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Message from Mrs Keep

This term may not have unfolded as we expected, but I write these words with a big smile on my face. The last day of term is always an especially joyful one and the school has been busier, livelier and noisier than ever today.

The Pre-Prep children have been all over the school grounds on various Easter Egg hunts and I last spotted a large group of Reception children hopping their way to their next clue. The Prep School children have all earned their egg as they do every year with a good deed and I must put in a special word of thanks to the Year 8 pupils who took part in a litter-pick with quite exceptional gusto and good humour. Their environmental and social awareness impressed us all immensely.

I have watched all manner of 'eggnauts' being launched from various heights around the school. Mrs Gardener and all the science and technology teachers have much to be proud of – the children's creations appear to have kept their fragile eggs in one piece.

We may only have had 2½ weeks of school in person this term, but we have made the most of them. The beginnings of spring have given us all occasion to head outdoors as much as possible. Whether it has been to traipse down to Forest School to build dens, or to measure the perimeter of the cricket square, or to head to the Science Garden and observe the growth of our toad and frogspawn and our young newts, there has been as much learning outside as there has been indoors.

We don't yet know whether the regulations in schools will be adjusted alongside the government's roadmap, but the return to school has reminded me of just how much we can still do to ensure the children's learning is as lively and engaging as ever. On that note, I wish you all a restful Easter break and look forward to seeing you for an exciting Summer Term.



Congratulations!

We were delighted to hear the news about our Year 8 scholarship candidates who worked hard this academic year, despite remote learning and lockdowns.

Lancing College has awarded an Academic Scholarship, Academic Exhibition, two Sports Scholarships, two Drama Exhibitions and a Head Master's Award. One pupil has gained a Sports Scholarship and Head Master's Award to Roedean.

There are more in the pipeline, we anticipate, as some senior schools have delayed their assessments until the Summer Term.

News from the Pre-Prep

Pre-School

The children have had a wonderful end of term celebrating British Science Week, Red Nose Day and preparing for Easter. They have taken part in various Science experiments that encouraged them to make predictions and make comments on what they had observed. They have also had so much fun getting ready for Easter by making cards, various Egg decorations and decorating delicious Easter biscuits!



News from the Pre-Prep

Reception

Reception had a visit from Dr Sarah Sharpe, the Fossil Hunter. The children had prepared questions to ask her, such as how many dinosaur fossils has she found, what's her favourite dinosaur and where do dinosaurs live. Then we all went off around the school grounds on a fossil hunting mission. With the help of the fossil hunter the children made some amazing discoveries using their special tools of brushes, tweezers and magnifying glasses. It was all so very exciting that the children spent the rest of the afternoon looking for dinosaur remains in their outside area.



News from the Pre-Prep

Year 1

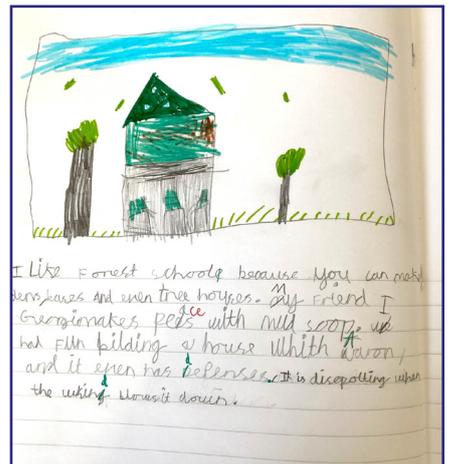
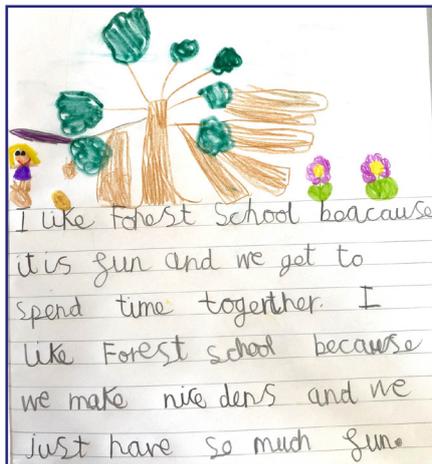
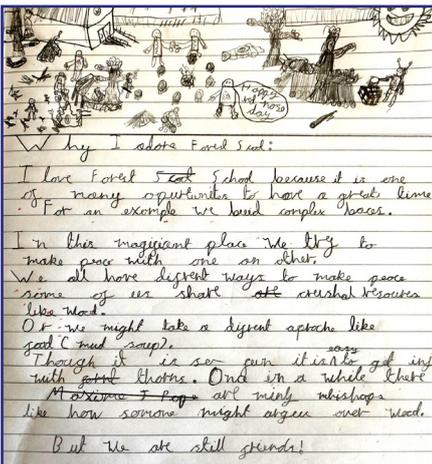
Here is a wonderful gallery of the children's Easter Egg hunt in the school grounds. We think they found some! They had fun decorating Easter biscuits in class, too.



News from the Pre-Prep

Year 2

Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed being back together again and having the opportunity to play together in our Forest School. It has been delightful to see the children honing their skills of collaboration and negotiation during their imaginative play. Here's what 2M have to say about their adventures...



... and 2S had a wonderful time, carefully decorating their chocolate Easter biscuits. We're so impressed with how neat they were!



News from the Prep

Year 3

The children are back to doing what they do best, working hard, playing hard (or should we say **harder** given they have had eight weeks apart).



Year 4

Now back at school, the Year 4 children have been making the most of our school Science Pond. They have been out observing what living creatures they can spot and understanding what makes the pond the perfect habitat for them. So far they have seen newts, tadpoles, water snails and other insects and are excited to find out what will be there next term!



News from the Prep

Year 5 & 6

Yellowwave Beach Sports is proving very popular with the children who are enjoying getting to grips with beach volleyball.



The Egnaut challenge was a fun way to bring the term to an end. The children worked in groups to devise a carrier to allow an egg to land safely on the ground when dropped from the Laurent Hall balcony. The teams all had the same selection of materials: paper, drinking straws, wooden sticks, string, masking tape and rubber bands and spent time in the classroom, designing and building their carriers before putting them to the test. Points were awarded for how well the egg survived the journey, how neat the overall design was and how stylish it looked!



News from the Prep

Year 7 & 8

Taking learning outdoors and spending time in the school garden were combined by the older pupils. Year 7 enjoyed creating their Warhol-inspired motifs to add a splash of colour to the garden which will be providing its own colour in the Summer Term. Year 8 worked more intricately to paint flower pots.



News from the Prep

Thank You X Cubes

It has been so lovely to see all the creative ThankYou X cubes made by so many pupils across the school over half term. They are now all up in the Laurent Hall and pupils have enjoyed searching for their own cubes. Well done to all – it looks amazing!



Notices

Staff News

It is at this time of year in independent schools that we confirm plans for changes in staffing, and we have a number of teachers who will be leaving LPH at the end of this academic year.

Dr Cooper will be retiring from LPH after 17 years at the school, enabling her to move closer to family. For four years as Director of Studies she has been a key member of the Senior Management Team as well as being an inspirational Science teacher. She will be replaced by **Mr Patrick Mason**, who was Deputy Head Academic at Ashdown House school until its closure at the end of last year. At interview, it was clear that Paddy has the profile we need at LPH – a sharp, analytical mind combined with kindness and good humour.

Mrs Silverson will also be retiring as Head of Mathematics after six years at LPH. Julie's calm and confident leadership of the department has seen results improve year on year, and it is a strong department that she hands over to **Mrs Philippa Wheeler**. Philippa is returning to the UK from her current role of Asst Head of Faculty in Singapore, and she knows the area and school circuit well having previously been Head of Mathematics at Handcross Park.

Mrs Eagle, Latin, and **Mrs Trillwood**, Pre-Prep French, are both also retiring. **Mrs Drew**, Head of Languages, will become a full-time member of staff.

Miss Diver will be relocating and moving to a school closer to her new home, where she will continue to teach younger primary aged children. I am pleased to welcome **Miss Charlotte Barritt** who has experience of both state and independent schools teaching Reception through to Year 2, and whose expertise sees her as a 'teaching lead' in her current school.

Miss Claire Bridges will be joining us next term as Head of History. Currently Head of Boarding at Framlingham School, Claire is also an experienced Head of History in prep schools. **Miss Marriner** has promised to visit the school towards the end of term so we can say a proper goodbye to her.

Though not leaving the school, **Miss Weller** will be taking a year's sabbatical to enable her to support her family in the west country. We shan't be saying goodbye to Jacqui, but bidding her a temporary farewell. In place, it is a pleasure to welcome **Miss Megan Ball** who is now completing her degree in Physical Education, and whose teaching placement at LPH this year proved her to be an exceptional young teacher, both in the classroom and on the pitches. **Billy** will be moving temporarily to the west country with Jacqui, but we have already welcomed **Willow** to the school as our new **PAT** dog.

As we move through the Summer Term, our new teachers will join us for visit days. For now, we still have a term left of the academic year so while we are planning for next year, we have plenty of time to enjoy with the teachers who will be moving on.

TERM DATES

SUMMER 2021

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

AUTUMN 2021

Term starts Thursday 2 September 2021
Half term from Friday 15 October 2021 usual collection times,
restarting on Monday 1 November 2021
Term ends Friday 10 December 2021

Comedy Night 26 March 2021

In case enjoying a comedy night from the comfort of your sofa at home appeals (we understand not suitable viewing for under 18s), the College PTA, better known as St Nic's Association, are welcoming parents from the Lancing Preps and Little Lancing nursery to join them. Tickets are £15 per household to view it via a YouTube live stream. The link will be emailed to participants before the event. Book online here:

<https://www.lancingcollege.co.uk/event/st-nics-comedy-night-2021>

Dear Parents and Guardians

Hold on to your hats and get ready for some serious belly laughing because Live at Lancing is happening on the 26 of March.

After our successful Quiz Night we thought we would bring you some much needed laughter into your home. The St Nicolas Committee are delighted to be able to bring to you a night of comedy with 5 amazing acts via a live audience link. Think of it like watching 'Live at the Apollo' from home. So, dial in, grab

St Nic's Comedy Night!

Online Livestream Event

Laura Lexx

Alun Cochrane

Damo Clark

Mo Omar

And Zoe Lyons

Friday 26th March 8.30pm – 9.45pm

VIP Tickets on Zoom / Standard Tickets on YouTube

Comic Relief 2021 SHARE A SMILE ONLINE

It's Red Nose Day! The theme of this year's charity fundraiser is 'Share a Smile', so we've produced a special edition of our regular guides to help you do precisely that. Of course, National Online Safety usually concentrates on the more serious aspects of digital life – advising on how to keep children safe on the Internet, for example – but that doesn't mean we don't appreciate the online world as a wonderful playground, classroom and social space where people can have fun, learn new things and connect with others. If the past year has taught us anything, it's that even the smallest gesture can make a huge difference. So feel free to use our suggestions below to put some smiles back on faces for Comic Relief.

1

Make a playlist for someone and share it with them.

2

Reach out to a friend that you've not spoken to for a while – maybe look through your old pics and share one with them of you together.

3

Pay someone a compliment online and like some of their social media posts.

4

Share a movie or TV show trailer with someone who'll be excited by it.

5

Find a tasty recipe to cook for someone you love.

6

Message someone first thing to wish them a brilliant day and tell them how important they are to you; suggest planning something fun to do together after lockdown.

7

Post about something that makes you happy – it might make someone else smile too. Or ask your social media contacts to share what made them smile today.

8

Send a funny or cute photo or video to someone you know will love it. Or challenge your friends to see who can create the funniest picture or video (nothing dangerous though!).

9

Leave a positive review for something you've bought online or a supportive comment on a blog post or video that you enjoyed.

10

Send flowers or an e-gift voucher to a relative or friend.

11

Use your phone to send a friend on a scavenger hunt at home – they have to send you a pic back as they find each item.

12

Google some jokes to tell your friends or family.

13

Don't forget to donate (or if you're under 16, remind your parents or carers to!) at <https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/>

