



Dear Families,

What a lively (and sunny) week it has been in school! From space adventures to animal discoveries and even a visit from a real author; the children have been buzzing with excitement. It's been lovely to see so many happy faces, curious questions and proud moments across the year groups. I am pleased to give you a small snapshot of what your children have been up to.

Year 2 Trip to Chichester Planetarium

On Monday, our Year 2 pupils enjoyed an exciting trip to the South Downs Planetarium in Chichester, where they were transported on a magical journey through space. Inside the impressive 11-metre dome, the children sat back and watched the night sky come alive above them, with stars, planets and the Moon projected in stunning detail. The children were captivated by the full-dome images and videos, which helped deepen their understanding of the world beyond Earth in a visual and memorable way. Alongside the show itself, our children were able to explore some of the colourful displays that supported their learning about space, helping them link what they have been studying in class to the real wonders of the universe.

The children returned to school full of excitement, brimming with new knowledge and eager to share what they had learned about the stars above Sussex and beyond.

Author Visit – Josh Lacey

On Monday afternoon we were pleased to welcome the London-born British children's author, Josh Lacey. Josh is well known for writing engaging, humorous and adventure-filled stories for young readers. He has written around 40 books for children, including popular series such as The Dragonsitter, The Island of Thieves, Bearkeeper, and the Grk books, the first of which (A Dog Called Grk) was shortlisted for the Branford Boase Award.

Golden Ticket Breakfast Treat

On Tuesday morning, Mr Grimshaw hosted a special treat for our Golden Ticket winners — a wonderfully quirky “jam and crumpets” breakfast experience. The children went to the Food and Nutrition classroom to prepare what he described as a “lavish, exotic and exciting breakfast.” They then enjoyed their creations together in the staffroom until 9.15am.



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It was a joyful and delicious start to the day. Thank you, Mr Grimshaw, for giving our winners such a memorable morning!

Year 1 trip to Tilgate Zoo

On Thursday, our Year 1 pupils had a wonderful adventure at Tilgate Zoo. The children were thrilled to discover that the zoo is home to over 70 different species, including favourites such as meerkats, monitor lizards, parrots and even tapirs and turtles. During their visit, the children explored a variety of animal habitats and enjoyed getting up close to creatures from around the world. With more than 100 animals living across different zones, there was something exciting to see at every turn. Many pupils especially enjoyed watching some of the animals during public talks and feeds, which helped them understand how the zoo cares for such a diverse range of species. The trip provided an enriching learning experience that helped build the children's curiosity and confidence around animals. The children returned to school full of excitement, eager to share fun facts about the animals they had seen and stories from their memorable day out.

Teddy Bears' Picnic

On Thursday, we held our Teddy Bears' Picnic, a truly joyful occasion where we welcomed the wonderful children who will be joining our Reception class in September. It was fantastic to see them arrive with their favourite teddies in hand, ready to explore, play and get a feel for their new school environment. The morning was filled with smiles, games, stories and plenty of cuddly companions, giving our soon-to-be pupils a gentle and happy introduction to life at LPW. We loved meeting them and their families and are already looking forward to seeing them again as they begin their exciting journey with us in the autumn.

Dates for the Diary:

Saturday 21 March

13+ Open Event at Lancing College

[Lancing College - Saturday Open Event, Year 9 Entry at Lancing College event tickets from TicketSource](#)

Monday 23 March – Friday 27 March

No clubs other than Homework Room running



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National Shakespeare Week - throughout the week, the children will be learning a little about Shakespeare, some of his stories and his characters in fun, age-appropriate ways, helping them discover that Shakespeare isn't just for older children. It should be a lovely opportunity for them to dip their toes into the world of the Bard and start recognising just how exciting his storytelling can be.

Monday 23 March

ABRSM Exams

We will be meeting at the blue gate at 8.40am to go to Lancing Prep Hove for the exams. Please may all pupils bring their music and instruments, a reading book and a snack. We will be back at LPW between 12 and 12.30pm

Reception to Year 8 'Book Look' in form rooms

Reception to Year 2 at 3-3.45pm

Years 3 to 8 at 3-4pm

Tuesday 24 March

Year 8 Bake Off Challenge

Wednesday 25 March

Nursery, Pre-School and Pre-Prep Spring Celebration in the Hall

Gates 9.15am for a 9.30am start

Friday 27 March

3pm Prep Spring Service in the hall

4pm Term ends

No Wraparound or Homework Room on this day

Buses depart at 4pm

W/C Monday 20 April

Allergy Awareness Week

Monday 20 April

Inset Day



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Tuesday 21 April

First day of the Summer Term

No clubs other than Homework Room running until Monday 27 April

Thursday 23 April

Lodge Hill Meeting for Year 5 and 6 parents 4.15-5.15pm in the hall

Friday 24 April

Non-Uniform Day

Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

Friends & Families of LPW Colour Run

Congratulations to:

Ethan S and Cameron B who have been selected to play for the U16s 'Wolves' squad for Worthing Hockey Club. They played a great debut game on Saturday working really well with the older members of the team, with Ethan named as Man of the Match.

Theo L who received a certificate as part of his first stage of completing 10 climbs, 10 belays, descending from a route, and correctly harnessing himself, along with a few other areas, at Shoreham with Adur Climbing Centre.

Celts House who are the winning house of the Spring Term. Celts families should have received a letter today about Monday's house treat.

I wish you a very happy weekend.



Francesca Milling



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Headteacher Awards (13-19 March):

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Lunch Menus w/c 23 March:

<https://bit.ly/LPW-LUNCH-MENUS-23-03-26>

Music Timetables w/c 23 March:

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