themed activities such as making rangoli patterns using Numicon pieces.



Reception

The children have been finding out about Diwali. They listened to the story of Rama and Sita and how the story ended with villagers leaving lights out along the pathways so that Rama and Sita could find their way home. The children learned that Diwali is about the festival lights; they watched a short film clip about a girl named Jessica and how she celebrates with her family.

The children were thrilled when they received a letter from Rama and Sita asking if they would like to celebrate with them at the end of the week. So, the children made a shopping list of some Indian foods we could try, they made diwa lamps to light up the classroom and they printed sashes with rangoli patterns for the party. It was all very exciting.



News from the Pre-Prep

Year 1

The children had a super day out at the Science Observatory at Herstmonceux, as can be seen from the collage of images below. They explored the exhibits and objects demonstrating various different scientific principles and had a good look at the giant space telescope!



Year 2 - Road Safety Week 2020 November 16 - November 22

The week, organised by 'Brake', a road safety charity, is an annual event and the biggest road safety awareness event in the UK. Year 2 spent some time discussing how to stay safe on our roads before heading out to the front of the school to put their knowledge into practice. The children stood close to the kerb, looked both ways, listened out for cars and then looked again before they quietly, and carefully, crossed the road. The children knew not to go too fast in case they tripped!

This year's theme is 'No need to speed'. We did see some cars speeding outside our school gates, which made us all extra cautious about crossing. We hope you stay safe too!



News from the Prep

Year 3

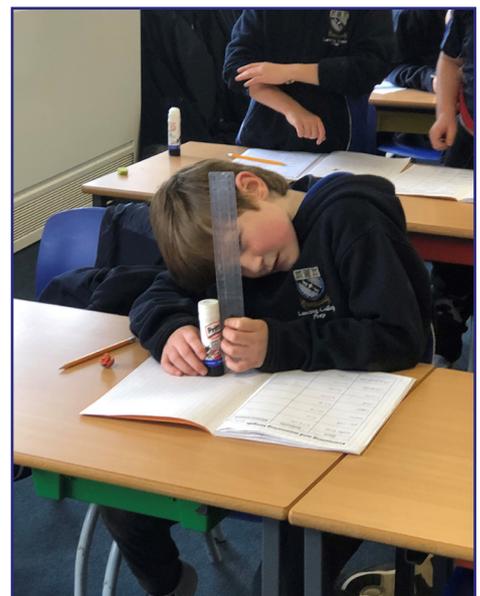
The children most definitely came back from half term ready for action and have been busy ever since. We have been poets, journalists and architects!

The children have written highly emotive 'Thinking Christmas' poems where they had to think about what they loved about Christmas. They then put their empathy skills to the test and reflected on what Christmas might be like for people not as fortunate as us.

The results were tear jerking and impressive including couplets such as:

Having fun opening presents with my brother THINK of children with no mother. And, Waiting for Santa on their way to beddie-bies THINK waking up in the night hearing children's cries.

As journalists we had to report on the erupting of Mt Vesuvius, writing the article and including a headline and pictures too. Next up was fine-tuning our measuring skills in order to measure items in the classroom before becoming architects and accurately measure the dimensions of a house (pictured below!)



Just ONE Tree Day 2020 – Friday 16 October

This year LPH again joined schools nationwide and worldwide to support the charity Just ONE Tree to reforest areas of the world that need it most. With the £336 raised this year combined with our total from last year, thanks to the wonderful families here, we have now planted an area of forest with 676 trees which will remove 208 tonnes of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere over the next 25 years. It is Mrs Coutts' real hope that we will continue adding to our 'forest' and she thanks everyone for donating to this great charity. Thank you to all the pupils who entered the poetry competition that ran alongside the non-uniform day. There were some amazing entries and all pupils have received various pride and house points according to their year groups.



News from the Prep

Saturday Art Workshops for our Senior Art Club

Some of our older pupils in school have been lucky to participate in two Saturday workshops recently, firstly learning some new print-making techniques using our new print press with Miss Roberts and Miss Rivers-Bland and a second one exploring acrylic painting techniques with a visiting artist, Denise Harrison. The pupils worked with great enthusiasm in both workshops and learned some fantastic skills which they are now developing into independent projects. We hope to create more workshop opportunities across the year groups later in the year.



News from the Prep School

Parliament Week and LPH Charity Election 2020



Now in its third year, the LPH Charity election proves to show what caring, innovative and empathetic children we have in our school. We participated in the nationally organised UK Parliament Week which saw children debating the most important issues in our community and learning the differences between Government and Parliament. Our opportunity to observe the Act of Remembrance brought into sharp focus the privilege that we have to live in a democracy and to have our say. There was also animated and energetic reflection on the democratic process taking place in the US Presidential Elections – proving just how socially aware our future generation already are.

Every pupil and member of staff was given the opportunity to cast their vote for one national charity and one locally based charity that the school will support for the next year. A shortlist of 10 charities had been developed, following suggestions from the whole school community, adults and children alike.

I am so very pleased to announce that **Surfers against Sewage** has been elected as our national charity for the next year, proving our awareness of and responsibility towards environmental issues. Martlets Hospice will continue to be the focal point of our local fundraising activities, now in its third year as our choice – something very special. Contact is already being made with these wonderful organisations to inform them of our election results and the recently elected School council members will soon set the wheels in motion for our fundraising events.

Special mention must go to those children in the school who went above and beyond in their efforts to promote their chosen charities. It is our firm belief that these charities have been chosen because of their efforts to raise the profile of causes and campaigns that mean a great deal to them.

Lancing Prep at Hove BALLOT PAPER		CHARITY ELECTION Thursday 12 th November 2020	
Put an 'X' next to the LOCAL CHARITY you want to vote for. <i>Vote for one only.</i>			
1	Rockinghorse		
2	Ditch The Label		
3	Martlets Hospice		
4	Whoopasadaisy		
5	Off The Fence		
Put an 'X' next to the NATIONAL CHARITY you want to vote for. <i>Vote for one only.</i>			
1	Trussell Trust		
2	Childline		
3	Just One Tree		
4	RNLI		
5	Surfers Against Sewage		



Diary Dates

Week 10 – Lunch Menu Week 2

Wednesday 25 November

13.00 Year 6 to Yellowwave, Brighton

Friday 27 November

Year 3 Victorian Day

Week 11 – Lunch Menu Week 3

Monday 30 November

Love in a Box Pre-School & Reception

18.15 Year 8 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 1 December

Love in a Box Years 1 & 2

Wednesday 2 December

Love in a Box Years 3 & 4

Thursday 3 December

Love in a Box Years 5 & 6

Friday 4 December

Love in a Box Years 7 & 8

SPRING TERM 2021 DATES

Term starts Tuesday 5 January 2021

Half Term: from Friday 12 February 2021

usual collection times, restarting on

Monday 22 February 2021

Term ends Wednesday 24 March 2021

SUMMER TERM 2021 DATES

Term starts Monday 19 April 2021

May Bank Holiday Monday 3 May 2021

Half term from Friday 28 May 2021 usual

collection times, restarting on Monday 7

June 2021

Term ends Wednesday 7 July 2021

Noticeboard

Staff news

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Emma Macpherson to the school administrative team as our afternoon school secretary. Emma may be known to a number of you as her children attend the school, and we are delighted to welcome her as a member of staff.

As Mrs Coutts prepares to begin maternity leave at the end of this term, I am pleased to confirm that we have appointed Mrs Bella Campbell to cover as Head of Geography. Mrs Campbell has experience as Head of Geography in an independent London day school, and in a field of strong candidates she stood out as exceptional. She and Mrs Coutts have already begun a careful handover.

We will also be welcoming Mrs Janine Gates to the school as she prepares to take over from Miss Marriner as Head of History, and we will be welcoming Miss Megan Ball who will complete her final teaching placement later this term and into next term at LPH. Many of you will remember Miss Ball as the Teaching Assistant who worked with your children when they were younger. We are delighted that she will be completing her final teacher training placement with us here.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS - FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER

We are unable to have the usual celebrations and whole school gatherings that would form part of our last day of term. We have planned for various events to happen in new, safe ways and fully intend for all the children to have fun on the run-up to the Christmas holidays. Please note the staggered collection times for the final day of term:

Pre-School & Reception	2.45pm	Front of school
Year 1	2.55pm	Hove Park Road gates
Year 2	2.55pm	Front of school
Year 3	3.05pm	Hove Park Road gates
Year 4	3.05pm	Front of school
Year 5	3.15pm	Hove Park Road gates
Year 6	3.15pm	Front of school
Year 7	3.30pm	Hove Park Road gates
Year 8	3.30pm	Front of school

There will be **no** clubs, prep or after school care on the final day of term, Friday 11 December. Younger siblings should be collected at the same time and place as their eldest sibling.