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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Lakenheath CP School Update - Exciting Times Ahead

We are delighted to share with the school community that plans for moving to our new school and pre-school remain firmly on track for September. This is a hugely exciting new chapter for Lakenheath CP School, and we are incredibly grateful for the continued encouragement and support from our local community as we move towards this new adventure.

Our new Pre-School:



Furthermore, I'm delighted to share that our pre-school will now be opening in September too. I say this with immense gratitude to Christian Enterprise, who have supported the school with £37,000 towards the initial setup of this provision alongside our Early Years.

The nursery will allow us (as a whole school) to offer provision for children aged 2-11 years, creating a seamless educational journey for local families.

Our pre-school provision will also include a 7:45am start to support working families, as well as Forest School sessions in our ecological area led by trained staff. Having a nursery based within the school site brings many benefits for children and families, including familiar surroundings, strong relationships with staff, and a much smoother transition into Reception and beyond. Children will become confident and settled in the school environment from an early age, helping them to thrive socially, emotionally and academically as they progress through the school.





New School Playground:

Of course, you will have seen that we have been very busy fundraising for playground provision. One of the most wonderful recent developments has been the incredibly generous £60,000 donation from the Parish Council towards our outdoor environment at the new school site. This significant contribution will help us create exciting and engaging outdoor spaces for our children to enjoy for years to come. We are also thrilled to share that a further £13,000 has been raised through the fantastic support of Goward and Evans, alongside the hard work of our PTA sponsorship fundraising involving our children and families. We are so thankful for every contribution that has helped us move closer to creating the very best environment for our pupils. While we are still seeking additional funding for further provision at the new site, the generosity shown so far has been truly overwhelming.



Parking and safer travel:

We know there have been concerns raised regarding parking arrangements for parents at the new site. Please be assured that we are actively working with the housing developers to explore options for a temporary car park, which we hope will provide convenient parking close to the school. This will be a temporary solution until the neighbouring housing estates will be complete offering roadside parking near the school.



We will also be sharing a 'Safe routes to school' pack to all of our families with solutions to help ease access and congestion and ensure our children are able to get to school safely.

We understand that work will be commencing shortly for the Toucan crossing along Station Road, and the construction of the path between Maids Cross Way (near the cemetery) and the Woodlands estate appears to be well underway.

New School Logo:

As we move to our new school, it seemed appropriate to change our school logo. Earlier this year, we gave staff, children and the wider community the chance to re-design it and I'm excited to reveal the chosen one...





The new logo pays homage to the current design with sun-rays but replaces the old school with a learning tree. The growing tree symbolises our school motto: Learn, create, progress, succeed with the roots representing learning, the tree symbolising: create and progress and the leaves representing: succeed. The branches/children represent our 6R values.

It is fitting that Miss Smith - a former pupil and now teacher at the school designed this logo based on ideas from different entries. Aside from the new logo, our school uniform will remain the same as we move to the new school. As per our recent letter, there is no need to rush out to purchase new uniform with the redesigned logo - we will happily accept either uniform for the first couple of years at the new school.

Farewell Fayre: One last LCPS Summer Fayre

Please save the date for Saturday 20th June (12-3pm), when we will be holding a special Summer Fayre farewell celebration at our current Victorian school site. With support from Lakenheath Pride in Place, governors and PTA, this will be an opportunity for the whole village to come together and celebrate our wonderful school building one last time before we move. We would love to see the community out in force to enjoy what promises to be a memorable day, while also helping us raise further funds for our new school site. There will be lots of stalls and things to do including a 10ft climbing wall! If any parents/carers are willing to offer support for running stations, please do let us know.



Baby News:

It gives me great pleasure to share that Mr Bishop and his wife are now proud parents to their first child. Mr Bishop is currently on paternity leave and we wish him all the best with his little boy! All being well, he'll be back in school on 18th May.

Equally, I'm excited to share that Miss Cocks is now expecting her first baby too. Due in September, she has timed it brilliantly to avoid moving all the furniture into the new school! We wish her all the best with her pregnancy and beyond!

Tesco Tokens:



Our school has been selected by Tesco Stronger Starts for fundraising for our nurture breakfast club. If you shop at Tesco, Brandon - please do add your blue tokens to help our cause!



Dates for your diaries...

Here are some upcoming dates for your diary. Some dates may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances and further details will be shared nearer the time.

May:

Mon 11th May: Phonics Workshop for Fox & Ocelot parents 2.00pm

Mon 11th: Thursday 14th: Y6 SATS week

Mon 18th: Wednesday 20th May - Eaton Vale Y6 Residential

Mon 25-29: HALF TERM HOLIDAY

June:

1st June: Year 4 Multiplication Screening Check (taken over 2 weeks)

3rd June: Owl and Otters trip to Cambridge Science Centre

8th June: Y1 (+Y2 retakes) Phonics Screening week

15th June: Early Years Trip to the beach

19th June: Whole School/ Class photos

20th June: School Summer Fayre: Farewell Fayre!

30th June: Year 6 'Crucial Crew' trip

30th June: Information session for September KS1 parents 2.30pm

July:

Mon 6th: Sports Day Carousel

Tues 7th: Sports Day races: parents welcome 9-12

Thurs 9th and Fri 10th: IES Breckland transition days for Year 6

Fri 10th: Transition Days across school - Children to spend the day with their new teachers

Tues 14th and Weds 15th: MCA transition days for Year 6

PD days - children not in school

Friday 17th July

Monday 20th July

Thank you once again to everyone in our community for your continued kindness, encouragement and support. We are looking forward with great excitement to this next chapter for Lakenheath CP School and cannot wait to share it with you all.

Best wishes,
Michael Tingey,
Headteacher



As always, we regularly put updates and news on our school Facebook page. For new parents, use the QR code to link to our group. (You will be asked to say the name of your child and we do not accept people we do not recognise on the group. Speak to a member of SLT if you've requested access but haven't been accepted).

