

LPPS Newsletter

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On Tuesday, **Year 4** parents were treated to a fantastic musical performance of 'The Wind in the Willows' featuring our superstars of the future. We were amazed with the talents of this year group, with their confidence and comic timing when delivering their lines. The four main characters stole the show along with a stunning solo by Paige. The singing was a main attraction of the show and the children certainly enjoyed all the songs but in particular, they loved 'Twenty Years!' Well done to all the children and thank you to all the parents and staff that supported the production.



Year 4 Team

We were lucky to have excellent weather for the **PALS Easter Hunt** on Saturday. The turnout was very good. The hunting was relaxed and enjoyable for all. Thanks go to Ali and her team, again, for putting in the groundwork and implementing the activities and clearing up afterwards. This was a great social event but also a good fundraiser.

Year 1 had a fantastic afternoon with a visit from two female police officers on Tuesday. The children have been looking at gender roles and asked them questions such as 'Do you think you're as strong as the boys?' and they said they definitely were! The children were also able to try on their police hats and jackets and look at photographs of female police officers over the last 100 years.

Year 1 Team

Congratulations to our latest children to take their **cycle test** on Tuesday. Whether you pass or not, the greatest achievement is that you completed cycle training. Another big thank you to our cycle instructors who voluntarily give up their time to run this course each week.

Congratulations to Louisa Goodall from Year 6 on completing the 5K Swimathon in 1 hour 53 minutes. Thank you to everyone who sponsored her, in total she raised £200.00 for Marie Curie and Cancer Research.

Congratulations to Sophie who also took part in the Swimathon to raise money for the same charities. Even though she was a bit apprehensive, she completed the 1500m (60 lengths) in a smashing time of 34:15. Click on her link to her fundraising page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Sophie-Ertel> if you would like to donate.

Congratulations to those children who attended my hot chocolate tea party today having been picked for their great attitude and effort. I'm thankful that everyone turned up at 10.30am today and not 10.30pm as per my typo in the invitation.

COMING UP...

Date	Activity	Time	Place	Notes
Mon 22 nd April	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED			
Tues 23 rd April	Term 5 begins			
Thurs 25 th April	Foundation Stage visit Farmer Gows Year 4 Swimming	9.30am-3pm morning	Longcot Harwell Sch	Remember packed lunches
Fri 26 th April	Party Celebrations in school Bring in smartie tubes filled with 20p's Wear a t-shirt marked with the No. 20	Lunchtime	School	See below for further details. Children in Class 1 are invited to come and join in the fun!

Clubs: Below is a list of clubs running in the summer terms. Clubs will start the week beginning 6th May. If your child cannot attend club please inform the relevant adult and REMEMBER to **wait outside the front door to school** to collect your child at finish time for the club leader to hand over your child.

	Club	Timings	Year Group (max nos)	Staff / Volunteers	Meet in	Start Date
TUESDAY	Nurture through Nature Club	3.15pm-4pm	Yrs 1-6 (max 12)	Carrie Barringer & Elaine Li-Koo	Class 6	7 th May
	Library Club	3.15pm-4pm	Yrs 3-6 (max 12)	Carly Clarkson	Library	7 th May
WEDNESDAY	Rounders Club	3.15pm-4.15pm	Yrs 3-6 (max 20)	Vicky Owen & Hannah Zebrowski	Class 14	8 th May
THURSDAY	Netball Club	3.15pm-4.15pm	existing members	Alex Wilder	Class 15	9 th May
	Arts and Crafts Club	3.15pm-4pm	Yrs 1-2 (max 15)	Emily Cackett & Amber Parsons	Class 6	9 th May

To apply for a place in a club for your child, please either email the school office or send in a note giving permission no later by Tuesday 30th April. Existing members do not need to re-apply. NB Clubs may be cancelled at the last minute.

PLEASE ALWAYS CHECK OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE TO SEE IF A CLUB HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

NOTICES ...

School Meals: Due to our birthday party celebration on Friday 26th April it will be 'Fish and Chips' day on Thursday 25th April instead.

Birthday Celebrations: If you haven't pre-ordered a party brunch bag by the end of today it will be too late to do so the first week back. Please see further information about our party day in this newsletter.

Children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 will still need to pre-order a party brunch bag (if you want to) even though you do not need to pay for it as it's covered under UFSMs programme.

Class 1 children are invited to come along and join in the fun – just bring along a packed lunch when you arrive at nursery.

As we go in to the summer term please check that your child has the correct PE kit which should include suitable socks to ensure there is no rubbing of the foot directly on the shoe. Thank you.

Next term, Mrs Manthorpe will be running **open-air revision sessions for children in year six**. Children don't need to bring anything extra. The sessions will run from 8:25am to 8:40am and are optional. Should your child wish to attend, no permission slip is required, they just need to turn up promptly! Grammar and maths will be covered each time. On the first week back, the sessions will be on Wednesday 24 April and Friday 26th. For the following two weeks, revision will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

World Autism Awareness Week 2019 is here! The Ladygrove Park Primary School community includes a number children who have a diagnosis of autism. A past pupil and his brother were recently made ambassadors for the National Autistic Society.

To learn more about autism or to get involved, click here: <https://www.autism.org.uk/about/what-is.aspx>

Not previously been able to attend our **maths workshops** for parents? Ever wondered how we teach maths to your child? Episode 3 of the podcast at <https://planetparent.com/episode-3-kate-mole/> explains it all.

Maths Matters to Ladygrove Park School. Sessions are structured carefully (by experienced Ladygrove staff) to build on the children's confidence and deepen their understanding of maths operations, stretching those students who were already confident and supporting others. This term, we will continue to tailor the sessions to the needs of the children. As always, there are two sessions: years 2, 3 and 4 at 10am and years 5 and 6 at 11:15am. Excitingly, we have decided to run a third group on Saturdays. This group will run from 12:15-1:15pm and is aimed at parents. We will teach you the methods that your children are taught as this will help you to help your child. For more information, or to book your child (or yourself) onto these sessions, priced reasonably at £15 each, please email: didcotmathsmatters@gmail.com

New students are always welcome.

Are you planning on having a spring clear out over the Easter break? If so, please save items of clothing for **PALS 'Bags2School'** scheme. A bag has gone home today with your child and the collection is on **8th May**. Please can bags be dropped off at the office. Thank you.



20th Birthday Party Day is on Friday 26th April (see below for more details). We will be having a picnic on the school field so everyone will need a packed lunch. The catering team are able to offer a **party brunch bag** (paid for packed lunch) for the same price as a school meal. The **party brunch bag** will consist of **20 pieces of food** e.g. cocktail sausage, chicken nuggets, sausage rolls, crisps, carrots, peppers, cucumber, salsa, pot of hummus, selection of cakes etc.

This will need to be pre-ordered, so please let the school office know by either email or in person, no later than Friday 5th April if you would like to pre-order your child to have a party brunch bag.

Children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 will still need to pre-order a party brunch bag even though you do not need to pay for it as it's covered under UFSMs programme.



School will celebrate its 20th birthday this April and to mark the occasion we have various events planned.

Friday 26th April

Whole school teddy bears picnic
Children can bring in a 'party lunch box' and their favourite cuddly toy. Children will eat their lunch outside.
School will provide an ice cream as a treat (children with allergies will be catered for).

Come to school wearing a decorated t-shirt celebrating our 20th birthday.
Decorate your t-shirt with the number 20 all over it.

Bring to school a smartie tube filled with 20p coins and help us mark out the word LADYGROVE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL 20TH BIRTHDAY – coins will then go towards our playground fund.
So start collecting your 20ps now!

Friday 3rd May

We are going to have a whole school photo to commemorate our 20th birthday – this will be available to purchase. Foundation Stage and Year 6 year groups will still have their VISTA style photo taken.

Time Capsule

Each class will, together, make something to put in our time capsule (either a poem, a letter, picture) – to be buried in the school grounds.

Public Health England warning - Public Health England warns that at this time of year there is often an increase in the number of cases of scarlet fever. Usually a mild illness, it is highly infectious. Parents and carers are advised to be on the lookout for symptoms, which include a sore throat, headache and fever with a characteristic fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel. If signs of scarlet fever are suspected, it is important to contact local GPs or to call NHS 111. The disease is spread by inhaling or ingesting respiratory droplets or by direct contact with nose and throat discharges especially during sneezing and coughing.

Professor Helen Stokes-Lampard, Chair of the Royal College of GPs, said: 'We have seen more cases of scarlet fever in the last few years than we've been used to – we're unsure why this is, but if a patient thinks that they, or their child, might have symptoms, then they should seek medical advice.'

Further information on scarlet fever here: [Parents encouraged to be aware of scarlet fever symptoms](#)

Happy Easter!

School finishes tomorrow at 1.15pm.

After School Club finishes at 4pm



Andrew Markham and the school team