Dear Families,

It has been all go since the return from the Easter break. We are delighted to inform you that we will be full in reception in September and we even have a waiting list for places!

Apologies that the World Book Day photos haven’t made the website yet. They are coming soon.

Our lovely lady Pippa Saint from LPA who helped us with the website unexpectedly had her baby early. Both Mum and baby doing well and we’re hoping we can get cover for the website soon!

News from the LPA
Governors, Head Teachers and Senior Leadership from LPPS, LPGS Clare House, Hawes Down and LPSB will be meeting for an informal event to celebrate the forthcoming launch of the new **Langley Park Learning Trust** on Tuesday 15th May. We are all really excited to be part of the new MAT, which will bring such opportunities for all of our children and staff.

Nativity
Thank you to the parents of Ray in Robins who did the amazing filming and editing of the video and the parents of Chloe in Puffins who have enabled us to distribute the video as safely as possible. Please follow the instructions after clicking the below link. The video will only be available for a short time to help us keep it as secure as possible. If you miss out please email the school and we will be able to help. [https://netorg763510-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/jhearn_pmit_me/EDBmWVWA_KtNqgtE-ZXLFEBGoiSGHYh7v-h-7qh00YDQ?e=4KCupn](https://netorg763510-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/jhearn_pmit_me/EDBmWVWA_KtNqgtE-ZXLFEBGoiSGHYh7v-h-7qh00YDQ?e=4KCupn)

Helpers needed!
This coming Wednesday 2nd May we are holding a coffee morning from 9.30am - 10.30am for our new parents. If you have any spare time to pop along to help us give a warm welcome that would be fantastic! You are welcome to stay after drop off.

New Build
Thank you to everyone who completed the travel survey. Mrs Kluzek is working closely with the Head Teachers at LPSB and LPGS to make travel to and from our new school as safe as possible. The children this week have been busy making beautiful plant pots with Bowmer and Kirkland hardhats! They will be up in and around the site from today.

IMPORTANT Reminder
School is **closed all day** on Thursday 3rd May for Polling. Remember also if you are voting locally this time, you will need to take along ID.

Own Clothes Day
Our wonderful PTA have organised an Own Clothes Day for next Friday 5th May. Suggested donation to the PTA of £2. Time to get the glad rags ready!
Lost Property
A quick reminder again to clearly name your child’s clothes – we have a lot of items in lost property all of which is unnamed. Mrs Hastie takes good care to check all clothes for names before adding them to the growing pile!

Kind Words
We have done some work in Year 1 over the last fortnight about remembering to use kind words and to think before we speak. We have discussed with the children some of the things we might say without thinking that might cause another child to be upset or hurt. Examples might be “I don’t like the way your hair looks today”. Please help the children to keep up the good work by having these conversations at home.

Phonics
All Year 1 children have been busy practising their phonics and will all take part in the phonics screening tests from 11th June. A letter will be coming out to all families shortly with more details.

Have a lovely weekend,
Kindest regards,
Ms Starr
Interim Head of School

Reception
We have been exploring the story of Jack and The Beanstalk. The children have each planted their own bean seed and we are going to see how they grow. We will send them home when they are ready. We have been writing stories together and we would love the children to carry on with this at home. Do send in any good example for us to read out!

In Maths, we have been exploring distance and height. The children loved making and flying their own paper planes to measure distance. We have made a height chart for each class and discussed who is taller and who is shorter. Coming up, we will be doubling and halving single digit numbers.

Next is The Three Little Pigs and we will be spending time discussing story events and characters, thinking about why things happened. We will also be exploring materials and discussing their properties.

We would appreciate it if every child could bring a named sun hat in each day as even if it doesn’t look bright in the morning, this can change and it protects their eyes from the sun later in the day. Rain coats are also a must in case of those sudden down pours! If you wish, your child can leave it on their peg in school for when we need it. We cannot apply sun cream to your child so please put it on them before leaving home in the morning.

We are looking for more home learning to celebrate and put up on our walls, so please send in your child’s photos or work. Also, don’t forget the Wow! cards for when your child learns something new as we love reading these out to the class.

Mrs Kelly and Miss Blundell

Year 1
Welcome back. We hope you all had a lovely Easter Break.
We have had a great start to the Summer term.
In Literacy the children have been exploring poems, specifically thinking about performing poems and creating poems using plurals.
For Maths, the first week back the children learned about direction. They were able by the end of the week to give instructions including 1/2 turns, 1/4 turns and whether to turn left or right. The children also looked at sequencing and used chronological language such as before, next and after to sequence a day in their life.
IPC has seen the start of a new topic 'Flowers and Insects'. The children have been on a ‘plant and insect hunt’ in Forest Fun, have planted flowers and created still life drawings of their flowers.
We have moved onto Judaism in RE and the children began their studies with understanding different events and traditions the Jewish community celebrate.
With the phonics screening nearing can we remind parents to continue supporting your children with regular reading at home.
Have a lovely weekend,
Miss Borg and Miss Osmond

Attendance

Overall attendance year to date = 96.01%
Attendance 30th Mar – 27th Apr = 96.8%

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30/03/18 – 27/04/18
Dear Families,

We hope you all enjoyed the Easter break and welcome back to what we hope will be an exciting and fun-packed Summer Term! Your PTA are currently considering a range of fundraising events for the Summer, including a Quiz Night and a small fete to coincide with Sports Day.

Please follow this space for further announcements!

The end of our Spring Term brought the success of our Easter Raffle. We are delighted to announce we raised in excess of £250 for our amazing school. A fantastic achievement and a huge thank-you to those who purchased raffle tickets or made donations to the school. We rely on the generosity of our parents and the school community, and also the valuable time sacrificed by our PTA Committee Members, to make these events worthwhile.

As you will be aware, the draw for our Raffle took place just prior to the end of Spring Term and the winners were as follows:

1st prize – Hotel Chocolat Easter Hamper - Mike Hinton (Charlotte’s dad in Puffins class);

2nd prize – a ‘Craft Your Own Easter Egg Hunt’ Hamper – Amanda Aina (Zoe’s mum in Hummingbirds class);

3rd prize – a £10 Marks and Spencers Voucher – Katie Helt (Abigail’s mum in Puffins class).

Congratulations to you all!

In addition to the Raffle, your PTA sponsored a Maths Challenge for our children where each child was asked to guess how many eggs and chicks were in a giant sweet jar! All the children very much enjoyed estimating and this tied in nicely with Maths Week at school led by the fabulous Miss Borg.

We had 2 winners who each won an Easter egg for coming up with the closest guess. Our congratulations go to Oscar Daly in Puffins and Freddie Snelling in Nightingales! Well done to everyone for taking part!

A reminder of our next upcoming event – Own Clothes Day taking place next Friday 4th May! Give your child a well-earned day off from their school uniform and at the same time help raise funds for our school! ☺️

The cost is just £2 per child.

With best wishes,

Beverley Lee – Chair of PTA.

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**Gold Certificate Awards**

**Last week’s Golden Certificates:**

- **Robins**
  - Ayla
  - Frankie

- **Hummingbirds**
  - Heidi
  - Gerard

- **Nightingales**
  - Freya
  - Noah

**This week’s Golden Certificates:**

- **Robins**
  - Aya
  - Raphael

- **Hummingbirds**
  - Chloe
  - Noah

**This week’s Golden Certificates:**

- **Nightingales**
  - Isabella
  - Cameron

**Dates for your diaries**

- **Wednesday 2nd May** – Coffee Morning - “Welcome to PPS” for parents and children joining our school in Sept 2018 – 9.30am – 10.30am
- **Thursday 3rd May** – School closed for polling day
- **Friday 4th May** – PTA Own clothes Day
- **Monday 7th May** – School closed for Bank Holiday
- **Wednesday 23rd May** – Parents Information Session for parents of children joining our school in Sept 2018 – 5.00pm – 6.00pm
- **Friday 25th May** – Break up at usual time for Half-Term holiday
- **Monday 4th June** – Return to school
- **Monday 18th June** – INSET day
- **Wednesday 27th June** - Parent Forum 6.30pm - 7.30pm
- **Friday 13th July** – Sports Day and Samba performance
- **Wednesday 18th July** - Break up at earlier time for Summer holiday – Year 1 at 1.40pm and Reception at 1.50pm

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