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Message from Mrs Keep

And so December has arrived, my favourite time of year in school! Whether the sound of choir rehearsals drifting from the music school or the voices of our Pre-Prep children singing for upcoming nativities, Christmas can be heard just as easily as it can be seen. Just this morning, the House Christmas Tree competition saw excellent themes again this year, and I felt sorry for chefs Stevie & Tom as they stepped forward to judge them. Special congratulations to Youngs for their peace-themed tree. It was notable this year that the other three houses shared second place and all will get the appropriate allocation of house points!

This weekend, we all get to enjoy our first ever PTA Christmas Fair, and I would like to use this opportunity to thank the committee for putting together what promises to be a wonderful afternoon for all the family. Rumour has it that a very special visitor will be with us to check his Naughty & Nice list! I look forward to seeing you all there tomorrow.

I would also like to remind everyone that we are collecting shoeboxes again this year for the YMCA, and the Christmas Fair may prove a good place to buy some extra treats to add to your shoebox of gifts. The aim of Love in a Box is to ensure that every young person living in a local supported housing project has a present to open on Christmas morning. This may be all they receive on this day. Our children are so lucky in so many ways, and as a school we want them to grow into good citizens who think beyond their own world and to be aware of the needs of others. I will be shopping for my shoebox contents this weekend, and hope many of you can do the same with your children.

Choir performances, Pantomimes, Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Feasts, Song Competitions, Nativities and Carol Services are all still to come this term, and we will also keep working and getting on with the day-to-day life of school. Quite how we're going to fit it all in, I don't know. But we shall, and with a festive spring in our step.



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Pre-Prep News

Pre-School

The countdown to Christmas officially began this week! On Friday the children came to find Pre-School magically transformed into an Elves' Workshop, and they have been kept busy designing, sorting and wrapping presents! The Elves were so kind as to leave us not one but two fabulous advent calendars and we made cards to thank them. Of course they remembered not to leave Dave out of the festivities and kindly decorated his home too.

The children have been learning lots about winter and enjoyed reading the story *Stickman*. They went down to the forest to look for him and to collect sticks to make their very own Stickmen! The children had a wonderful Forest School session with Miss Fox, using clay and natural material to model their own faces.

We have also been busy practising for our Nativity performances next week and look forward to seeing many of you there.



Pre-Prep News

Year 1

The children have been investigating their senses this term. They have discussed why and how we use each of our senses and how they help us to learn.

The children tasted a range of interesting flavoured crisps and tried space food! After discussing a trip to the restaurant '*Dans le Noir*' the children had their own tasting experience in the dark! They also created their own pictogram based on the different eye colours in the class.



Pre-Prep News

Year 2

During our English lessons the children have been writing instructions using imperative verbs. They created instructions to make cakes and then gave their instructions to a partner for them to follow and make their own cake. The children quickly learnt the importance of being precise.



The children have been learning about the Great Fire of London in 1666 and made their own Tudor-style houses. We took them down to Forest School to see how quickly they would burn!



Prep News

Year 3

The children have been learning about rocks and minerals in Science. They have learnt about the different types of rocks and the rock cycle which they enjoyed recreating with chocolate. They have also learnt about Mary Anning's fossil hunting and made their own ammonites out of salt dough! In DT they have been learning to cross stitch and used the school sewing machines to complete their masterpieces. From the way they operated the foot controls, we think they might make good Formula One Drivers!



Prep News

Year 4

The children have been learning about the Romans in history this term and enjoyed their workshop from the company PERFORM. They played games, created freeze frames and learnt some very interesting facts as well as getting the chance to demonstrate their knowledge of the Romans.

The workshop leader commented many times on their great behaviour and was impressed with how much they all knew!



Prep News

Year 5

The children are definitely 'in the know' when it comes to rest and relaxation. In PSHE Education, we have been discussing the stages of the sleep cycle and what optimal sleep can achieve in supporting their health and wellbeing. We have discussed what has the potential to impact their sleep, both positively and negatively, and how they can manage their sleep distractions especially as the excitement of Christmas approaches!



In Geography, the children have been researching cities in Kenya and deciding what they would like about living there. They have considered the pull and push factors of each location and are keen to book holidays to find out more!



Prep News

Year 6



In REP, the children have been thinking about the key to happiness – as described in the Noble Eightfold Path in Buddhism.

They have questioned whether it would be possible to follow this way of life and discussing how effective meditation would be in ending suffering.

In IT, the children have been getting to know our Marty Robots, which can be programmed to do a range of functions using **Scratch** – including wiggling and dancing!

The robots can also have accessories attached, such as touch sensors and light sensors which we hope to include in the future.

With Christmas approaching, the children have been busy writing their own Christmas poems to create a poetry advent calendar.

They are excited to open a 'door' each day in the run up to the end of term to hear a wonderful poem, read by the poet. From Christmas trees to hot chocolate and games of family Monopoly, the children have covered all the different aspects of what makes this such a lovely time of year.



Prep News



Year 7

Mrs Ridge has launched a Christmas lunch club for Year 7, and they have had the opportunity to learn how to cross stitch whilst watching a Christmas film.

The film of choice is ***Miracle on 34th Street*** (1994 version, Richard Attenborough classic), and they have worked together to thread needles and learn patience in what has been a fairly challenging task! Year 7 are invited to the green History hut at several lunch and break times between now and the holidays, and they will hopefully produce some creative pieces as a result!

In REP, they have been discussing whether 'committing sins changes you'. By comparing their views with the beliefs presented in ***Genesis 3***, they have been able to hear a wide range of opinions. This was a valuable opportunity to interact and practise their self-expression!



Prep News

Year 8

The children in 8L went on a trip to Chichester Theatre to see the mind-blowing live theatre production of *Life of Pi*. They have been reading the book as part of their scholarship programme and have been debating whether Richard Parker was real, so it was a brilliant opportunity to bring the text to life for them. Some pupils said the story was a metaphor for religion and that it doesn't matter what the 'right' version of events is, just that you have faith. Other pupils took the story more literally and said that Pi was trying to cope with a traumatic event (no spoilers) by personifying some animals in a magical-realist fantasy. Whatever you end up thinking, they encourage you to read the book and see the show! 8L loved it!



Science Department Pupil Voice Survey for Years 1 to 8

This survey was carried out to see what pupils enjoy about Science here at LPH. We would like to share two word clouds with parents.

The first word cloud on the right shows what pupils are currently enjoying and gives us a feel for what we are doing well.

The second word cloud comprises activities that pupils have asked to do more of this year, so we will be actively planning incorporating more of these activities into lessons over the next few months.

Please do get in touch with Mrs Gardner or your child's science teacher if you are passionate about science. We would love to involve parents more in promoting science and making science relevant to the real world for our pupils.



Prep News

Farewell to the Shauns!

To mark the end of the Shaun the Sheep Trail 2023, the #Brightonflock were gathered into the Brighton Centre. The pupils who had visited the most Shauns this year had a special treat, going to see the Shauns, big and small, all in one place for the last time!



Christmas Trees at CoGS

Once again, pupils from LPH have decorated a tree at CoGS as part of the church's Christmas Tree Festival which takes place this weekend, with a Carols Among the Trees service at 4pm on Sunday 3 December.

Some of our creative year 7 pupils came up with the design and have been busy making the decorations over the last 3 weeks. Our theme this year, The 12 days of Christmas.

Thanks to Raphi and Charlie for helping to hang them and also to Henry B, Bella, Grace, Vikram, Betsy and Issy for helping to make them.



Sports News

Rugby Results

Wednesday 22 November

U11 Oakwood Tournament W

Wednesday 29 November

2nd v HX Park/Brambletye L W

U11A v HX Park/Brambletye L L

U11B v HX Park/Brambletye W W

U10A v HX Park/Brambletye W W

U10B v HX Park/Brambletye D W

Thursday 30 November

St Christopher's Mini Rugby Festival
U8 W D L

LPH Mini Rugby Festival
U9 W D L



HOUSE FOOTBALL

Hockey Results

Wednesday 22 November

1st v Handcross Park W

2nd v Handcross Park L

Colts A v Handcross Park L

Colts B v Handcross Park L

Colts C v Handcross Park L

Thursday 23 November

U9 v Handcross Park D

U9 v Handcross Park D

U8 v Handcross Park D

U8 v Handcross Park D



Netball Results

Wednesday 29 November

1st v LPW W

2nd I v LPW W

3rd v LPW L

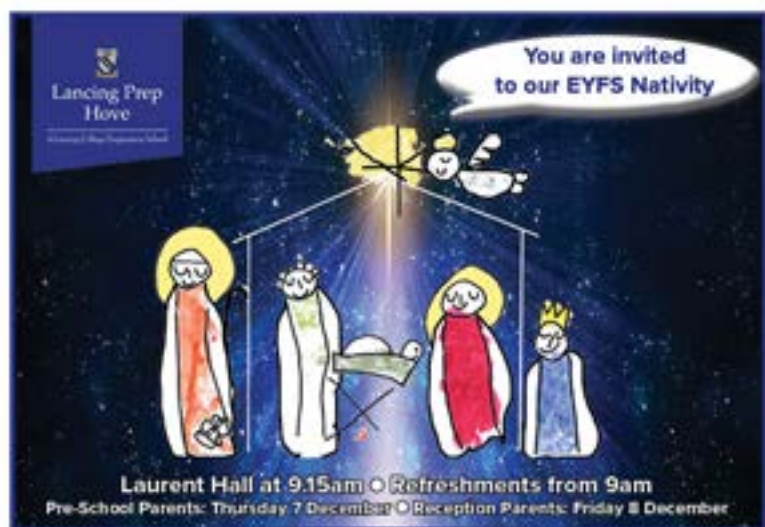
Colts A v LPW W


Colts B LPW L

Colts C v Windlesham L

Fixtures are co-ed where the schools we play can also field co-ed teams

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Please save the dates!

Our 2023 Carol Services will take place at The Church of the Good Shepherd in Dyke Road as follows:

TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER
15.30 - 16.15
YEARS 3 & 4

WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER
15.30 - 16.15
YEARS 5 & 6

THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER
15.30 - 16.15
YEARS 7 & 8

All welcome to attend - more detailed information will be available in early December.

Notice Board

Diary Dates

Week 12 - Lunch Menu Week 2

Monday 4 December

Year 7 Science trip to London

Wednesday 6 December

Geography Gameshow Years 7 & 8

14.30 Rugby v Great Walstead

U13, U12, U13/12 (A)

14.30 Netball v Handcross Park

Colts A & C (@ Lancing College)

15.15 Netball v Handcross Park

Colts B (@ Lancing College)

18.00 Whole School Poetry Evening

Laurent Hall

Thursday 7 December

09.15 Pre-School Nativity

14.15 Netball v Brambletye U8 & U9 (H)

14.30 Rugby v Cumnor House

U9A & B, U8A & B (A)

15.15 Year 1 Nativity

17.00 Year 7 Parents' Evening

Friday 8 December

09.00 Pantomime visit to Worthing
Years 3 to 6

09.15 Reception Nativity

15.15 Year 2 Nativity

Week 13 - Lunch Menu Week 3

Monday 11 December

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

11.15 Pre-Prep Christmas Feast

13.15 Years 3 - 5 Christmas Feast

16.45- 17.30 Years 6 - 8 Christmas Feast

Tuesday 12 December

15.30 Year 3-4 Carol Service @ COGS

Wednesday 13 December

15.30 Year 5-6 Carol Service @ COGS

Thursday 14 December

08.00 Pre-Prep Christmas Pantomime

15.30 Year 7-8 Carol Service @ COGS

14.30 Mini Rugby Tournament U9 A & B (H)

Friday 15 December

12.00 noon Term ends

Please check the online calendar for the latest information, particularly venues for Sports fixtures

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2023

Term ends Friday 15 December 12.00noon

Spring Term 2024

Inset Day Friday 5 January

Term starts Monday 8 January

Half term from Friday 9 February usual collection times, re-starting Monday 19 February

Term ends Friday 22 March

Summer Term 2024

Inset Day Monday 15 April

Term starts Tuesday 16 April

Bank Holiday Monday 6 May

Half term from Friday 24 May usual collection times, re-starting Monday 3 June

Pre-Prep Term ends Wednesday 3 July 12noon

Prep School Term ends with Prize Giving

Wednesday 3 July 13.00

Autumn Term 2024

Inset Days Monday 2 & Tuesday 3 September

Term starts Wednesday 4 September

Half term from Friday 18 October, usual collection times, re-starting Monday 4 November

Term ends Friday 13 December 12.00noon

Spring Term 2025

Inset Day Monday 6 January

Term starts Tuesday 7 January

Half term from Friday 14 February, usual collection times, re-starting Monday 24 February

Term ends Friday 28 March

Summer Term 2025

Inset Day Tuesday 22 April

Term starts Wednesday 23 April

Bank Holiday Monday 5 May

Half term from Friday 23 May usual collection times, re-starting Monday 2 June

Pre-Prep Term ends Thursday 3 July 12noon

Prep School Term ends with Prize Giving

Thursday 3 July

When parents and carers finally have the chance to spend some quality time with their child over Christmas, many face a familiar struggle to prise their young one's attention away from their phone, console, tablet or computer. Fun family bonding over the festive period, however, doesn't have to exclude devices. There are sackfuls of Christmas activities and ideas online which grown-ups and children can enjoy together. We've compiled our own 'nice list' of seasonal suggestions for how to ...

MAKE THE MOST OF THE ONLINE WORLD THIS CHRISTMAS

1 EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY

Budding bakers will relish helping out in the kitchen with some tasty festive treats. Spend some time together researching child-friendly Christmas recipes online (the BBC Good Food site is an excellent place to start), and then you and your little elves can rustle up gingerbread santas, marshmallow snowmen or reindeer shortbread. The only thing that's more fun is eating your creations afterwards!



WHEN THE SNOWMAN BRINGS THE SNOW...

4 A WORLD OUTSIDE YOUR WINDOW

From turkey on the beach in Australia to roller-skating to church in Venezuela, Christmas is celebrated in a variety of ways worldwide – curious youngsters might enjoy discovering other nations' festive traditions online. Google's Santa Tracker is a brilliant (and free) starting point, with games, activities and animations to help children enjoy learning as they count down to the big day!



2 THE OLD SONGS ARE THE BEST?

We've all had that Christmas compilation CD that was almost perfect, if it wasn't inexplicably missing one of your best-loved tracks. In this era of music streaming, however, your little helpers can assist you in compiling a definitive playlist of all your favourite seasonal songs – no more pinning for The Pretenders or wishing for Wizard.



5 THE NEAR AND THE DEAR ONES

Between time constraints, distance, the weather and Covid precautions (or a combination of all four) for many families it just won't be possible to physically spend time with everyone they'd ideally like to this Christmas. Video calling technology, of course, takes some of the sting out of the disappointment by virtually transporting loved ones into your living room.



3 DECK THE HALLS

There's no such thing as 'too many' Christmas trimmings! Let your child channel their excitement into some creative crafting, and you'll make memories as well as your own DIY decorations. There are loads of step-by-step guides online (including video walkthroughs on YouTube) for seasonal showpieces like paper plate angels, handprint wreaths and cupcake wrapper Christmas trees.



6 KIDS FROM ONE TO 92

If Santa's brought your young ones a console this year (or they already had one), it's a perfect excuse for some quality time while they gleefully trounce you at FIFA or Mario Kart. Digital versions of traditional board games like Monopoly and Cluedo are available on most platforms, too; get the whole household together for a modern take on some old-school family fun.



7 A WINTER'S TALE

Everyone enjoys a story at this time of year: after all, the whole celebration is based on an engrossing yarn. Sites such as Audible are an excellent way of entertaining excited young ones, with classics like Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* and seasonal short stories by Enid Blyton alongside more contemporary Christmas tales by the likes of Tom Fletcher, JK Rowling and Ben Miller.



8 CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THOSE FACES

People used to express their gratitude for a thoughtful Christmas gift with a thank you card or a dutiful phone call. Not in the digital age: now your relations can see first-hand on video calls how delighted the children are with their presents – and even how they look in that slightly questionable hand-knitted pullover.



9 BROUGHT ME SOME CORN FOR POPPIN'

Snuggling up against the winter weather with the family (and a generous helping of chocolates) to enjoy a well-loved movie is a delightful Christmas tradition. The usual streaming services have some classic candidates on offer: *Home Alone* and *The Santa Clause* are on Disney+, while Amazon Prime has *Elf* and *The Grinch*, and Netflix goes with *The Princess Switch* and *The Christmas Chronicles*.



10 GUESS WHAT I FORGOT?

Friends and family pitting their wits against each other on Zoom, Teams or Skype really took off during lockdown, so why not revive the tradition over the holidays? Your questions could be on the biggest news, sport and showbiz stories of 2021, or be Christmas themed, or you could stick to classic general knowledge. Ideal for those days between Christmas and New Year.



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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ART WORKSHOPS

Artroom Brighton is the South East's leading provider of art classes for 6 to 16 year olds. Since 2008, over 15,000 young people, who attend over 150 different schools have created outstanding art in our Hove studio.

Mon 11th Dec: Xmas 'Among Us' workshop
Tues 12th Dec: Harry Potter cartoons
Weds 13th Dec: Vexx street art
Thursday 14th Dec: Britto Xmas Pop Art
Fri 15th Dec: 'Sonic' Xmas cartoons

Mon 18th Dec: Pixar Xmas cartoons
Tues 19th Dec: Raymond Briggs Snowman art
Weds 20th Dec: Matisse Xmas cut outs
Thurs 21st Dec: Jon Burgerman Xmas doodles
Fri 22nd Dec: Xmas 'Among Us' workshop

WHERE

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WHEN

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