

# Lakeside News

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*'At Lakeside, we aspire to be caring, confident and capable learners who are encouraged to succeed in today's world.'*

Dear families,

We are fast approaching the end of term and the end of my first year as Academy Head here. What a year it has been! It is certainly a time for reflection about the things which have gone well and also the areas which we still need to work on. On the positives, I have been blown away with the sense of community surrounding Lakeside over these past few months. Despite many of our children not attending school and engaging with online learning, I think the staff have seen a much greater insight into the children's lives through their videos and photos which have been posted. The staff have been working tirelessly at creating some amazing videos and learning activities to engage the children and keep them motivated during this time as well as managing the face to face learning for the children who have been coming into school— many of whom are not in their own year groups. Also, I have really appreciated the way in which all of our parents and carers have taken onboard this new way of working and have remained so positive. I really am feeling very proud of everything which has been accomplished in this time.

As well as being a time for reflection, it is also a time for beginning the transition of our children to their new year groups / teachers and even new schools for some. Our Year 6 will be moving onto their secondary schools where they are excited to face their new challenges. Unfortunately for them, we haven't been able to give them the send off which Year 6 usually have, but they are taking this in their stride and are being very mature about this. It is also a time of year where we say goodbye to some of our staff who are also moving onto pastures new for their own challenges. We will be losing Mr Fanzo who is off to work at South Camberley Primary School where he will be an Assistant Head. Mr Fanzo has worked at Lakeside for just over six years and has worked with many of our children as well as leading on Maths across the school. Mrs Bedford is also moving to a new school which is closer to home for her and where she will be taking on the role of being the Year 6 leader. She has also been at the school for six years and has been a dedicated, loyal and committed member of the team. Mrs Nasir will be leaving us for a secondment within Kite. She is moving over to Fernhill Primary Academy for the year where she has the opportunity to experience a new school as well as share all of her knowledge and passion for education with the staff and children there. All three staff members will be greatly missed and I am sure that you will all join me in thanking them for all that they have done for our school.

As always, when staff leave, it is an opportunity to welcome new staff to the team. We will be welcoming Miss Polly Russell who is joining us from Mytchett Primary Academy as part of a secondment for her. Miss Russell is a great teacher who has a wealth of experience in leading on the curriculum, Computing, Geography, Outdoor Learning and educational visits. She will be joining us as part of our Senior Leadership Team and will be taking the lead on Achievement as well as leading us in Computing. We will also be joined by Mrs Melanie Johnson and Mr Jonny Prior. I am sure that all of you and the children will make these new staff members feel extremely welcome.

As you may have seen in the news last week, the Government have announced that all children will be returning to school in September. At this point, arrangements for how this will look are not yet finalised but once I have further information, I will let you know. You have already been told in a parent update from the Executive Team that transition and spending time with the new teachers will take place in the first few days before we have all children returning full time.

I know that there is some increased anxiety about which class your children will be going into in the new academic year. Despite the lockdown, we have continued as we usually would in the changing of classes. A lot of time has been spent on this with discussions taking place between the class teachers, myself and Mrs Gordon to ensure that we have the best mix of children together going forwards. The children will be told who their

teacher is by the end of the week. This will be done via Seesaw or Tapestry videos where their new teacher will introduce themselves and their new class name. For those of you who aren't accessing these platforms, we will send this information to you via parentmail.

I am sorry for the very long letter but as always, at this time of year, there is a lot to share. We still have just less than two weeks left of this academic year and I have no doubt that we can still fit in a few more things between now and then. Until then, please continue to stay safe and keep up with all the wonderful things you have been doing with the children.

Have a good week.

Miss Armstrong and the team

### **New Classes 2020– 2021**

	<b>Classes</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
<b>RECEPTION</b>	Rockhoppers	Mrs Natasha Pearcey
	Emperors	Miss Stacey Wilkinson
<b>YEAR 1</b>	Swans	Mrs Allie Williams
	Pelicans	Mrs Emma Fell Miss Emma Walmsley (SCITT student)
<b>YEAR 2</b>	Kingfishers	Mrs Vanessa Tew
	Hérons	Mrs Fiona Reeve
<b>YEAR 3</b>	Robins	Mrs Angie Hutt
	Owls	Mr Jonny Prior
<b>Year 4</b>	Toucans	Miss Polly Russell
	Flamingos	Mrs Shehrooz Ahmed / Mrs Catherine Wells
<b>YEAR 5</b>	Falcons	Mrs Kristina Bell
	Hawks	Mrs Melanie Johnson
<b>YEAR 6</b>	Kestrels	Mrs Laura Saayman
	Eagles	Miss Meg O'Duffy

# Thank You!

Earlier this year, we were donated some money from one of our neighbours. We decided to use it to buy a potting bench as outdoor learning is becoming such a priority for us. We have finally had it put together and some of the children in school have started to use it.



**FREE EVENT • INCLUDES GOODY BAG!**

# VIRTUAL CAMP NIGHT

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020 in your home or garden!**

**Join us for the last FoLPS event of the school year... in true 2020 style we are going virtual!**

**[www.pta-events.co.uk/folps](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/folps)**

Book your place on our website by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and let us know how many children are camping. We will then hand deliver your goody bag(s) the following week with all you need to join in.

Set up your camp in your own style (a tent in the garden or your house, a blanket tent, a bed tent - the choice is yours!) and share your photos with us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/folps](http://www.facebook.com/folps)), then join us on Zoom for camp night fun at 6.00pm, 7.30pm and 9.00pm to make some more magical memories - **together, but apart**

6.00pm Welcome and hello via Zoom (codes will be emailed out after booking has ended)

7.30pm Scavenger Hunt

9.00pm Bingo

Goody bag will contain hot chocolate ingredients\* and a selection of novelties.

For queries phone Vicki on 07831 889446  
[folps@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:folps@hotmail.co.uk)



\* Please let us know of any dietary requirements when booking online

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