LEIGH

Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm extremely grateful to all of you who continue to assist us with online learning at home. It's been another busy week on Tapestry and Google Classrooms and it's been wonderful to see everything that the children have been up to. If you or your child are struggling with online learning at home then please do contact your child's class teacher for support and if you do not have the appropriate computer equipment, please do contact us at school and we will assist you.

This week attendance at school has risen quite sharply to 24% of the school population. This is in comparison to the county average which has fallen to 17.8%. Whilst we will always endeavour to work with families to ensure we cater for children who qualify for school attendance at this time, please also remember that you should keep your children at home if you are a Key Worker if at all possible to ensure we can cater effectively for all those families who rely on this service. Please also note that the school site does not open until **8.30am** and the children can be dropped off anytime between 8.30am and 9am. Children should not be on site before 8.30am as the staff are not on duty until that time. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

If your child qualifies for Free School Meals then vouchers have been sent directly to you. A new set of vouchers will be sent out at the beginning of next week so please do look out for these if you qualify for Free School Meals. If you would like to see if you might qualify for Free School Meals for your child then you can do this online at this address: https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/kent/

I've been made aware that the NHS are offering online therapy for those adults or families who may need more professional support throughout this really difficult time. CBT is proven to be effective at treating anxiety, stress and depression and many more mental health issues. If you are interested in receiving support the further information and details can be found by clicking on the following link: https://www.iesohealth.com/en-gb

On Wednesday 10th February we are planning to have an 'off screen' day. The idea is move children away from their screens and engage in other activities such as baking, first aid and bird watching. Further guidance around this will be sent out next Friday.

Each week the classes are gathering together for an online event. Please note that you must give consent before we allow your child to be involved in any online events and this can be given via Arbor in the Parent Consent section.

As you know, the Governing Body are in the process of appointing a new Headteacher. This week the pupils have been asked to list the qualities they think are important in their next Headteacher but, if they haven't yet contributed to this yet, they can do so by clicking on the following link: https://forms.gle/1Pu1RzT2X6dddNNW9 The Governing Body would also very much like to know what you as parents think and, if you have any views about the type of person you would like as the next Headteacher, please feel free to email Nicki Butler at NButler@leigh.kent.sch.uk and she will collate all the responses. The advert for the position is going live on Monday 15th February with interviews likely to be held at the end of March. The Governing Body will be in touch when there is further information regarding this appointment.

If you and your children are missing singing in a choir at the moment then you might want to give the Young Self-Isolation Choir a try. Some of our children here at Leigh have already joined and are thoroughly enjoying being part of a larger group who are making music together. Further information about the Young Self-Isolation Choir can be found at: https://www.theselfisolationchoir.com/

Please don't forget that we are happy to swap over reading books. We have cleared the Lost Property Container and ask that you drop your child's reading books off in a plastic bag or wallet along with their reading record if they have one.

If you have something confidential you wish to discuss with your child's class teacher then please do feel free to email them and their email addresses can be found at the end of this letter. In addition to this we have two members of staff who have particular responsibilities for specific groups of children. Mrs Brown (SENCO) and Mrs Pearson (Pupil Welfare Leader) work with individual children for a wide range of reasons and, if your child works with either of these members of staff, please do feel free to contact them should you need guidance or advice.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend break.

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