LEIGH NEWS

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OFF BY HEART POETRY COMPETITION

We are delighted to be able to launch our annual Leigh Primary School Off By Heart Poetry Competition 2019!

Following on from the success of last year's competition we are launching our sixth 'Off By Heart' competition. We are again asking that all the children learn one poem from the list on the school website under: 'Learning; Pupil Zone; Off By Heart Poetry Competition'. The children will be asked to recite their poems in class and the two winning entries from each class will go through to the Grand Final to be held on Friday 6th December in Jessica's Hall at 2pm. We are hoping this is going to be great fun for the children and prizes will be on offer for all those who have a go! We appreciate that there will be some children who do not wish to stand up in front of the class. For some children this can often be a very stressful experience and we would obviously not wish to embarrass or worry them. Those children will be allowed to write their poems from memory as a handwriting exercise. We look forward to learning these poems with you and to our final Poetry Recital where there will be extra prizes on offer and three independent judges to make the tough decisions. All the poems are now available on the school website or by clicking on this link: http://www.leighprimaryschool.com/Learning/Off-By-Heart-Poetry-Competition/ Get learning and good luck.....!

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations have taken place this week. These are very important meetings and, if you didn't manage to see your child's class teacher on this occasion, please make an appointment as soon as possible. Thank you.

Next Week's Theme –'Harvest Festival'

A message from Tom Tugendhat, MP for Tonbridge.....

Over the past year, I have met thousands of people and heard inspirational stories from so many of our community champions. I must now write many cards this Christmas to thank people. I remember designing my own Christmas cards when I was at school and the effort that went into it. This year, I hope to have something even better than those; a design from a pupil in my constituency. Drawings must be on A4 (portrait or landscape) using any medium. Please do stick to a Christmas theme and sign your name on the front so it will appear on the card. The winning design will receive 100 copies of their own card, a Tour of the Houses of Parliament with their parents and a special prize. I will need entries by Friday 18th October. Please bring your entries into school and I, or a member of my staff, will come and collect them. Very best of luck!

Autumn Half Term Fun At Ightham Mote

Between 19th and 27th October Ightham Mote are giving you the opportunity to take the family on an Owl Trail and find out about these feathery hunters on the estate. The cost is £2.50 per child for the trail and on Thursday 24th October you will have the opportunity to meet real owls in partnership with Kent Owl Academy. Further information can be found on the poster attached to this Newsletter or by clicking on the following link: https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ightham-mote/features/autumn-half-term-family-fun-at-ightham-mote

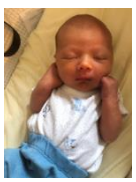
Village Litter Pick

The parish council is running the village litter pick this Saturday morning at 9.30am On previous occasions a few children from school have attended these events and the council team were so pleased to have some children involved. The council provide all the equipment and it takes about an hour. If you feel able to attend this event I know the council would be very grateful.

Governor Vacancies

We are seeking nominations for Parent Governors on our Governing Body. For further information , please see the Governor page on the school website which can be found by clicking on the link below. Please note that all nominations must be in by Friday 18th October at 12pm. Thank you.
https://www.leighprimaryschool.com/Our-People/Governors/

Thank you



Thank you to all of you who have contributed to gifts and cards in light of my recent news. I'm hugely grateful to all of you who have expressed your good wishes and am delighted to say that we have named him Idris Daniel Parry Eaton. Both mum and baby continue to do well.

Fair Trade Cake Sale

Last week the children in Hedgehog Class held a cake sale to raise awareness fair trade. This was part of their ACT RIGHT work and the children had to bake the cakes using only fair trade products. The children raised a very impressive £148.54 and this money will go towards buying fair trade hot chocolate for our Forest School sessions. Well done to all involved!

Harvest Festival

This year each class have two items of food that they are collecting for the Tonbridge Lions Christmas Hampers. If you would like to make any donations to our Harvest Festival hampers, please do so by Thursday 17th October. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TIME OF THIS SERVICE HAS NOW CHANGED AND WILL NOW BE AT 1.30PM. THE CHILDREN WILL BE RETURNING TO SCHOOL AFTER THE SERVICE WHICH WILL LAST ABOUT 30 MINUTES.**

Many thanks for your support.

Squirrels – Tinned Soup, Jelly, Robins – Biscuits, Chocolate
Foxes – Cereal, Juice/Squash, Hedgehogs – Coffee, Pasta/Spaghetti
Hawks – Tinned Fruit, Jam/Marmalade, Wolves – Tea, Rice

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If your child is in Year 6 then you can already fill in the SCAF Form (Secondary Common Application Form) which can be accessed by the following link: https://kent.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/ParentPortal/ Please note that this must be filled in before **31st October** although some of you may wish to wait for the 11+ results which are released on **17th October**. Please send us the confirmation email you receive when you fill the form in to Jane Burbridge at: office@leigh.kent.sch.uk Further information about this process can be found on the school website under Secondary Transfer but please do make an appointment to meet with me should you wish to discuss this further:
https://www.leighprimaryschool.com/Parents/Secondary-Transfer/

Rugby Tournament

On Friday a group of children represented Leigh at the district rugby tournament. The children trained throughout the morning and then played 4 matches in the afternoon. The team played brilliantly and only lost one match throughout. Congratulations to all the team and many thanks to Mrs Barber for organising this for us.

Boxing Announcement

Boxing will continue next half term. If you would like to sign up for this club, please do speak with Mrs Burbridge in the school office.

Robins Class at Chiddingstone Castle

On Thursday the children in Robins Class spent the day at Chiddingstone Castle as part of their topic work on the Egyptians. The children had a wonderful day including a tour of the castle, a workshop on life in Ancient Egypt and had the opportunity to explore all the artefacts in the castle. Many thanks to all the staff at Chiddingstone Castle and to Miss Jowett for organising this for them.

Dyslexia Awareness Day

On Monday we held Dyslexia Awareness Day. Throughout the day four children made presentations to each of the classes about what it means to have dyslexia and the challenges that this can bring. The children were absolutely fantastic throughout the day and raised a very impressive £155 which will go towards purchasing resources to support children with dyslexia here at Leigh Primary School.

Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to Rocco who has recently competed in a junior district tennis tournament at Terlford Park. After 4 matches Rocco won the tournament and received a lovely medal and certificate. Congratulations Rocco! Also

many congratulations to Megan who has recently competed in a South East Gymnastics competition. Megan eventually came 5th overall which is a really wonderful achievement. Very well done Megan.

Events

11.10.19	Launch of Off By Heart Poetry Competition Squirrels Forest School
14.10.19	Hawks Class Trip to Hampton Court Palace
16.10.19	Hedgehog Class Trip to a London Mosque Year 6 Parent Meeting (3.15pm)
17.10.19	Harvest Festival Service at St. Mary's Church (1.30pm) End of Term 1
18.10.19	INSET Day
28.10.19	Start of Term 2 Football Match v. Fordcombe Primary School (away)

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar