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 who have settled into Leigh extremely quickly and have already contributed much in their first week. We also welcome a new teacher to our team. Miss Marshall is teaching in Badger Class (Years 4/5) and will also be co-ordinating ICT and jointly running our School Council with Mrs Jones. Welcome all! This is a good opportunity to remind everyone that we operate an open door policy here at Leigh. You are welcome into school at anytime to speak with the staff about any matters concerning your child.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our new Breakfast Club is starting on Monday 22nd September and will be run every morning except Tuesday. The sessions are £4 each, will start at 7.50am and will be run in Jessica's Hall. If you would like any further information then please do come into the school office or visit their website on: www.rainbowschoolclubs.com Thank you.

New Library

Over the summer holiday a huge amount of work took place to transform our old ICT room into our new library. We now have a lovely room for the children to use and an extra space for groups should we need it. All the old computers have been replaced with brand new laptops and these can now be used in the classroom to support the children with their work. The laptops are fully connected to the school server and internet and will be a powerful addition to our teaching resources. A huge amount of work took place to enable this to happen and I would like to thank all of those who were involved with a special thank you to Mr Gubb.

SPRING CLEAN

So many thanks to all of you who turned up on Sunday 31st August to help with the Spring Clean. I hope you all agree that the school is looking fantastic at the moment and it's been lovely to see what a difference can be made in such a short period of time. We will hold another of these in the spring and I will let you know the date when I have one.

SUPERSTARS

Last Saturday the Superstars event took place on the Green. It was a fantastic event and so well supported by the local community. Thank you to all of you who contributed tombola prizes for our stall and to the PTA for running it. There were also some Forest School sessions for the children to take part in and many thanks to Rachel Murray for organising these. I took part in this year's Superstars event and am trying to raise some money for our new library project. If you would like to sponsor me then I have created a Virgin Money Giving page to make this as painless as possible and this can be found by clicking on the link below. Thank you.

http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserPage.action?userUrl=DanielEaton&faId=485790&isTeam=false

THE JUNGLE BOOK

We have a number of spare programmes from our performance of The Jungle Book. If anyone would like a free copy then please do collect from the office by next Friday. Thank you.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parent Consultations have been set for Wednesday 12th November (1.30pm-3.30pm) and Thursday 13th November (3.30pm-8pm). Further details will be sent out nearer the time but do please keep one of these dates free for these important meetings.

Clubs

The clubs programme will begin on Monday 22nd September. There is an opportunity for you to sign your child's name up for the clubs they wish to join after school in Jessica's Hall on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. If some clubs are over-subscribed then we will draw names out of hat on Thursday and let you know whether you 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 more clubs than ever this year so please do come along next week and find out what clubs are on offer after school in Jessica's Hall. 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/

Parent Workshops

A letter was sent home this week advertising this year's Parent Workshops. These proved to be very popular last year and Miss Birchenall has reworked them so that they take account of the new National Curriculum. It is helpful if we have some idea of numbers so please do return the slip to the school office as soon as possible. Please feel free to attend as many workshops as you wish although if you are unable to attend then we will post the slides from the presentation on the school website. Thank you.

Next Week's Theme –'Working Together'

Pupil Conference

On 15th September we will be holding our first ever Pupil Conference for children in Key Stage 2. This will take place between 1.30pm and 3pm and will involve the children expressing opinions about the school and what we can do to improve it. The children across these year groups will be involved in discussions and their opinions will be used to help formulate the School Development Plan which will be published by the end of September.

OFF BY HEART

Next week we are launching the Leigh 'Off By Heart' poetry competition. More details will be on next week's Newsletter but the final poetry recital will be held on Friday 7th November at 2pm. Please do keep this date free and join us for what promises to be a very memorable event!

Events

15.9.14	Pupil Conference (Key Stage 2)
22.9.14	Breakfast Club Starts Clubs Start
29.9.14	Squirrel Class in full days
1.10.14	Children's Workshop Assembly
7.10.14	Harvest Festival Service (10am)
14.10.14	Parent Workshop 1 – Key Stage 2 Writing (9am)
20.10.14	Beginning of Maths Week
21.10.14	Treasure Island Performance
24.10.14	End of Term 1
3.11.14	INSET DAY – No Children
4.11.14	Parent Workshop 2 – Key Stage 2 Maths

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar