

APRIL NEWS 2019



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 2nd April	School Nurse Drop in between 8.30am and 2.30pm (please contact the school office to make an appointment) Parental Workshop/Coffee Morning—Motor Skills (9am—10.30am Parents Invited)
Wednesday 3rd April	Year 4 Parental Engagement (Maths) Easter Egg Hunt (2.15pm parents invited)
Thursday 4th April	Year 3 Parental Engagement—Stone Age Gallery (2.30pm parents invited)
Friday 5th April	Tanzania Fund Raiser Day (pupils to wear colours of the Tanzanian flag and bring a donation) Year 5 Parental Engagement—Greek Gallery (2.30pm parents invited)
Monday 8th April	Easter Experience Workshops—Year 1 SIMs Team in school between 3.00—3.45pm to help with the after school clubs App SIMS Activities (please call in if you are struggling to use the App to book your child onto clubs.)
Tuesday 9th April	Easter Experience Workshops—Year 2 Last Session of Street Dance (parents of pupils attending invited to watch at 4.00pm)
Wednesday 10th April	Year 4 Easter Concert (1.45pm parents invited) PTA Disco—Reception pupils 3.30 to 4.15pm PTA Disco—Year 1, 2 pupils 4.30 to 5.15pm PTA Disco—Year 3, 4 pupils 5.30 to 6.30pm
Thursday 11th April	Year 2 Africa Day (2.45pm parents invited) Year 6 pupils visit QE High School, Bromyard for DanceFest PTA Disco—Year 5, 6 pupils 6.15 to 7.15pm
Friday 12th April	Years 1, 2 & 3 Local History Day Reception Easter Bonnet Parade

Children finish for the Easter Holidays on Friday 12th April, we return to school after the Easter break on Monday 29th April.



A reminder

- Just a reminder that it is only Pupils who are in Year 5 & 6 that are able to walk to school on their own. All other pupils must be dropped off at the KS1 or KS2 gate.

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 29th April	Return to School
Tuesday 30th April	Year 1 & 2 visit by Midlands Air Ambulance
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7th May	Year 5 Experience Day at Earl Mortimer College
13th-16th May	Year 6 SATs tests (statutory assessments)
21st-24th May	Year 2 SATs tests (statutory assessments)



YEAR 4 BODENHAM LAKE VISIT

On Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th February Year 4 pupils visited Bodenhams Lakes as an introduction to our Science topic Animals and their Habitats.

First we went to the bird hive and using binoculars we looked for different types of birds. We saw ducks, cormorants, swans and herons.

Next the nature people had taken water out of the lake and we searched for different types of water insects using microscopes. After that we made a human food web.

The best bit of the trip for me was the worm charming! We put a fork into the ground and hit it with sticks to charm the worms to the top. Our group had a competition to see who could charm the most worms, Payton and I won with 11 worms!

It was a lovely sunny day and we really enjoyed ourselves and most of us said we would love to go back.

Lyra 4S

There will be a Messy Church Easter Special on Good Friday (April 19th) at Leominster Priory Church from 11am until 12.30pm. Children must bring an adult with them. Everyone welcome!



Congratulations to Ms Lloyd who has raised over £300 so far for the Disasters Emergency Committee for the victims of cyclone Idai through a series of non-stop exercise classes Including , Bodystep, Circuits, HIIT and Bodybalance all in one night!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Just a reminder that after school clubs for this term finish on Friday 12th April. New clubs will start week commencing 6th May, please look out for the new clubs list nearer the time. Clubs should be booked by using the SIMS Activities App, please ensure you have given us an up to date email so that you receive your invitation to the clubs.

As some people have experienced difficulties in using the App we have arranged for members of the SIMs team to come in on Monday 8th April between 3.00 and 3.45pm to go through any problems you may be experiencing. Please call into school on this date if you require assistance.

Could we also remind you that due to Health & Safety reasons we regret that parents are unable to watch After School clubs and should remain outside the school grounds or by the main reception. office. Thank you.

Tanzania

Don't forget to wear the colours of the Tanzanian flag on Friday 5th April and bring a donation to support Lugongo Primary School in building their rain water harvesting



Easter Eggstravagazna Workshop

Lazy Daisy Chains

Children (ages 7—11) can go along to Grange Court, Leominster on Monday 15th April to design and sew their own fantastic egg to start the Easter Celebrations.

Monday 15th April

10.00am—1.00pm £10.00 per child

Children can bring a small snack along.

For further information, or to book, please contact:-

Andrea on 07709 939503 or email merri-cafall@yahoo.co.uk



Air Ambulance 'pod' visit

The pod caused much excitement in school amongst pupils and Year 4 and nursery very much enjoyed having a tour. It will be back to see Years 1 and 2 next term.

World Book Day

The children had a great day dressing up for World Book Day! Lots of children (and adults) opted to dress up as a crayon from our focused book 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. The children wrote letters to the crayons, pretended to be crayons who didn't want to do any work and created lots of wonderful art pieces (to name just a few activities).

We had lots of fabulous entries for the 'potato character'. A very well done to everyone who entered. School Council voted for a winner from each year group – these children will be presented with a prize shortly.

The day was full of lots of exciting, book related activities and it was lovely to see so much buzz, excitement and a love for reading present around the school.



Jack and the Beanstalk

Wow! What can I say? KS1 children have had a brilliant time practising and performing their performance of Jack and the Beanstalk. They sang beautifully, the narrators spoke clearly and expressively and the actors performed with enthusiasm and everyone had a wonderful time. It was great to see everyone working together to create a great performance. A huge thank you to all the children and the teachers for all their hard work and also to all of the parents and carers who supported us and came to watch the children perform.

Term dates for Leominster Primary School 2019—2020

Herefordshire council have published the term dates for school on their website for the next academic year but have not specified which days should be INSET days. Schools are required to hold 5 teacher training days (INSET) a year.

We have consulted with our governors and EMC and have agreed our dedicated training days.

Therefore the term dates for 2019-2020 for our school are as follows:

Term dates for the school year 2019 – 2020

	Autumn Term 2019	Spring Term 2020	Summer Term 2020
Term starts	Wednesday 4 th September	Tuesday 7 th January	Monday 20 th April
Half Term	Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May
Term Ends	Friday 20 th December	Friday 3 rd April	Friday 17 th July

Good Friday 10th April 2020

Easter Monday 13th April 2020

May Day 4th May 2020

Spring Bank Holiday 25th May 2020

Inset Days for Teaching Staff

Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Monday 6th January 2020



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Science Fair - Wednesday 13th March

Thank you to everyone who attended our Science Fair which took place during British Science Week. It was great to see lots of children and parents there enjoying themselves. Also a big thank you to all the children that stayed to help on their class science stalls. The children really enjoyed science week and looked great in their costumes!