NEWSLETTER

Friday, 20 November 2026
Autumn Term

Dear Families,

At LPW, everything we do begins and ends with three simple but powerful aims:

Love Learning
Be Kind
Go Out into the World and Do Good

These aims are far more than words displayed on a wall. They shape our decisions, guide our priorities and underpin every aspect of school life. Every lesson, assembly, trip, event, conversation and initiative should, in some way, be helping us to bring one or more of these aims to life. They provide the framework for our strategic planning, our pastoral and academic provision, and the opportunities we create for children each day. They feature prominently in our weekly staff meetings, where discussions and developments are organised around these core themes, and they form the structure of our annual publications and celebrations of school life. Quite simply, they are at the heart of who we are and what we aspire to be.

On Wednesday, the Senior Leadership Team spent the day together reviewing our long-term strategic priorities and planning for the future development of the school. Whilst we are immensely proud of what happens each day at LPW, we are never complacent. We continually strive to reflect, refine and improve, ensuring that we offer the very best educational experience for every child in our care.

Our newsletter will now too be organised around our three school aims. As you read through the sections, I hope you will see how these principles are lived out in the experiences, achievements and opportunities enjoyed by our pupils each day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, encouragement and kindness. The strength of our community comes from the positive partnership between school and home, and we are enormously grateful for the role you play in helping us create such a happy, ambitious and caring school.

Welcoming Future Teachers to LPW

This term, we are delighted to be hosting two student teachers from the University of Brighton, Miss Clarkson and Miss Kirton as they begin the next stage of their teaching journeys.

Having now spent some time in our school, both have shared how incredibly impressed they have been by our community. They spoke warmly about the outstanding politeness of our pupils, the kindness shown by everyone they have met and the strong sense of community that is evident throughout the school. In particular, they remarked upon the warmth of their welcome from staff and pupils alike and how quickly they have felt part of the LPW family. They have been struck by the positive atmosphere that runs through the school each day, the supportive nature of our staff and the confidence, courtesy and enthusiasm demonstrated by our pupils.

Their reflections are a wonderful testament to the values we strive to nurture. We are very proud that visitors to our school so quickly recognise the warmth, respect and strong relationships that make our community such a special place to learn and work.

Love Learning Committee Update

Our Love Learning Pupil Committee has recently spent time reviewing and selecting a range of new outdoor play equipment for breaktimes.

The pupils have carefully chosen items that will provide a variety of opportunities for creative, collaborative and active play, whilst also helping to develop important skills such as teamwork, communication, problem-solving and coordination. Their thoughtful choices reflect a desire to ensure that breaktimes remain fun, inclusive and engaging for all children. We are delighted that the new equipment has been ordered and should be arriving over the next few weeks. We look forward to seeing it enjoyed across the school.

An Inspiring Visit from Dr Scott Crawford

On Monday afternoon, we were delighted to welcome Dr Scott Crawford, Head Master of Lancing College, who led an inspiring assembly for our pupils. Dr Crawford spoke about the importance of having the courage to speak up when we see something that is not right and reminded us of the responsibility we share in creating a kind, respectful and supportive community.

Following the assembly, Dr Crawford generously gave his time to a question-and-answer session with the children. We were incredibly proud of the thoughtful and insightful questions they asked about leadership, decision-making and what it is like to be a Head Master. Their curiosity, confidence and willingness to engage in meaningful discussion shone through.

The session provided a wonderful opportunity for pupils to demonstrate their intellectual curiosity, reflective thinking and mature approach to learning. Dr Crawford was hugely impressed by the quality of their questions, and we were delighted to see our pupils showcasing the enquiry, intelligence and ambition that characterise life at LPW.

Opening Our Classroom Doors

It was a pleasure to welcome Year 5-7 families into our classrooms and to share a snapshot of daily life at LPW on Tuesday afternoon.

Open House provides a valuable opportunity to see first-hand not only what our pupils learn but how they learn. From expertly planned lessons and purposeful classroom routines to thoughtful questioning and high levels of pupil engagement, we hope families gained an insight into the pedagogy that underpins everything we do. Whilst a school day can often appear seamless, there is considerable thought, expertise and care behind the scenes to ensure that every hour is productive, purposeful and inspiring for our children.

For those who were unable to attend, please do not worry. There will be further opportunities throughout the year to visit lessons, attend school events and experience life at LPW first-hand. We look forward to welcoming you into school again very soon.

EYFS Firefighter Visit

The EYFS children had an exciting visit from firefighters today, who taught them about fire safety, showed them their equipment and let them explore the fire engine. The children were all very excited and wonderfully behaved.

Signed Copies from Richard Coles

We are delighted to be welcoming The Reverend Richard Coles to Lancing Prep Worthing on Wednesday, 25 November. Many parents will know Richard Coles as a much-loved broadcaster, writer and Anglican priest. Before entering the ministry, he found fame as a member of the 1980s pop duo The Communards, whose hit single Don't Leave Me This Way became one of the best-selling singles of the decade. Since then, he has become a familiar voice on BBC Radio 4, a regular face on television programmes including QI, Would I Lie To You? and Have I Got News For You, and the bestselling author of numerous acclaimed books.

To mark the occasion, families can purchase a personally signed copy of Richard's new children's book, A Heist Before Bedtime. Pre-ordered books will be signed by Richard during his visit and distributed shortly afterwards.

With Christmas fast approaching, a signed book would make a wonderful gift for children, grandchildren or other family members.

How to pre-order your book via the Steyning Bookshop Online Store:
1) Go to https://www.steyningbookshop.co.uk/product-category/school-author-events/
2) Add the Rev Richard Coles book to your shopping basket
3) Select 'Local Pickup' (No postage charge, books will be delivered to the school)
4) Enter Billing Address as normal. In Order Notes add Lancing College Prep, Child's Name & Class.
5) Proceed to payment by card or Paypal
6) Books will be handed out to the children at school on Wednesday 25th November
If you have problems ordering online, please call the bookshop to order by phone on 01903 812062.

Be Kind

Anti-Bullying Week Begins with a Splash of Colour!
We launched Anti-Bullying Week in style with a fantastic Odd Socks Day on Monday, celebrating individuality, inclusion and the importance of respecting one another's differences. Pupils and staff arrived in an array of colourful, mismatched socks, creating a wonderful visual reminder that we are all unique and that our differences should be celebrated.

The week began with a thought-provoking assembly led by Mr Grimshaw, who encouraged pupils to reflect on kindness, empathy and the positive impact they can have on those around them. Through thoughtful discussion, he reminded us that small acts of kindness can make a significant difference and that everyone has a role to play in creating a community where others feel valued, supported and included.

Building on this theme, our Be Kind Committee pupils led an excellent assembly focused on this year's Anti-Bullying Week message, Break the Silence. They encouraged pupils not only to speak up when something does not feel right, but also to break the silence in a different way by reaching out to someone new, including others and helping everyone feel a sense of belonging within our community.

Inspired by these discussions, the children have agreed that every pupil will take part in our new Be Kind rota. For around 15 minutes each term, pupils will volunteer to be someone others can talk to, play with or simply spend time alongside. It is a wonderful way of bringing our school value of kindness to life, whilst also developing confidence, empathy and leadership.

Throughout the week, our Restorative Rangers have continued their valuable work promoting positive relationships across the school and helping pupils develop the skills and confidence to resolve disagreements thoughtfully and respectfully. Meanwhile, the Be Kind Committee and Mr Grimshaw have launched Try a New Game Friday, an exciting initiative

that invites the whole Prep School to come together, make new connections and enjoy playing alongside different groups of children. The excitement amongst pupils has been palpable.

Anti-Bullying Week provides an important opportunity to reflect on how we treat one another, and it has been wonderful to see our entire school community embrace its message with such enthusiasm, kindness and maturity. We are incredibly proud of the leadership shown by our pupils and the many ways they help to ensure that LPW remains a place where everyone feels valued, supported and included.

A Reminder About Suitable Footwear and Coats

As the weather becomes increasingly changeable, we kindly ask that all pupils come to school with a coat each day and keep a spare pair of suitable outdoor shoes in school. This could be trainers, football boots or other sturdy footwear that can be worn on the field during break and lunchtime.

Having a coat and appropriate outdoor footwear readily available helps children make the most of outdoor play opportunities in all weathers, whilst keeping classrooms and school shoes cleaner and drier. Fresh air, exercise and time outdoors form an important part of the school day, and we are keen that pupils can continue to enjoy the field whenever conditions allow.

Go Out into the World and Do Good

A Fantastic Show of Support

A huge thank you to all our children and their families for supporting today's non-uniform day. Pupils came to school in their own clothes and each brought a bottle donation for our Winter Fair bottle tombola. We are incredibly grateful for your generosity and support, which helps make events like the Winter Fair such a success. We look forward to seeing everyone there for what promises to be a fantastic event.

Year 8 Prefect Leadership

A special thank you must also go to our Year 8 Prefects, who were excellent ambassadors for the school throughout our Open House. They greeted visitors, answered questions with confidence and maturity, and demonstrated the warmth, kindness and character that we hope every pupil develops during their time at LPW. We are very proud of the example they set.

Leading Through Sport

Our pupils have been embracing opportunities to lead by putting themselves forward for Sports Ambassador and Sports Council positions. We have been incredibly impressed by the enthusiasm, thoughtfulness and maturity shown throughout the application process.

Standing for a leadership role takes confidence and courage, and we are immensely proud of every pupil who has chosen to step forward. The standard of applications and presentations has been exceptional, demonstrating a genuine desire to represent others, support their peers and help shape sporting opportunities across the school.

While only a limited number of positions are available, every child who has applied has shown the qualities of leadership, commitment and service. We are fortunate to have so many pupils willing to contribute positively to school life and embody our aim of going out into the world and doing good.

Dates for the Diary:

w/b 23 November is Week A

Monday 23 November

4.30-7.00pm Year 8 Da Vinci Online Parents' Evening

Wednesday 25 November

8.45-10.15am Author Visit for Years 4-7 – Rev Richard Coles

Friday 27 November

2.00-3.00pm PC Chris Marsden to deliver Introduction to Police, Car and Kit, Safe Strangers to Nursery, Pre-School and Reception

5.30-7.30pm Friends & Families of LPW Winter Fair

Monday 30 November

8.40-9.40am Years 5&6 Menstrual Cycle Workshops

Tuesday 1 December

4.30-6.00pm Year 8 Jemison Online Parents' Evening (booking information will be emailed next week)

Wednesday 2 December

8.40-9.40am Years 7&8 Menstrual Cycle Workshops

2.45-3.45pm Pre-Prep Nativity, Hall

Children can go straight home afterwards.

Book your places here: https://www.ticketsource.com/booking/t-mjzdzry

Thursday 3 December

Explorers' Corner Nursery and Pre-School Christmas Sing-along

2.45pm Gates open for 3pm start.

Children can go straight home afterwards.

Book your places here: https://www.ticketsource.com/booking/t-yzpvpdy

6.00-8.00pm Friends & Families of LPW Wreath Making Workshop, Hall

Save the Date:

Friday 11 December
Prep End of Term Service in Lancing College Great School
2.30pm Hot drinks and mince pies served in the Megarry Room
2.45pm Great School doors open
3.00pm Service starts
Parents are kindly asked to take children home from the College.
No clubs on this day.
No evening buses running.
Wraparound at LPW will be available until 6pm.

Congratulations to:

Everyone who took part in TTRS England Rocks this week, especially Jacob SY, Charlie R and Frances M, who were our top 3 scoring pupils.

This week's Word of the Week:
Pre-Prep: Bamboozled (adjective)
Prep: Susurrus (noun)

Next week's Word of the Week:
Pre-Prep: Fizzgig (noun)
Prep: Callipygian (adjective)

I wish you a happy weekend.

Best wishes,



Francesca Milling

Explore more: Links for Further Information

Notices 20 November:
LPW-NOTICES-20-11-26

Headteacher Awards 11-17 November:
LPW-HEADTEACHER-AWARDS-11-17-NOVEMBER

Lunch Menu w/c 23 November:
LPW-LUNCH-MENU-23-11-26

Music Timetables w/c 23 November:
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