LEIGH NEWS

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School Christmas Lunch

The school Christmas Lunch took place on Wednesday. Although this was a very different experience with a third of the school out, it was still great fun and the children had a wonderful time in their classes. Thank you so much to all the catering staff for making this possible and to all the staff who gave up their lunch break to help serve the food. The two classes who were out will have the opportunity to have a Christmas lunch event (even if the food might not be Christmassy!) when they return next week. We also held our annual Christmas Jumper Day which was great fun and, again, both classes will be invited to wear their jumpers when they return next week.

End Of Term Arrangements

You may have read in the press this week that the government, in its endless generosity, have decided that schools may move an INSET Day from 2021 to the end of this term to assist with track and trace procedures into the Christmas break. Having given this some thought I have decided that we will not be taking the government up on this exceptionally kind and generous offer and so our last day of term will be, as advertised, on Friday 18th December. All the other term dates for this year have been detailed below as a reminder. Thank you.

Hampers

If anyone knows of any individuals or families who might benefit from a Christmas Hamper this year then we would like to be able to help. They don't need to be current families within the school but anyone who would benefit from such a donation. If any of you would like to suggest a deserving individual or family then please do let us know via email or by putting their names on a piece of paper and putting them through our letterbox. Thank you.

Squirrel Class Nativity

Today we are recording the Squirrel Class Nativity. This will be available for parents and carers to see next week and we really appreciate all the support with helping the children to learn their lines. Although it's disappointing for us not to be able to share the Nativity with you in person, we hope that the video will provide a lasting memory of this wonderful event. We also hope to be in a position to put a live Squirrel Class performance on in the summer term (either a repeat of the Nativity or a different play) so that all parents and carers and wider family members will be able to see their children perform live.

Google Classrooms

Thank you to all of you who have been engaging with the Google Classrooms in Wolves and Fox Class. It's been wonderful to see what you have all been up to at home and thank you for sharing all your work and news. The Wolves Classroom will stop operating later today and the Fox Classroom will stop operating on Wednesday as both classes will be returning next week. Thank you.

Term Dates

As a reminder, this year's term dates are as follows:

3rd November 2020 – 18th December 2020	TERM 2
4th January 2021 – 12th February 2021	TERM 3
22nd February 2021 – 1st April 2021	TERM 4
19th April 2021 – 28th May 2021	TERM 5
7th June 2021	**INSET DAY**
8th June 2021 – 21st July 2021	TERM 6

PTA PANTOMIME

Thanks to the generosity of the PTA, all the children will be experiencing a Digital Pantomime in their classes this year. We are planning for this to take place on Thursday afternoon but if there are children who are self isolating or unwell on this day then we will arrange for the link to be sent home. Although different, this promises to be great fun for all the children and many thanks to the PTA for making this possible.

Year 2 Phonics Check

Unfortunately we were not able to administer the Year 2 Phonics Check last week. This will now be administered after the Christmas break and, when I have a date, I will of course let you know.

Christmas Holiday Covid Arrangements

I have been asked to pass on the following information regarding positive cases of COVID19 during the Christmas holidays Please do read through this carefully as it contains information about what to do if a child gets a positive test result:

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.
- School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching.

In the first instance if your child tests positive for COVID19 between Saturday 19th December and Thursday 24th December then please do contact me via email on headteacher@leigh.kent.sch.uk and I will advise accordingly. Thank you.

Events

11.12.20	Squirrel Class Nativity Recording (am)
14.11.20	Wolves Class Returning to School
17.12.20	Robins Class Returning to School Robins Class Trip to Temper Temper (am) Children Watching Cinderella Pantomime (pm) Orchestra
18.12.20	Hawks Class Forest School Football Club End of Term 2
4.1.21	Start of Term 3

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar