

Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Spring is here! The sun has come out and everything is bursting into bloom. Class R have started planting vegetables at the farm and are looking forward to eating home grown produce later in the year. We have booked volunteers from AEGON to tidy up the school gardens and help with some planting too.

As we are preparing this newsletter, the Easter bunny is visiting and leaving eggs in the playground. TLS will hold their Spring Breakfast this week and we hope that the sun will come out for our holiday weekend. There are many special events coming up in the next few months and we have listed them all below so that you can update your calendars.



The school photographer, Kajsa, did a great job at putting children at their ease. When we have the link for you to use to see and order the photographs, we will send it on to you.

We are still waiting for the ground box panels for the TLS classroom. When they arrive we will let you know about how the areas of the classroom will be used. Recently Class A and TLS had an area of the flooring repaired. The volunteers from AEGON will be creating a new mural on the inside of the wall that runs along the street. If you have any left-over outdoor paint ('beton' or 'muur extra'), we would love to receive it to help make this wall colourful.

We are in the process of designing a new website, with new logos, which we hope will go live in August 2017. In the meantime, only minor updates are being carried out on the old site. The HSV has also moved over to Google Education and we are slowly moving our processes and documents over to Google. This should not make a change to you, as email addresses of staff have stayed the same. All HSV students have been designated an email address so that we can log them into certain apps in the future. They will not have access to email services and we will share information with you, should we make any changes that impact on your child.

You will see in the calendar that there is a Study Day on Thursday 13th April. Staff will be finalising a policy on Intimate Care and a procedure for Trip Risk Assessment. Some IEP and curriculum review will also take place.

We wish you a lovely Easter weekend and we are looking forward to many sunny days in the coming months.

Helen Claus (Interim Director) and the Lighthouse and Three Little Ships teams

Baby News



Tuesday 23rd May is Colleen's last day before she goes on maternity leave for the rest of this school year and the start of the new school year. We are working on finding a suitable replacement for her for this period and, as soon as we have confirmed the arrangements, we will inform you.

Important Dates

- Wednesday 12th April – TLS Spring Breakfast
 Thursday 13th April – School closed (staff Study Day)
 Friday 14th April – School closed (Good Friday – public holiday)
 Monday 17th April – School closed (Easter Monday – public holiday)
 Thursday 20th April – TLS trip to Westerpark
 Friday 21st April – Class R trip to farm
 Friday 21st April – AEGON Volunteer Day – Pimp the Playground
 Monday 24th April to Friday 5th May inclusive – School closed
 Friday 12th May – Class R trip to farm
 Tuesday 23rd May – Fire Brigade visit to school (to be confirmed)
 Thursday 25th and Friday 26th May – School closed (Ascension – public holiday)
 Wednesday 31st May – Live Music Now visit to school
 Friday 2nd June – Class R trip to farm
 Monday 5th June – School closed (Whit Monday – public holiday)
 Thursday 8th June – whole school trip to Plaswijckpark
 Wednesday 13th June – School closed (staff Study Day)
 Friday 16th June – Class R trip to farm
 Friday 23rd June – TLS trip to beach
 Friday 30th June – Class R trip to farm
 Wednesday 5th July – TLS Graduation
 Friday 7th July – last day of school year. School closes at 12.30
The school calendar for 2017-2018 is now on our website

Happy Birthday to all those that celebrate in April and May

- 2nd April – Pia Asferg (Physiotherapist)
 21st April – Nazia Jumarali (TLS)
 22nd April – Jonna van Wijk (Class A and R)
 23rd April – Helen Claus (Interim Director)
 6th May – Esther Houwaard (Secretary)
 27th May – Milika Boseniyasana (VNS)
 29th May - Jantien Knoester (Psychologist/OT)

Contact Person

If you have a concern or a worry about your child, then please do discuss this with the class teacher. General concerns or worries can also be discussed with the Director. You can make an appointment through the office or email with a meeting request to hclaus@hsvdenhaag.nl
 If you have a concern about something connected to the school and want to discuss this confidentially with someone for advice, then you can also speak to the school's Contact Person: Lisa Mayhall. Lisa is generally in school on Wednesdays but can also be emailed via lmayhall@hsvdenhaag.nl

Twitter accounts



Please check into our Twitter accounts to see what we are doing and let family members know too. We are posting photos and updates on Twitter rather than on the website as it is quicker and we can keep you more up-to-date. We love to have messages retweeted and quoted.

The accounts are: @lighthouse_se @tlsclass1 @LseAlison @LSEClassR

News from Three Little Ships



Three Little Ships finished their March topic storybook characters and jumped right into April's topic; Spring.

We have been busy planting flowers and various types of seeds and learning about the life cycle of an apple tree. The classroom's daily living corner has transformed into a garden centre /kinderboerderij where we can improve our gardening skills and take care of the newborn animals. We understand

that animals need food and shelter too, and of course lots of hugs.



Recently a graduate of Lighthouse came to the TLS and helped us make baskets for an egg hunt, we are very grateful for his patience and time with us. The children welcomed Tilo and showed him how well they could listen and follow instructions. The real fun started when a very friendly bunny was nice enough to hide some yummy chocolate eggs; this is where our maths skills were put to the test as everybody had to try and find 10 eggs!



We are looking forward to our Spring breakfast and wrapping up the month with a trip to the rose gardens in Westbroekpark.

News from Class A

There have been a few changes in Class A recently. We have welcomed Marlon into our class – he has settled in really well and is working hard and getting to know his new friends, Elizabeth and Rufus. Andrea and Omar have moved to Class R. They have already been working very successfully in Class R for part of each day and are certainly ready to be there full time. We will miss them but know that they will have a great time in Class R.

We have been learning about lots of our favourite stories – The Gingerbread Man, The Three Little Pigs, Thomas the Tank Engine and Goldilocks among others.



We had to weigh and measure, mix, roll and cut to make our delicious gingerbread men.

It is almost Easter so we have been busy making cards and chocolate nests for eggs. Can't wait to try them and share them with everyone at home!



News from Class R

Class R have been busy finding out all about rainforests: where they are located in the world, what makes it a rainforest, which animals we can find there and also something unsettling: the destruction of the rainforests! Posters and even a persuading letter to the loggers were quickly created...



Spring has started and so have our lessons at city farm 'Reigershof'. As our own garden needs some new plants we have started using the *AH moestuinzaadjes*: hopefully these will germinate soon so we can plant them in our garden.

At the city farm we will be growing ingredients for pizza! Last week we planted onions and for decorating the table sowed marigold seeds. Preparation for dirty, eh, green fingers!



Our next school newsletter will come out in June!