LEIGH NEWS

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Welcome Back

It's lovely to be back! We've had a wonderful first week back at school and I'm delighted with the way our new children have settled into school life. It's been terrific to see all the children again and to hear about what they have been up to during the summer holidays. Obviously for some children the return to school is the first time they have been back into the school building for nearly 6 months but the classrooms are buzzing again with excitement and we can't wait to share with you all the exciting things they will be getting up to throughout this term. You child's class page on the school website will be being updated over the coming days and there will also be a curriculum leaflet on there for you to see what they will be studying and how you can support them at home. If you have any queries or questions, please do contact your child's class teacher. Thank you.

Reading Help

We are in need of additional support with reading throughout the school and, in particular, in Key Stage 1. If you feel you are able to support us with some regular weekly reading support then please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a convenient time. Thank you.

The Kent Test/PESE

The 11+ has been moved to Thursday 15th October. The assessments will take place in Jessica's Hall and are for children in Year 6 who have registered to take them. If you have a child sitting these assessments then please make sure they are in school on time and, if they are unwell, that you notify the school office as soon as possible. Applications for Secondary School admissions for September 2021 are **now open** and will close on 2nd November 2020. Further details and online applications can be found by clicking here: https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places#tab-2
Due to the delay in the Kent Test this year, parents are now being given SIX choices on their SCAF Forms (an increase from 4 due to the fact that parents and carers will not have the 11+ results by the time the SCAF Forms have to be submitted on 2nd November 2020). If any parents or carers would like any further advice regarding this process, please do make contact via email or telephone.

Dolls for Squirrel Class

We are in need of additional dolls for Squirrel Class. If anyone has a doll that is not needed at home then we would be delighted to receive them via the school office. Thank you.

PTA NEWS

Due to the latest Government Guidance on gatherings of no more than six people, we are considering different ways of being able to hold the PTA AGM. A further announcement on this will be made in due course. Thank you.

Clubs

Due to Government Guidance we are not in a position to be able to offer the full range of extra-curricular activities until Christmas at the earliest. Usually we would be offering around 20 clubs a week so this is very disappointing for all of us at school. However we are trying, where possible, to offer some clubs for some year groups and some via Zoom. Rather than hold a clubs sign up session as usual we will be sending details of the clubs that we will be offering on an individual basis and these will be sent out to relevant year groups as and when we are able to do so. Hopefully we will be in a position to get the clubs programme fully running again after Christmas and, when we have further details, we will of course let you know.

School Dinners

Over the summer holiday our school dinner provider has changed its catering contracts and these are now being offered by CH&CO BlueRunner Solutions. Due to this the way you will need to register and pay for school dinners has changed slightly and you will need to access the website by clicking on the link below. We are aware that there have been some difficulties over this first week with children not receiving the food that they have ordered. I have been assured that these issues are being resolved and that the system will be operating smoothly before too long. The website can be found by clicking on the following link:
https://chandco.myschoolmealorders.com/
If you would like your child to receive school dinners at anytime, please do sign up AS SOON AS POSSIBLE with your details. Joanne Allen is our dedicated CH&Co education contact and is happy to support parents if the school office is unable to do so. Her mobile number is 07876 869 980 and her email address is joanne.allen@chandcogroup.com

Term Dates

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

3rd September 2020 – 22nd October 2020	TERM 1
23rd October 2020	**INSET DAY**
2nd November 2020	**INSET DAY**
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

Events

11.9.20	Hawks Forest School
14.9.20	Squirrel Class Staying For Lunch
18.9.20	Hedgehogs Forest School
21.9.20	Squirrel Class in Full Time
25.9.20	Foxes Forest School
2.10.20	Robins Forest School
9.10.20	Squirrels Forest School
12.10.20	Parent Consultations All Week Fox Class To Himalayan Gardens
15.10.20	11+ Assessments
16.10.20	Wolves Forest School
22.10.20	End of Term 1
23.10.20	INSET Day
2.11.20	INSET Day
3.11.20	Start of Term 2

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar