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Principal's Message

We want our school to be a place where we are safe: to learn, have fun and work hard. A place where we are kind and mindful of everyone and have positive attitudes for our bright futures.

It seems incredible that another year has gone by - and what a year! We've had so many exciting and wonderful opportunities for pupils both inside and outside school and I'd like to thank you all for your support in making this year so successful.

With our Ofsted visit now over, we're very much looking forward to new developments next year and even more exciting activities to support pupils in being the best they can possibly be!

Of course we wish our amazing Y6 pupils the best of luck as they move on to their Secondaries - we know that they'll continue to make us very proud.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership and I wish you all a very restful and enjoyable summer.

*See you all on Tuesday 27th August.
Liz Latham*

Goodbye and good luck!

I know you will join with me to wish the following members of staff 'goodbye and good luck': Miss Ebrahim from Y4 who has finished her training, Miss Sangha who has finished her apprenticeship and flies off to America to play football and Mrs Jaques who is going on maternity leave. After an incredible 21 years at Queensmead, Mrs Jones is also leaving us to move on to another Primary School nearer to her home.

We wish them all well- good luck and thank you from staff, parents and pupils!

Dinner Dates

Here are the dates for booking your child's dinner:
For w/c 26/8/24 order by Sun 11th August
For w/c 2/9/24 by Sun 18th August
A reminder that the price for school lunches will be increasing in September following the Trust's review into increased costs for food and deliveries.

Attendance Counts Moments Matter

As you know, there is a link between regular attendance and success at school. It is also a legal requirement. It is vital to ensure that your child is in school, on time, every day. Please do contact the school office if you need support.

The overall attendance for this year is **94.6%**. The class with the highest attendance over the year is Sita Brahmachari with 96% - Well Done!

77 pupils had 100% attendance for this term.

11 pupils had 100% attendance for the year.

Pupils with 100% were entered into a prize draw to win purple pounds to spend in the Purple Pounds Emporium.

Honours Awards Summer 2

*Foundation 1 - Oskar
Nick Sharratt - Eric
Nadia Shireen- Zainul
R. Sirdeshpande- Lexi
Oliver Jeffers- Kaizer
Tom Percival - Zofia
Anna Kemp- Khadija
Serena Patel- Joanna
Roald Dahl- Shanya
Kate Wilkinson- Evelyn
Radiya Hafiza- Evie
Onjali Rauf- Samantha
Benjamin Zephaniah- Rhea*

'For exceptional effort in all subjects through the year.'

Battle of the Bands- Times Table Rockstars!

Congratulations to Radiya Hafiza class who are the winners this time! They have enjoyed a class treat to celebrate. Look out for the next battle in the Autumn term but don't forget to play the games online over the summer break.

1	Radiya Hafiza	2,188
2	Serena Patel	2,158
3	Roald Dahl	1,270
4	Kate Wilkinson	668
5	Benjamin Zephaniah	588
6	Onjali Rauf	498
7	Tom Percival	61
8	Polly Ho-Yen	13
9	Sita Brahmachari	7

Goodbye and good luck to all our wonderful Year 6 pupils – have fun and work hard!

If you need help or support over the summer break:



It is important to know who to turn to especially during the holidays. You have the right to stay safe and speak out. Here are some useful links from the NSPCC to help children get the help when they need it and for Parents/carers to get support too.

- **It is up to all of us to keep children safe. Take our free, 10 minute digital training and learn what to do if you're ever worried about a child or their family:**
[Listen up, Speak up | NSPCC](#)
- **Online safety workshops for parents/carers:**
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/free-online-safety-group-workshops/>
- **Online Safety information packs for parents/carers**
[Help keep children safe online with Techosaurus! | NSPCC](#)
- **Support for parents hub:** [Support & advice for parents | NSPCC](#)
- **SEND Support:** [Online safety for children with SEND | NSPCC](#)
- **Right from birth, every time you play with your child, use silly voices, or even sing, you are not just bonding, you are building their brain:** [Look, Say, Sing, Play - Brain-building tips | NSPCC](#)
- [Singing Day | Look Say Sing Play | NSPCC \(youtube.com\)](#)
- **Talk PANTS with your children:** [Let's talk PANTS with Pantosaurus! | NSPCC](#)

Please also see the Healthy Together flyer below from the NHS with a range of support and contacts.

Enjoy a measles free summer (summer clinics for MMR)

Now the schools summer holidays are here, take the time to make sure you and your family are protected against measles. Anyone who is not vaccinated can catch measles and it can have

serious and sometimes fatal consequences, so make sure you're up to date with both doses of the MMR vaccine.

The local NHS are hosting walk-in vaccine clinics throughout the summer, in multiple locations and no appointments are necessary. Find your closest clinic by

visiting: <https://leicesterleicestershireandrutland.icb.nhs.uk/nhs-vaccinations>. or see the flyer below.

Summer Holiday Opportunities: Free and low-cost activities for children this summer

Leicester's libraries, museums, children's centres and parks are among the council venues offering families lots of days out that won't break the bank this summer holiday. Explore a heritage building, ride on a steam train, hook ducks from the Town Hall Square fountain, or simply enjoy the sound of a brass band in one of Leicester's parks.

Details of all the activities can be found at families.leicester.gov.uk/free-summer-activities.

On **Saturday 13 July**, to kick off the summer holidays, Sparky the Robot will be at the Pork Pie Library from 11am-4pm. Sparky talks, dances and plays music and is made from recycled plant pots, wheelchairs and vacuum cleaners. Sparky will be bringing along a host of objects for children to interact with from Leicester Museums and Galleries' technology collection.

Please also see the flyer below from Premier Education for holiday camps at various locations around the city.

Can you help by completing the survey?

Your child has been involved in some wildlife activities, which were run by Leicester City Council in partnership with WWF and Airwick. These activities included lessons for a small number of children and work happening in the school grounds to make improvements for wildlife. We'd love to know if you are aware of the work that has taken place and, if so, what you think about the activities and how they could improve. Your feedback on this survey will help us improve the activities we run for schools and overall help improve wildlife in Leicester City. To complete the survey, please go to the following website

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DHGCDLN> If you have any questions regarding the survey, please contact us directly on SustainableSchools@leicester.gov.uk.

Enjoy a summer free from measles

Measles is still spreading in our communities. Check to make sure everyone in your home especially young children are fully vaccinated so that you can have a healthy summer.

Your closest clinic is:

**Saturday 20 July
10am – 4pm**

**Haymarket steps,
Belgrave Gate,
Leicester,
LE1 3HP**

Scan the QR code
to find out where
you can get
vaccinated
this summer.

Scan here



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MORE INFORMATION

or visit premier-education.com/holiday-camps



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Healthy Together Newsletter



Welcome to your latest Healthy Together newsletter

Hello and welcome to the fifth edition of your newsletter for parents/carers and school staff from Healthy Together, and the final one for the 2023/24 academic year.

In this update, you can find out about Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust's ChatAutism service, newly released speech and language content and our animation to support your child if they are moving to secondary school.

Supporting your child's speech, language and communication development

A series of new articles have recently been published on Health for Kids: Grownups, created in partnership with Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust's Children's Speech and Language Service, to help support your child's communication development.

Click on the links below to access this brand new content:

- [How to support your child to understand language](#)
- [How to use choice boards](#)
- [How to use communication boards](#)
- [How to use signing](#)

Fun and educational games on Health for Kids

With summer approaching and the British weather unpredictable, there are a number of fun and educational games for children to play over on Health for Kids to keep them entertained if it's raining outside!



In the Spotlight

Supporting your child as they move on to secondary school

With Year 6 pupils set to leave primary school behind in the coming weeks, we've created a [short animation for parents with advice on how you can support your child as they make the move to secondary school](#).

Filled with lots of hints, tips and advice, hopefully you can help make the transition as smooth as possible for your child.

STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD



➡ [Click here to view the 'Starting secondary school' animation](#)

Contact a school nurse by text message during the holidays

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust runs a dedicated, confidential and secure text messaging service called ChatHealth for parents/carers of children aged 0-19 in Leicester City, which enables you to get professional health advice and support.

Text a Public Health Nurse (School Nurse) on:

07520 615 381



Contact a health professional via the Healthy Together Helpline

You can also call to speak to the Helpline's qualified health and administrative professionals who offer easy to access, safe and free advice, support and signposting.



Call 0300 300 3001

Calls are answered from 9am – 4.30pm on weekdays, excluding bank holidays.

Autism support services

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust provides digital support services for autistic people and their families living in Leicester.

ChatAutism

Text 07312 277 097

with any autism related query and a qualified health professional will respond



Autism Space is a website providing information and advice on a wide range of autism related topics, plus a directory of local support services