

# March Newsletter 2019

## ...Education for Lifelong Learning

### Spring Term- Dates for your Diary

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
<b>March</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dads, Lads and Lasses Event 5.30-6.30</b>
5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>I.E.P Reviews for pupils in FS, Y1, Y2, Y3</i>
19 <sup>th</sup>	<i>I.E.P Reviews for pupils in Y4,5,6</i>
6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Y4,5,6 Trip to the Space Centre, Leicester</i>
7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>World Book Day- Pupils Dress Up</i>
8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Miss Hickling Y1 Class Assembly</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Parents Evenings 4-7pm</b>
14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Y4/5/6 Space Centre Leicester Trip</i>
18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Literacy In Action- Timetable to follow</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Learning Showcase FS,Y1,Y2,Y6</b>
25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y3,4,5 Production 6.30</b>
26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y3,4,5 Production Afternoon Show: Time TBC</b>
26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y3,4,5 Production 6.30</b>
<b>April</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Forest School Learning Experiences</i>
5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Pupils finish at 2pm</i>
23 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Pupils Return to the Academy for the Summer Term</i>

**\*** You are invited to attend these events



### Welcome to the March Newsletter

This term has set off at a brisk pace following a busy end to February, with a lot of positive learning taking place throughout the Academy. We are already looking forward to all the exciting learning opportunities planned for pupils as we head towards Easter!

As always, keep an eye on our Academy Facebook page for photographs of learning in action.

### **Home Learning Projects**

As in previous years, children in years Reception to Year 5 will be set a home-learning project prior to the Easter break. This will replace the usual home-learning that comes home each week.

We hope that by varying the style of home-learning, this provides an interesting alternative which is enjoyable for those children and adults wishing to engage with it. As always, any support you are able to give is very much appreciated.

Details relating to the project will follow in a few weeks' time.

### **We welcome your views...**

Due to limited numbers of parents attending the Parent Forum, we will be gathering parent views on how the Academy shares reports during Parents' Evening. Please feel free to share your views with us during this time.

### **Literacy in Action**

We are looking forward to welcoming parents into school to see our Literacy lessons 'in action'. Letters will be going home shortly to allow you to express an interest in attending these sessions.

### **Parents Consultation Evening**

Our Parents' Evenings will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March. The purpose of these meetings is to allow staff to update you on the progress your child is making at the halfway point of the academic year, and for you to ask any questions you may have regarding the progress of your child. This year, we will also have a number of stands which you can access for further information in supporting your child. We hope you find the meetings useful and we look forward to seeing you!

### **Author Visit: Luke Temple**

In February, the pupils were fortunate enough to enjoy a visit from the author named Luke Temple. During this visit, he shared

experiences from his past and explained how he came to be an author. He also described the process of illustrating a book, inspiring pupils to read and write and be creative. Thank you for your support and encouragement in sharing the books with your child if you chose to purchase one. Who knows which of our talented pupils may be the next Luke Temple!

### **World Book Day Reminder**

We would like to remind you of the forthcoming World Book Day on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. We look forward to seeing all of the wonderful outfits relating to the books which our pupils have read.

### **Scholastic Book Club**

Don't forget that our latest **Scholastic Book Club is now online** at <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/witham-st-hughs>. There are hundreds of fantastic children's books to choose from, and **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club will **earn 25p for our school** in Scholastic Rewards. You can also spend your child's £1 World Book Day voucher on this site. Please place your **order online by March 15th, 2019**.

### **Dads, Lads and Lasses**

A huge thank you to everyone who continues to help make our Dads, Lads and Lasses events a huge success. We welcome all opportunities to work with you as parents alongside your children and believe this enhances Academy life for all involved.

### **PTFA**

You many have seen recent correspondence regarding the PTFA's new website: [www.pta-events.co.uk/withamsthughspfta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/withamsthughspfta)

This tool can now be used to purchase second hand uniform and tickets to future PTFA events. Following the link above will allow you to quickly and easily register your details.

Please note that all future correspondence will now come directly from the PTFA and not via the school office.

### **Year 3, 4 & 5 Production**

We are very excited to see the first ever Year 3, 4 & 5 spring production this term! Children and staff are busy preparing their lines and songs for this 'Night at the Musicals' extravaganza! As always, your support with costumes is always greatly appreciated.

### **Online Safety**

As you are aware, we take online safety incredibly seriously when it comes to the safety and wellbeing of all our pupils. Online Safety already makes up a significant element of our Academy approach to both the teaching of Computing and also to day activities within the Academy. Whilst we do everything possible within school to ensure your child remains safe online, we ask you to work alongside us in this as many online safety concerns occur when pupils are not on the school site. Ensuring that children are well supervised when online will always help in keeping them safe but please see some links below for more advice on talking to your child about staying safe online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/wake-up-wednesday-campaign/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-your-child-staying-safe-online/>

### **School Uniform/ New Logo**

When purchasing a new jumper or if your child will be starting in the Foundation Stage in September 2019, there will be a slight alteration to the logo. This will include the LEAD Academy Trust logo to acknowledge

our identity and link with the wider Trust. Our pupils are proud to talk about the L.E.A.D values and they feel excited to share the badge when meeting other pupils from L.E.A.D schools. Please see the badge below. Any existing uniform without the Trust logo can still be worn and will be phased in from the Foundation Stage upwards.



Yours sincerely



Amanda Griffiths  
Headteacher

