LEIGH NEWS

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Welcome Back

Welcome to the start of a new academic year. It's been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week and to share in all their summer holiday stories. An especially warm welcome to our new pupils throughout the school; starting a new school is always a daunting experience but I'm thrilled with the way all our new children have settled in so quickly. This is a good opportunity to remind everyone that we operate an open door policy here at Leigh; you are always welcome into school to speak with the staff about any matters concerning your child.

Clubs

The clubs programme will begin again on Monday 21st September. There is an opportunity for you to sign your child's name up for the clubs they wish to join in Jessica's Hall after school on Monday and Tuesday of next week. If some clubs are over-subscribed then we will draw names out of a hat on Thursday and let you know whether your child has been successful on this occasion. We will also keep a waiting list for those children who haven't managed to get into the clubs they want. We are hoping to offer around 20 clubs each week so do come along next week and find out what clubs are on offer this year. One club that I would love to offer again this year is a Book Club. If anyone is interested in running a Book Club once a month then please do see me and we can discuss the details. We would also appreciate another couple of helpers for Football Club after school on a Friday. If you think you might be able to help with this then please do see me in the next couple of weeks. Thank you.

Term Dates

2015-2016

Term 1	7th September 2015 - 23rd October 2015
Term 2	3rd November 2015 - 18th December 2015
Term 3	4th January 2016 - 12th February 2016
Term 4	22nd February 2016 - 24th March 2016
Term 5	11th April 2016 - 27th May 2016
Term 6	7th June 2016 - 21st July 2016

INSET Days

3rd and 4th September 2015
2nd November 2015
6th June 2016
22nd July 2016

2016-2017

Term 1	5th September 2016 - 21st October 2016
Term 2	31st October 2016 - 16th December 2016
Term 3	3rd January 2017 - 10th February 2017
Term 4	20th February 2017 - 31st March 2017
Term 5	18th April 2017 - 26th May 2017
Term 6	5th June 2017 - 21st July 2017

INSET Days

1st and 2nd September 2016
19th, 20th and 21st December 2016

SPRING CLEAN

The next Spring Clean Day will be on Saturday 3rd October from 10am-2pm. During the day we are hoping to tackle some of the bigger projects around the school such as tidying the loft in Jessica's Hall. If you are able to attend then please just turn up on the day. Thank you.

Parent Consultations

We have now fixed the dates for this term's Parent Consultations. These will take place on Wednesday 4th November (1.30pm-4pm) and Thursday 5th November (5.30pm-7.30pm). Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

PTA NEWS

Many thanks to all who turned up to the barn dance on Saturday evening. It was a terrific evening and a great way to start the new term. Thanks to the team who organised the whole event and for all their hard work in ensuring the evening was such a success.

On Thursday September 17th there will be the annual PTA AGM. The meeting will start at 8pm and will be held in Jessica's Hall.

The Positions of Chair of the PTA and Secretary will be opened on the evening and all parents are welcome to consider taking on the roles. Nominees put forward their names and have to be voted for and seconded in to follow Charity guidelines.

We will also be looking for a minimum of 2 Class Reps for each class. We already have 3 volunteers for Foxes and 2 for Hawks, it would be great if we could get some more volunteers. The role is not very demanding, it involves taking part in voting where money is spent and helping to organise stalls at events. You can get involved as little or as much as you want to.

There will also be an annual financial report and an update on events that have taken place and events taking place in the future.

All parents, carers and teachers are able to attend this event and are invited to the meeting. New members are always welcome. If you would like any further information please contact lfaydra@btinternet.com Or speak to Faydra 07846 238 925

Parent Workshops

We have now set the dates for the autumn term parent workshops. This is now the third year we will have been running these and they have proved extremely popular with parents. All workshops will be held in Jessica's Hall, will start at 9am and last about an hour.

Tuesday 13th October - Key Stage 2 Writing
Thursday 22nd October – Key Stage 1 Maths
Tuesday 3rd November – Key Stage 2 Maths
Thursday 12th November – Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1 Literacy
Tuesday 17th November – Year 2/Year 3 Writing

Forest School Volunteers

Our Forest School sessions have now started and the dates for these can be found in the diary section of the school website. We are in need of some extra volunteers to assist with these sessions so, if interested, please contact Rachel Murray for further information. Thank you.

Free School Lunches

All children in the Infants (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) are now eligible for free school meals. If you wish to take up this offer then please contact the school office if you haven't already done so. The meals are served by GSPlus and are of good quality. I eat lunch with the children on most days and the food is always tasty with some good variety. If you wish to find out more about GSPlus and the food they serve then please click on the link below or visit the school website (under 'Parents, School Meals').

http://www.gsplus.org/kent/

Events

14.9.15	Clubs Registration in Jessica's Hall (from 3pm)
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17.9.15	PTA AGM – 8pm Jessica's Hall
21.9.15	Clubs Begin Squirrel Class staying for lunch
28.9.15	Squirrel Class staying all day
29.9.15	Curriculum Evening in Jessica's Hall (3pm-7pm)
3.10.15	Spring Clean Day (10am-2pm)
6.10.15	Theatre Group Visit
13.10.15	Parent Workshop 1 – Key Stage 2 Writing
22.10.15	Parent Workshop 2 – Key Stage 1 Maths
23.10.15	End of Term 1
2.11.15	INSET Day
3.11.15	Beginning of Term 2 Parent Workshop 3 – Key Stage 2 Maths

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar