# LEIGH NEWS

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### Welcome Back

**We hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas and a very enjoyable New Year. It's been a great start to the new term and we look forward to sharing with you all the wonderful things the children will be doing. Please continue to check the school website on a regular basis and do see me if you feel there is something missing on it. Could I take this opportunity to remind everyone that we operate an open door policy here at Leigh; you are welcome into school at anytime to discuss your child's progress.**

### Lateness

Please could we ask that if children arrive at school later than 9am that they are dropped off at the school office and not taken directly to their classrooms; a member of the school office will then accompany them to their rooms. Also, at the end of the day, we would like to advise parents that we will not be releasing children in Key Stage 1 to anyone under the age of 16 and that if they are going home with someone different that you let the class teachers know. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### Pottery Club

**There are still some very limited vacancies for this term's Pottery Club. If you are interested in attending Pottery Club this term then please contact the school office.**

## Next Week's Theme – 'Doing the Right Thing; Having Courage'

## MIDDAY SUPERVISORS

We are seeking to appoint two Midday Supervisory Assistants to join our existing team to commence as soon as possible. The first post is for 4.5 hours per week (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) and the second post is for 1.5 hours per week (Wednesday only) for 38 weeks of the year (term time only).The successful candidates will have the ability to work effectively and enthusiastically as part of a team and be able to engage effectively with the children, extending them in purposeful activities and enhancing their social skills whilst having fun. They will need excellent communication skills and have the ability to create a positive, inclusive environment. If successful, they will be joining a supportive, enthusiastic and committed team. Please contact the school office for further information.

## Severe Weather Closure

We are getting to that time of year when there could potentially be issues with severe weather conditions affecting the school's ability to open. The school will only be closed in the most exceptional circumstances but, if there is a need to close, the first place to check will be the school website under 'Announcements'. If there is a need to close the school then I will post a message on this section of the website by 6am of that day. In addition a message via email will be sent out to all parents, BBC Radio Kent will be informed and a message will also appear on the Kent County Council Website (www.kent.gov.uk). Thank you.

## Parent Consultations

Please note that Parent Consultations will take place on the 18th and 19th March 2014. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

## Homework Letters

We have been reviewing our homework policy and have made some changes to the homework that the children receive every week. These letters are being sent out with this Newsletter but I have also posted copies on the school website under 'Parents; Policies'.

### E-Safety Talk

Do your children spend a lot of time online? Do you know exactly what they are doing? Should you be worried? Stuart Hancock will aim to answer these questions and many more at our internet safety evening which is being held on Wednesday 22nd January at 7pm in Jessica's Hall. As technology develops at an ever increasing pace, many parents can feel that they are being left behind. News stories can lead us to think that there is danger lurking in every chat room, social networking site and behind every computer screen, but is this really the case? The session will contain a presentation which will explain the risks and the benefits clearly and provide suggestions for ways in which you can keep your children safer when they are online. This is **not a technical session;** it is about keeping children safe when using the internet. The session will last about an hour and will be partly based on a questionnaire that Leigh children will be filling out about their use of the computers and the internet. Please do come along if you can.

## New Class Topics

Please check on your child's class page on the school website to find out more information about what they will be doing this term.

## Forest School Timetable

We have published all the dates for the Forest School sessions until Easter on the school website under 'Learning; Forest School'. Please ensure that the children have the correct clothing for these outdoor sessions. Thank you.

## 2014-2015 TERM DATES

I have posted the dates for 2014-2015 on the School Website under 'News and Events; Term Dates'. There are also listed below for your convenience. Thank you.

**Term 1**
3rd September 2014 INSET DAY
4th September 2014 INSET DAY
5th September 2014 - 24th October 2014
**Term 2**
3rd November 2014 INSET DAY
4th November 2014 – 19th December 2014
**Term 3**
5th January 2015 – 13th February 2015
**Term 4**
23rd February 2015 – 1st April 2015
**Term 5**
20th April 2015 – 22nd May 2015
**Term 6**
1st June 2015 INSET DAY
2nd June 2015 – 23rd July 2015
24th July 2015 INSET DAY

Gingerbread Cake

**Two wonderful gingerbread cakes have been made by Thomas and Renata Howe-Marquez. They were kind enough to share them with their classes and explain how they were made. Well done to both children who clearly are showing a real talent for cooking!**

### Nurture Group

Further information about our fantastic Nurture Group can now be found on the school website under 'Learning; Acorns Nurture Group'. Thank you.

### Netball Success

**Congratulations to the Netball team who beat Sundridge and Brasted 6-0 in the Sevenoaks Netball League yesterday. A fantastic result! Well done to all concerned.**

### PARENT WORKSHOPS

The school is working hard to ensure that communication is as effective as possible. After our highly successful Maths Workshops earlier in the term we have organised a series of Parent Workshops in Literacy. These will be run by Miss Birchenall and promise to be extremely useful and informative sessions and I would urge as many of you as possible to attend. You don't need to let us know that you're coming – just turn up at Jessica's Hall. Unfortunately it has been necessary to change one of the dates and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. The Workshop on the **Tuesday 28th January** will now be on **Monday 20th January** at 9.15. Thank you.

Tuesday 14th January 9.15am Phonics Workshop Reception/Year 1
**Monday 20th January 9.15am Phonics Workshop Year 1/Year 2**
Tuesday 4th February **9.05am** Writing Workshop Reception/Key Stage 1
Monday 10th February 9.15am Reading/Writing Workshop Key Stage 2
Tuesday 11th February 9.15am Reading Comprehension Key Stage 1

## Events

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| 13.1.14 | Clubs start |
| 14.1.14 | Parent Phonics Workshop (Reception/Yr 1)<br>Smart Brothers Road Safety Roadshow |
| 20,1,14 | Parent Phonics Workshop (Year 1/2) |
| 21.1.14 | Book Club Meeting |
| 22.1.14 | E-Safety Talk (7pm in Jessica's Hall) |
| 23.1.14 | Football Match v. Hever (Home) |
| 31.1.14 | Phil the Bag Collection |
| 4.2.14 | Parent Writing Workshop (Reception/Yr 1)<br>Cross Country Competition |
| 5.2.14 | Kites Workshop in Fox Class |
| 6.2.14 | Quantum Theatre visiting<br>Football Match v. Fordecombe (Home) |
| 10.2.14 | Parent Reading/Writing Workshop (Key Stage 2) |
| 11.2.14 | Parent Reading Workshop (Key Stage 1) |
| 14.2.14 | End of Term 3 |
| 24.2.14 | Beginning of Term 4 |
| 25.2.14 | Book Club Meeting |
| 26.2.14 | Fox Class to RAF Museum |
| 27.2.14 | Swimming starts (Yrs 5/6) |

**Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar**