



# Lapal

## Primary School

Newsletter

March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the past few weeks, we have enjoyed the blossoming of spring celebrations and the showcasing of our children's wonderful talents.

**Easter Service**—Last week, our Early Years and Key Stage One children delivered a beautiful Easter service at St. Peter's Church. Their singing was heartwarming, and the Easter bonnet creations were truly fantastic. Thank you for your support in making this event a success.

**New arrivals in Reception**—Excitement filled the air in Reception as we welcomed some adorable new arrivals into their class! The hatching of ducklings has been a memorable experience for the children, who have eagerly shared their joy with everyone around the school. They've shown great care and responsibility in handling the ducklings, teaching us all lessons in compassion.

**Year 5/6 mini market success**—A big congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 children for their outstanding efforts during this term's mini market. Together, they raised £1,007.83 with a variety of brilliant stalls, from games to cakes, homemade ice-cream, and even nail polish painting! We also extend our gratitude to everyone who contributed Easter mugs to the event.

**Year 3/4 production: 'Once upon a time'** - This week, we were treated to a spectacular showcase as our Year 3 and 4 children performed "Once Upon a Time." They presented five delightful musicals in one afternoon, transporting us through scenes from Matilda, Cinderella, Oliver, Mary Poppins, and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The children's enthusiasm was infectious, reminding us of the joy books bring versus the world of virtual reality and AI teachers! Well done to all involved!

**Farewells**—Today, we bid a fond farewell to two valued members of our school community. Miss Davey, after 7 years of dedicated service at Lapal, has decided to embark on a new chapter in her career, moving to a different school within the local authority to broaden her teaching experience. Also Mrs Whittingham-Hall, who has been with us 11 years, will be leaving to pursuing new opportunities in a different field. We thank them both for their hard work and commitment to our school, and wish them all the best for the future.

We wish you all a wonderful Easter break, filled with joy and rejuvenation. May the sun shine bright, allowing us all to bask in the beauty of spring and spend time outdoors with our loved ones.

Kind regards

Mrs J Turner

(Executive Headteacher)

### Diary Dates

#### **Spring 2024 Term starts**

8th Jan

#### **Half term**

12th Feb –16th Feb

#### **Term ends**

22nd March

#### **Summer 2024 Term starts**

8th April

#### **Half term**

27th May –31st May

#### **Term ends**

19th July

#### **INSET DAYS**

Monday 22nd July

Friday 19th July—2pm  
finish

**Please see our online  
calendar on our web-  
site for all our event  
Information.**

### House Points

**Diamond 1354**

**Sapphire 931**

**Ruby 1044**

**Emerald 1437**

### February Attendance

<b>RHall</b>	97%	<b>3/4JD</b>	95%
<b>RHopkins</b>	97%	<b>3/4G</b>	95%
<b>1M</b>	97%	<b>3/4SD</b>	97%
<b>1RW</b>	98%	<b>5M</b>	95%
<b>2C</b>	96%	<b>5SB</b>	96%
<b>2CG</b>	97%	<b>6R</b>	96%
		<b>6W</b>	97%

### Trust Charities

What we have raised so far:

**Save the Children—£145.28**

**Black Country Food bank**—85.5kgs of Food donated enough to provide 171 meals

**NSPCC**—Contributions to be made from our Summer disco

### Before & After School Club

Breakfast Club 8am—8:40am

After School Club 3:15pm- 6pm

Tel: 01384 812642

When collecting from After School Club please be aware of pedestrians when exiting the car park.

### NOTICES

Could we please remind all parents that scooters / bikes and dogs are not allowed on the school site

### NSPCC Helpline number

The helpline will support children and young people, and offer guidance to adults and staff working with pupils,

The helpline can be contacted on **0800 136 663**, or by emailing [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

### Safeguarding

If you are concerned about a child then please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead who is Mrs Atkinson, or our Deputy Safeguarding Leads Mrs Turner, Mr Maynes, Miss Gillon or Mr Rizzo.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of us all. If we are concerned about a child we have a duty to contact Children's Service, if you are concerned about a child, outside school, then you can call 0300 555 0050 with your concerns and seek advice. Our safeguarding policy can be found on our school website.

# Friends of Lapal

A big thank you to the Friends of Lapal for all their help to organise the Easter Raffle and to everyone who donated a prize. The total raised to go towards school fund was **£234.10**

## 2023/24 Meetings

**We are looking to run a family event and would be grateful of any additional support and welcome new members to attend this group.**

Monday 15th April 5.15pm – 6.15pm

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 5.15 – 6.15pm





# CONGRATULATIONS



## DEBATE WINNERS!

On the 12th March six of our Year 5 pupils attended a Trust Debate to develop oracy. The children had to prepare speeches prior to the debate after being given arguments such as 'Robots should replace teachers' and were also told which view point they had to argue, even if they did not necessarily agree with that view. The huge amount of time and effort put into preparing their speeches shone during the event. Every child spoke clearly and tried to express their voices to add empathy to their views. The six children were amazing ambassadors for our school; they were considerate, sensible and conducted themselves in such a positive way. It was a real team effort and we were very proud to win the trust event, leaving with trophies! Well done.





# CONGRATULATIONS



On the 1st March four children from Year 5 were selected to take part in a maths competition at King Edwards High School . The children worked exceptionally well as a team. The afternoon was challenging and fast paced but they rose to each set task and showed amazing ability and enthusiasm. The team finished an impressive 5<sup>th</sup> overall which we are all very proud of, well done!



The team that raised the most for our Spring Mini Market which was held on the 20th March, were today presented with their prizes. Their stall raised **£84.47** towards our overall total of £1,007.83



## Reception

Little Lapal Ducklings. To understand the lifecycle of animals, Reception had a very special delivery this month of duck eggs. We have watched the eggs carefully, noticing signs of pipping and we lucky enough to see a tiny duckling hatch from the egg. Our four ducklings are called Poppy, Leonardo, Duckee-Sam and Snowflake. We have spent two weeks looking after the ducklings, teaching them how to eat and drink, holding them very carefully and even watching them take their first swim. They have now gone to their forever home but we are so proud of the children for the care they demonstrated.



## Year 1

Year One have been super excited starting their new book, Pinocchio during English. We started with an experience day, making our very own sock puppets! We looked at images of puppets through the ages and discussed how they have changed. We then explored how to make our own puppets move and change height and direction, experimenting with voice changes and intonation. The children played with their friends to reenact little puppet shows of their own.



## Year 2

### African Experience Day

Wow! What an awesome day we had! The children learnt so much about the African culture. They all took part in an African dance session, created a Maasai Warrior shield and learnt how to play the African drums. They smiled throughout the day and embraced every session with such enthusiasm. We finished the day with a celebration of work with groups sharing their experiences to our Year one audience.



## Year 3/4

Years 3 and 4 have been putting on their magical production of *Once Upon A Time*. A story about the importance of books. Children have used their teamwork, creativity and aiming high skills to learn lines and rehearse routines for the play. They have all done fantastically well to put on two shows for parents as well as the rest of the school, showing excellence and perseverance throughout.



## Year 5

Year 5 attended Earls high school to listen to the author Frank Cottrell-Boyce share his journey as an author. Children received a signed copy of his latest book 'The Wonder Brothers' and were very interested to hear him talk about his previous book 'Cosmic' which we are currently reading as part of our English unit. Gracie was also brave enough to join Frank on stage to ask him a question about being an author. It was a fantastic experience for all and it has been lovely to see how many children have been inspired to read Frank's books since!



## Year 6

This half term, the children have worked hard on their new art project - 'Cityscapes'. The children have been introduced to one point perspective sketching using the vanishing point as point of reference. Now that the children have experienced this, they are now experimenting with the tone value of everyday objects by collecting urban and man-made material from the playground and trying to mix paint to match the colour. This week, we have learnt different brush strokes and techniques to add texture to our painting in order for us to create our final piece of art work in the style of Leonid Afremov after half term.

## **GREAT ways to wellbeing**

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At Lapal, we actively share and discuss what good mental health is.

We do this by exploring the '10 Key's to happier living' or what your child might refer to as GREATDREAM.

**This month's newsletter focus is Try something new.**

Trying Out

Keep learning new things

**Fuel for fun, fulfilment, confidence and creativity!**

Being open to new experiences and learning fuels our wellbeing, boosts our confidence and our creativity and can be fulfilling – whatever our age. Learning is not just for school but for life – in fact, evidence shows that continuing to learn, even later in life, can help us feel good and function well. It doesn't mean gaining more qualifications. There are lots of ways to get involved in informal learning of topics or skills we're curious or passionate about, whether that's in-person in our community, at work or online. It could be learning more about an area we're already interested in, honing our skills through a hobby or exploring something completely new. There is always something new we can try or learn!

**Activity:** Try noticing something new. On a journey you take regularly – perhaps to work, college or to the shops – find three things which spark your interest that you haven't noticed before. What can you find to be curious about these?

Mrs Walford



# Storytime & Crafts



Fri 5th April 2024, 10.30am  
at Halesowen Library,  
Halesowen B63 4AZ

Join Kerrie from  
Mary Stevens Hospice for story  
time followed by arts & crafts  
focusing on loss, grief &  
exploring memories.


























Parents should attend with their child and siblings  
welcome!



(Free) Booking is essential. Please contact  
01384 445423

or email: [pafss@marystevenshospice.co.uk](mailto:pafss@marystevenshospice.co.uk)

# New Menu

Spring Summer 2024	MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY			
WEEK ONE  12/02/2024 04/03/2024 25/03/2024 15/04/2024 06/05/2024 27/05/2024 17/06/2024 08/07/2024	Option One	NEW Vegetable Stack with Rice		 Penne Beef Bolognese		 Sausages, Roast Potatoes & Gravy		 <b>YAMASI</b>		Reinfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce		
	Option Two	French Bread Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad		 Vegan Penne Bolognese		Vegan Sausages, Roast Potatoes & Gravy		Greek Chicken Pita with Rice, Tzatziki & Salad or Cheese Whirl with Rice, Tzatziki & Salad		BBQ Quorn or Quorn Vegan Fishless Fingers with Chips		
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day		Vegetables of the Day		Vegetables of the Day		Vegetables of the Day		Vegetables of the Day		
	Dessert	Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad		Apple Crumble with Custard		NEW Berry Mousse		Iced Vanilla Sponge		Vanilla Shortbread		
	WEEK TWO  19/02/2024 11/03/2024 01/04/2024 22/04/2024 13/05/2024 03/06/2024 26/06/2024 15/07/2024	Option One	 Pasta Kitchen Tomato Pasta Bake or Macaroni Cheese with Toppings		 Burger with Potato Wedges & Tomato Sauce		 Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy		 Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread		Reinfingers or Salmon Reinfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
		Option Two			 Vegan Burger with Potato Wedges & Tomato Sauce		 Vegetable Pie Roast Potatoes & Gravy		 Vegetable Curry with Rice		French Bread Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
		Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day		Vegetables of the Day		Vegetables of the Day		Vegetables of the Day		Vegetables of the Day	
		Dessert	NEW Chocolate Brownie		NEW Iced Biscuit		Iced Vanilla Sponge With Custard		Jelly with Mandarins		Oaty Cookie	
WEEK THREE  26/02/2024 18/03/2024 08/04/2024 29/04/2024 20/05/2024 10/06/2024 01/07/2024		Option One	 NEW All-Day Meat & Vegan Breakfast		 <b>FIESTA ESPANOL</b>		 Roast Gammon, New Potatoes or Mashed Potatoes & Gravy		 <b>NEW BBQ Chicken Fajitas with Rice</b>		Reinfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
		Option Two	 Vegan Chili with Rice		 Piri Piri Chicken with Rice & Wrap Potatoes Bravas		 Parsnip & Sweet Potato Loaf with New Potatoes or Mashed Potatoes & Gravy		 Macaroni Cheese		NEW Vegan Sausage Roll with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
		Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day		Vegetables of the Day		Vegetables of the Day		Vegetables of the Day		Vegetables of the Day	
		Dessert	Fruit with Ice Cream		Syrup Snap Biscuit		Summer Lemon Cake		Chocolate Shortbread		Ice Cream	
	MENU KEY		 Added Plant Power  Wholesome  Vegan  Chef's Special  Hot									
	Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings - Bread freshly baked on site daily- Daily salad selection Jelly's and Fresh fruit are available every day											
	ALLERGY INFORMATION: If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.											
	 <b>caterlink</b> feeding the imagination											