



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher's Comment:

Welcome back for the Summer Term. I trust you all had a restful Easter. Every time I come back from one of the holidays and see all the children coming into school and getting on with their learning so well it reminds me of one of the reasons why I love my job.

One of the other great things about the Monday after Easter is we found out our Reception children for September 2023. We have always said we want to be a school of choice and this year we had a record number of applications. We also had a record number of siblings. I am in the process of contacting all new (or returning parents) and welcoming them to Larchwood.

On Wednesday we had Paul Sturgess visit us. Paul is Britain's tallest man and the tallest professional basketball player in the world at 7 foot 7. Having embraced his differences, which he talks about, he had a successful basketball career as an NBA player and Harlem Globetrotter. The excitement and buzz in the school was clear and he got to work with every class throughout the day. It isn't often I get sore neck looking up at people.

Just a reminder that as it is the start of a new term if you want to find out more about what your child is learning, the links to the Curriculum Overviews are below. Our curriculum page on our website has lots of additional information on it too.

[Reception Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 1 Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 2 Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 3 Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 4 Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 5 Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 6 Curriculum Overview](#)

Coronation Day

On the following page there is the list of key dates this term (including the extra bank holiday). As a school we will be celebrating the King's coronation on Friday 5th May. Children will be off their normal timetables and can come to school dressed as a King, Queen, monarch or simply in Red, White and Blue. We will have a parade in the afternoon and drinks and snacks will be supplied by the LPPA and Leigh, our cook from Pabulum.

Emergency Alert



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You may be aware that the government will be testing a new emergency mobile phone alert on Sunday. A warning signal and message will play on all mobile phones at 3pm. I have shared this with the children as many of our Year 6 children now have phones. I believe if you turn your phone off you will not receive the alert.



Diary Dates

Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday Monday
Thursday 4 th May	Local Elections – school still fully open, access to voting via car park
Friday 5 th May	School Coronation Day – wear red, white and blue or dress as a monarch.
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9 th May	Start of Year 6 SATs
Monday 29 th May	Half Term
Tuesday 13 th June	New Reception Parents meeting and uniform supplier in school
Monday 19 th June	KS1 Sports Day (A.M.)
Wednesday 21 st June	KS2 Sports Day (A.M.)
Monday 10 th July	Year 6 Mersea Residential
Friday 14 th July	Reports sent home
Monday 17 th July	Celebration Evening
Friday 21 st July	Last day of term

Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Aid	Research	Annual	Retain	Complex	Paragraph	Crucial



Reading at Home

Well done those classes who have started the term so well with all children reading. Let's make it more next week.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages from Monday 17th April to Friday 21st April (percentages are rounded) Times Read						Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	0	1	2	3	4	5	
RR	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	11 (41%)	11 (56%)	97%
RT	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	13 (54%)	11 (46%)	100%
1A	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (6%)	7 (24%)	20 (70%)	94%
1P	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	5 (17%)	24 (80%)	97%
2BC	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	5 (18%)	21 (75%)	93%
2G	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	27 (93%)	100%
3B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (10%)	1 (3%)	10 (35%)	15 (52%)	87%
3C	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	7 (26%)	22 (74%)	100%
4B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (14%)	5 (17%)	20 (69%)	86%
4S	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	5 (17%)	24 (80%)	97%
5D	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	5 (17%)	23 (80%)	97%
5L	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (17%)	25 (83%)	100%
6C	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	3 (10%)	8 (27%)	17 (57%)	84%
6R	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	27 (93%)	100%
Total							95%



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Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Leila W in 4S for demonstrating the value of Responsibility.



Stars of the Week

RR	RT	1A	1P	2BC	2G	3B
Danielle	Frankie	Finley	Grace	Stefan	Ethan	Logan
3C	4B	4S	5D	5L	6R	6C
Yug	Tomiwa	Charlie S	Lara	Isabella	George	Harry M



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 17th April

Class	RR	RT	1A	1P	2BC	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	96.8%	91.7%	94.7%	96.7%	96.5%	98%	93%	
Class	3C	4B	4S	5D	5L	6C	6R	95.6%
Attendance	93.7%	95.3%	99%	95%	96%	94.3%	97%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
4S	2G	6R



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 2nd September 2022

Class	RR	RT	1A	1P	2BC	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	94.8%	95.2%	94.6%	94.7%	95.4%	96.2%	94.1%	
Class	3C	4B	4S	5D	5L	6C	6R	95%
Attendance	96.1%	95.4%	95.3%	94.3%	96%	94.1%	94.3%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
2G	3C	5L



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