



# Legh Vale Weekly Newsletter



Week Ending: 18/6/21

<b>Diary Dates</b>		2021
Friday 9th July	Non-Uniform Day	
Thursday 22nd July	School closes for the Summer holidays.	

## **This week in school...**

### **Sporting Events**

All Reception and KS1 children have taken part in a fantastic sporting event this week. Lots of fun was had in the sunshine whilst the children were running, balancing bean bags on their heads and keeping eggs on spoons.

The support from the other children was amazing, with lots of cheering, and everyone enjoyed themselves. Thank you to all the staff who helped make these events such enjoyable ones.

This week, KS2 children have enjoyed our annual Sports Day event. Each class took part in a range of running, throwing, and jumping activities. It was fantastic to see all the children participate, trying their best and having fun. Well done, everyone. (All children in Y3C will get the opportunity when they return from isolation.)

### **Inter-School Sport**

During this last half term, St. Helens schools were finally given the all-clear to start competing against other primary schools and, of course, Legh Vale accepted this news with open arms. Our focus was to give Y6 pupils a final opportunity to represent the school before they leave us and then, if possible, work our way through each year group. Unfortunately, some competitions were postponed and now we have been informed of the sad news that it will no longer be possible to play in any tournaments this academic year, due to the ongoing Covid situation. However, on the positive side, we did manage to participate in one tournament this week before the restrictions were implemented.

### **Y5 Cricket Tournament**

A group of 4 boys and 4 girls travelled to Ruskin Drive on Tuesday to compete against other schools in a Diamond Cricket competition. In sweltering conditions, our well-behaved pupils took the opportunity to put the skills they have been learning in PE to good use. After two strong victories, our girls and boys proceeded through to the number one seeded group where they put up a valiant effort against two skilful teams from Corpus Christie and Rainford, narrowly losing both matches. A great day was had by all and well done Year 5.

### **How to join St.Helens Libraries!**

Joining the library is easy and membership is FREE. Take ID into any library to join. (under 16s will need parental consent) To join online visit [b.link/JoinStHLibraries](https://b.link/JoinStHLibraries) fill in the online form and a library card number will be emailed to you once your registration has been completed.

### **Year 5 Safari Visit**

Year 5 have been learning all about life in the Amazon rainforest as part of their English and Geography curriculum. On Thursday, they were lucky enough to have a visit from Safari Phil and certain animals from the Amazon. The children were really brave and handled snakes, cockroaches, lizards and other animals. It was a very enjoyable experience for all.

## **Star Outside School**

### **Amelia Y4H**

Amelia won a gold medal at Kip McGrath.

We are always delighted to share the children's success outside of school. Please ensure that we receive the information by Wednesday so that we have time to include it on Friday's newsletter. Thank you. (Any information received after Wednesday will appear on the following week's newsletter)

**Feedback-** We appreciate your feedback and would welcome any comments to help us make our school even better.

### Lost Property

Every year we accumulate a substantial amount of lost property and, as a result, this year it will be donated to a local charity every two weeks. May I please remind everybody that if clothing is clearly labelled then this would significantly reduce the amount of lost property.

### Uniform

Uniform can be ordered from the school office. Our uniform policy requires the children to wear school shoes rather than trainers. We would also ask that extreme/fashion haircuts and decorative hair bands be left for holiday times. Thank you for your co-operation and support.

### **\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICES\*\***

Legh Vale School is a non-smoking site. For health and safety reasons we would like to ask that parents refrain from smoking when dropping off/picking children up from school. This includes electronic cigarettes. We would also like to politely ask that parents do not bring dogs onto the premises. Thank you.

### Bicycles and Scooters

Please be aware that if you travel to school on a scooter or bicycle then it is in the interest of public safety that you dismount when within school grounds.

### Numbots

Good news: due to its success and impact, Legh Vale has paid for a subscription meaning your child can access Numbots from home for the remainder of the academic year.

Times Table Rockstars and Mathletics (Y5/Y6) can also be accessed from home.

The password for Numbots and Rockstars is the same.



### Safety

Please do not walk down the driveway when arriving or leaving school. We have a fifteen minute drop off/pick up time that allows for social distancing. Please keep the driveway for cars not pedestrians.

### Parking

**Please do not park within 10 metres of the give way markings at the chicanes junction on Wagon Lane. Enforcement by the police will be taking place.**

Please be aware that for health and safety reasons parents cannot park on the school car park. We would ask parents to park responsibly and considerately around the entire school site. Holyrood Nursery driveway is not to be used for parking as this prevents access and is dangerous. We would also ask you to respect local residents by not parking across their driveways and blocking their access. Also, could parents not park cars obstructing the pavements close to school as this causes a hazard to pedestrians particularly those with push-chairs/buggies etc. Thank you for your co-operation

### School Money App

As we are now a cashless school, we will be accepting contributions via our **School Money** app. If you have already set up your **School Money** account, whenever payments are needed (for school trips or visitors) you will be sent a 'payment request' via **School Money**. Simply make your payment with a credit/debit card.

If you have not yet activated your **School Money** account, please do so as we no longer accept cash in school and any future payment for trips or events etc. can only be paid for via your **School Money** account. Please contact the school office if you need another activation link texting to your mobile in order to set up your account.

### KS2 Dinner Money

Just a reminder that dinner money is £12.25 per week - £2.45 per day.

### **\*School Online Payment System \***

We have introduced a new online payment system called **SCHOOLMONEY** which will allow you to pay for all school related items (school dinners, trips etc.) online using a debit/credit card. You should have received a text message which contained a password for logging onto the **SCHOOLMONEY** website. This password will give you access to

your **SCHOOLMONEY** account. You can then begin to make online payments to school. This new payment system will benefit both us as a school and you as a parent. Not only will you be able to pay for items from the comfort of your own home, but you will also be able to access your account at any time to see if there is anything you need to pay for. A letter has been uploaded onto our school app under LETTERS/INFORMATION giving full details on how to access your account. However, if you are unable to access the letter, copies are available from the school office. **REMINDER: if you pay for your child's school dinners, PLEASE DO NOT SEND DINNER MONEY as the office is no longer accepting cash.** If you experience any problems setting up your account or making payments, please contact the school office.

### Contact Details for Parents/Carers

Please ensure that school has your latest contact details as we will use these details when staff need to contact you about your child. Thank you.

### Email communication

Please be aware that although the school office email is checked regularly, if parents have urgent queries it is better to contact school by telephone.

### Holiday Dates

To support parents, holiday dates for 2021/2022 are now available on the school website.

### Jewellery

Jewellery, such as bracelets and rings, is not part of our school uniform and should not be worn or brought into school. This will help to avoid any unfortunate accidents and keep the items secure. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **KS1 ATTENDANCE WINNERS**

1st— Y1/2SC-100%

2nd — Y1JL/Y1CF-99.3%

3rd — Y2RB-98.4%



### **KS2 ATTENDANCE WINNERS**

1st— Y6M-97.3%

2nd— Y3C-97.1%

3rd— Y5F-95.8%

