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Weekly Newsletter – September 9th 2016

'Learning together, Respecting each other, Success for all'

Welcome Back!

I hope everyone had a lovely Summer break - it's great to see everyone back safely at the start of the 2016/17 Academic Year.

The children are all looking smart and are enthusiastic for another great year of fun and learning at LRS!

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who have ensured that the Uniform Policy is adhered to - let's keep it up for the whole year please!

Attendance has been good this week but we still have far too many children arriving late in the mornings. This unsettles the children and they miss out on vital key messages and learning at the start of the day. We will be working with the Hertfordshire Attendance Improvement Officer on this.

**WELCOME
BACK!**

New Staff

We were super lucky last term to recruit some outstanding new staff to take LRS to the next stage of our journey. It has been amazing working with them already and a huge positive impact has already been seen.

We also now have a full Senior Leadership Team who are all working to improve outcomes for your children and push forward our school improvement plan. Working with me as Assistant Headteachers are Mr Gray, Mr Power, Miss Morton, Mrs Wright and Mrs Gianonne.

Friends of Little Reddings

FLR have been busy fundraising for the past year in order to achieve the children's goal of having a new adventure playground built.

The type of thing we are saving for is:



These are obviously very expensive and will take us a couple of years to raise the money for.



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We are unable to achieve the children's dream without your support and are looking forward to a continued calendar of fun events for all of the family this year.

We would like to welcome all parents and carers to a special Meet and Greet session on Friday 30th September to see how you can help. This informal coffee meeting will be followed by the annual AGM where we will be looking for new committee members – particularly from new families to the school. Please join us.

Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium provides funding for two purposes:

- raising the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and closing the gap with their peers
- supporting children and young people with parents in the regular armed forces

Schools are awarded a grant of £1320 per child that is 'Ever 6 FSM' and £300 per child that is 'Ever 5 Service Child'.

Ever 6 FSM = any child from Reception to Year 6 who has been entitled to free school meals at any point over the previous 6 years.

Ever 5 Service Child = any child from Reception to Year 6 who has had a parent in the Forces

or who has been in receipt of a Forces pension in the past 4 years.

This is a vital part of the school's budget and supports the Pupil Premium children as well as the whole school cohort.

You may be entitled to free school meals – if you think you could be eligible, please speak to the office or go to

www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals

eSafety Reminder

The minimum age to open an account on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Tumblr and Snapchat is **13**.

For Vine, Tinder and Yik Yak it's **17**.

YouTube requires account holders to be **18**, but a 13-year-old can sign up with a parent's permission.

Please keep your children safe!



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Weekly LRS Governors Focus

Over the coming term each of our hardworking and dedicated Governors will be writing an article in the newsletter to let you know a little bit about themselves and their role on the Governing Body.

This week it's the turn of our Executive Principal Jeremy Turner to be in the spotlight.....

Executive Principal of Bushey Meads School
Jeremy Turner
Specialist Area: Education Strategy and School Improvement



Jeremy has over 20 years of experience working in a diverse range of secondary schools in Inner and Outer London and Hertfordshire and over 15 years' experience of school leadership at a senior level. This experience has involved working with all aspects of school governance and trusts. He has been a Lead Strategic Partner in four teaching and learning partnerships and consortiums, served on the Barnet School Forum and at a regional level on various Educational Management Committees. He has participated in Local Authority Strategic Reviews and has worked at a

National Level on the Strategic Board of Partners in Excellence (PiXL) since 2008.

He has supported the work of the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust and the National Leadership College speaking at many conferences and developing the National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH) and Senior Leadership Development programmes.

In his previous school where he was the Headteacher for 8 years, Governance in 2011 was rated as Outstanding and, under the re-inspection in 2014, Leadership and Management was rated as Good with Outstanding features and Governance as a 'real strength of the school'. His work with the Bushey St James Trust, highlighted by Ofsted and the Local Authority, has included a formal review of Governance at Little Reddings School.

"It is a real privilege to be part of the Governing Body at Little Reddings School and see the exciting developments that are constantly taking place. After many years of underinvestment in the school environment it is fantastic to see everyone working so hard to make all areas of the school part of such a wonderful learning community. I love the nursery and the Early Years outdoor play area in particular and really see the positive impact this has on the children's learning."



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The school is definitely in a much better place than when I joined the Trust two years ago and I would like to thank Miss Simmonds and all the hard working staff, the committed parents, and of course, all the fabulous pupils at the school for their contribution."

I currently attend all the committee meetings and full governing body meetings throughout the year. In my role on the Governing Body I want to support the Leadership Team, the Headteacher Miss Simmonds and the rest of the Governors as they take the school to the next level and I hope that my experience and advice can help shape the future success."

Mr Jeremy Turner, Executive Principal



Year 5 Trip to London

Eager to start their new topic 'Peasants, Princes and Pestilence', Year 5 arrived at school on their second day; eagerly awaiting their educational excursion to London.

Travelling by Tube and changing at the impressively modern Westminster Station, many children were experiencing their first journey beneath the historic streets of London.

At Tower Hill, in plague stricken London, the pupils were greeted by Alfie the friendly peasant who immediately captured the children's imagination (along with his pet rat Robert Watts). Standing next to the impressive Roman London Wall, we observed the site of one of London's historic, huge Plague pits. A real life Plague Doctor explained the cause of the blood blistering buboes and even provided a 'free of charge' visual inspection of the children. A 12th century church, overlooking the Tower of London, provided a meeting with a well-polished, oak St Roche who has been standing in the same place for over 300 years!

A famished year 5 devoured their packed lunches beneath blue sky, whilst taking in the majestic Tower soaring above them.

Over the drawbridge and into the castle, (managing to avoid Traitor's Gate) the children decided to take part in a battle, helping to



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protect the Tower from imminent enemy attack. Following a brief encounter with Samuel Pepys and the terrifying Henry V111, we all decided it was time to return home to plague free Bushey with our buboe free heads intact!



Dates for your Diary

SCHOOL CLUBS START ON **MONDAY 12th SEPTEMBER** – TIMETABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

WE WELCOME CHILDREN TO OUR NURSERY ON **TUESDAY 13th SEPTEMBER**



ROALD DAHL DAY – FRIDAY 16th SEPTEMBER - DON'T FORGET TO DRESS AS YOUR FAVOURITE ROALD DAHL CHARACTER. ALL DONATIONS RECEIVED WILL BE GIVEN TO: Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity.

Attendance

Class	Percentages
Milne	96.6
Browne	95.3
Hoffman	94.5
King-Smith	93.8
Walliams	95.4
Dahl	96.7
Simon	99.5
Morpurgo	95.7
Horowitz	94.0
Pullman	100
Blackman	99.0
Rowling	97.7



School success starts
with attendance

