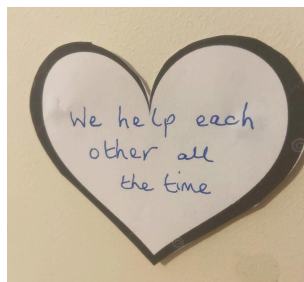


Newsletter July 2024



Dear All,

What an amazing year for Lake Haven! We have endured inspections, changes in teachers, new children come and some go but we have made it through our first, full year and what a year it has been! I couldn't be prouder of my team, without their love, support and nurture, we wouldn't be able to do what we do. They care and look after your children so well that we all feel confident and able to attend and be part of our special place to learn. Thank you team!



Your children have been absolutely phenomenal. For some, with zero attendance in their previous setting, to now - what a difference a year has made. All of the children are accessing education but having all of their needs met and delivered with every ounce we can offer. They smile, play, are curious, ask questions, made wonderful friendships and embrace life at school once again. Everything that we set out to do in our vision, they are benefitting from such a wonderful place. Your children are brilliant! They do keep us on our toes, but we wouldn't want it any other way.



This term, we have loved horse riding. Some are more experienced than others in the saddle, but what has touched our hearts the most, is the children supporting one another whether this is holding a lead rein or just championing each other to do well. Becky from Withybrook Equestrian Centre has been really fabulous with allowing the children to get involved in tacking up, leading in lessons and asking as many questions as they need about the horses. She

has offered lessons throughout the summer holidays for those who would like to continue at £25 per half an hour. Her number is 01455 220198.

We had Chaz Friend visit from Wayside Willow who created the most wonderful 6ft fish that will be attached to our outside wall once we have treated it to protect it from the elements. He will visit once again in the Spring Term to build us a living willow structure - very exciting!



Our bouncy fun day was a hit! We thoroughly enjoyed being as sugary, bouncy and exhausted after two full days of fun. It was lovely just watching the children, being children. Laughter is a tonic!

Outside, we have watched our chicks hatch and grow into very noisy birds that are very bossy and cheeky. Our ever hungry goats just being amazing, Tiny the Tortoise being as spoilt as ever by Mrs Hill, the gerbils doing their daily exercise usually during mathematics, the guinea pigs enjoying as much grass as they can eat in one day and the rats loving a snooze in their new classroom. Busy is the word!

We are very grateful to those who supported the Career Enterprise Week. The children have been planning for a long time what they would make, create, crochet, plant and bake ready for everyone to part with their money. As you can see from the amount raised, a whopping £215 we have some budding entrepreneurs on our hands. Thank you to Andrea, from Career Seekers Direct, Debbie from NWHC and Captain Neil's REME team for making it to talk with you all. Obviously, we are a little way off discussing the next steps in terms of education or careers for some of your children, but it is always great for aspirations and dreaming big! The children could choose what they wanted to spend the money on and decided to combine their earnings between each class to have another bouncy castle day which is booked for 9th July.

Classrooms for next year: I have attached photographs of the new faces that will be in school from the new year. They have already popped into school to meet everyone and they are all lovely and will continue to support and embrace the Lake Haven way. They will also be

popping over Thursday and Friday this week to continue building relationships before the summer. I am excited for them to get started and share their knowledge and teaching skills - Just look at this incredible team!

You will see that Laura Moore will be taking over the SENCO role, so if you have any questions or concerns in relation to your child's EHCP and provision, she or I can answer those questions.

Squirrels

Mr Tom Cooper - QTS BA (Hons)



Mrs Gemma Burnham and Mrs Emma Moore

Badgers

Mrs Laura Moore - QTS BA (Hons) SENCO



Mrs Su Smith and Miss Harley Sparks

Rabbits

Mrs Zara Long - QTS BA (Hons)



Mrs Amanda Randle and Miss Annie Blurton

Owls

Miss Flo Natrass - QTS Masters - Children's Mental Health



Mrs Emma Blurton and Mrs Lindsay Taylor QTS BA (Hons)

Tiny's Pad

Mrs Sarah Hill - Designated Safeguarding Lead and Pastoral & Family Support Lead

Miss Bec Farmer - Pastoral & Family Support



Sports Coach - Mr Dean Clafferty

Forest Lead - Mrs Claire Robertson



Alex Marshall - Proprietor and School Business Manager

Lindsay Taylor - Proprietor and Headteacher

SALT - Ali Mann

OT - Hayley Morely



EP - Dr Claire McGuiggan continues to support Sarah and now Bec for the pastoral supervision.

Exciting news, we have a new area for classrooms. The Badgers have outgrown their space, so will be moving over to the Lodge. During the summer break, we will be busy moving fences and making the area school ready for the new year. There's never a dull moment at Lake Haven! We will update our social media and be in touch with the children to show pictures of the new space and how it all is going to look when they return.



New starters: In addition to some new staff members, we will have some new pupils starting with us. Many of them will be on a slow transition or part time until they settle. This is just as much for them as it is for all of our existing pupils. We will help them to settle after the long break, in new spaces if needed and gradually, we will integrate the new learners. As ever with Lake Haven, everything is done with the children at the heart to ensure a smooth start to the academic year reassuring that everyone still knows that our school is the place that they belong.

If you need us for anything, please use the hello@lakehavenschool.co.uk email as this will be monitored by myself, Alex and Sarah throughout. If there is an emergency, please call on 07873 391863.

We will be returning to school on Thursday 22nd August 2024 to start the academic year unless we have discussed a different transition time for you. I have also attached the school term dates for you. If you have any planned absences outside of the term dates, please do let us know in advance.

Just as a reminder.

- The school day is 9:00-2:45 pm Monday-Thursday and 9:00-12 pm on Friday unless different times have been discussed. If you are not in school for any reason, please let the office know by 9:30 at the latest so we can make sure that everyone is safe by calling 01455 413344 or emailing hello@lakehavenschool.co.uk
- We are a nut free school - please do be careful with snacks and lunches that are sent in from home.
- Any concerns or questions, you can call at any time.

The last thing for me to say, is thank you to you all. Have a wonderful summer break, a time to reconnect as a family and hopefully you'll all have time to switch off at some point.

