LEIGH NEWS

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Grandparents Afternoon

On Friday afternoon we held our annual Grandparents Afternoon. In all we welcomed just under 100 grandparents and relatives throughout the afternoon and many thanks to all who came and shared in the children's achievements. So many thanks also to the PTA who provided the refreshments and raised a wonderful £310 and specifically to Tracey Prockter who organised this for us. We will definitely be holding one of these again next year and, when we have a date, we will of course let you know.

Netball Match

On Monday evening the netball team played their latest league match against Fordcombe Primary School. It was a wonderfully close match and although we just lost 8-7 it was a really terrific performance from the team. Many thanks to all of you who came along and supported the team and to Vickie Gilbert and Mrs Barber for managing the team.

Scribbles Easter Fair

Scribbles PTFA will be holding their Easter Fayre on the 28th March between 10am-12pm. Attached to this Newsletter is further information but please do support this event if you possibly can. Thank you.

PTA NEWS

Grandparents day was a great success raising £310. Many thanks to everyone who came along, baked a cake and helped on the stall. An extra big thank you to Tracey Prockter for organising everything.
VE Day – we are holding a PTA meeting at 8pm on 18th March in the Fleur to finalise our plans for the VE day celebration in the village on bank holiday Friday 8 May. If you would like to be involved and can volunteer an hour of your time on the day please contact leighprimarypta@gmail.com
Don't forget to buy your tickets for the PTA film night on Friday 20 March in Jessica's Hall. Tickets are £3 and include a drink and a bag of popcorn. Please send money in a named envelope to the office or pay online.

Year 5 Parent Meeting

I will be holding a Parent Meeting on Wednesday 3rd June at 7.30pm for parents and carers of children in Year 5 to go through the Procedure for Entry to Secondary Education and the 11+. This event will be held in Jessica's Hall and last about 45 minutes. Please do attend if you can.
https://www.leighprimaryschool.com/docs/Open_Events_for_2021_entry_Mar_2020.pdf

Parent Consultations

This week we have been having Parent Consultations at school. If you didn't manage to meet with your child's class teacher then please do make contact with them and arrange an alternative date. Thank you.

Great Ormond Street Fundraising

The Vincent family are fundraising for Great Ormond Street and we would like to support them here at school. Lynsey will be running the London marathon on 26th April and, if you would like to support her in this fantastic endeavour please do visit her JustGiving Page by clicking on the link below. We will also be having a Crazy Hair Day and Cake Sale (3pm) at school on Friday 20th March. If you would like to take part in this then we are suggesting a voluntary donation of £1 to Great Ormond Street. Thank you. www.justgiving.com/lynseyvincent

VE Day Update

We now have 70 children signed up for the singing event on The Green on Friday 8th May as part of the village celebrations. Thank you so much to all of you who have signed your children up for this and to have so many children involved is such a delight. I will be finalising the arrangements in the next 2 weeks and will write to you with the final details when I have them. Thank you.

Hawks Class at Horton Kirby

On Thursday, Hawks Class visited Horton Kirby Environmental Education Centre as part of our geography topic on villages. The Hawks went on a treasure hunt around the village searching out the directional clues whilst noting all the physical features. Unfortunately they did get a little soggy! The Hawks then designed and made their own villages and tested their resilience against a flood – as Leigh children, we are all very aware of flood barriers and most of our villages survived! Finally they used compasses to navigate around the building. Many thanks to the staff at Horton Kirby for accommodating us and many thanks to all of you who came on the trip and to Miss Bettridge for organising it!

Next Week's Theme –'We Need To Work As A Team'

Coronavirus Update

Given the increasing incidences of Coronavirus across the country and the potential for it becoming a health crisis on a national level I would like to update you with the precautions we are taking, and the range of action plans we have developed to cater for a range of possible scenarios. First, we are talking to the children about the importance of handwashing – particularly in the current situation and teachers are monitoring children's handwashing and hygiene routines. We have been stressing the importance of this whilst reassuring children that they are not in any immediate danger at school and putting the whole Coronavirus situation into a sensible perspective. We are keeping a close watch on the situation as it evolves and will be following the advice published by the government and health authorities and we will continue to keep you informed of the latest situation. We have made provision for appropriate responses to a variety of circumstances that range from monitoring the health of all staff, children and their families and identifying any members of the school community who are at greater risk of infection, to asking children and/or staff to self-isolate if their risk profile is at the level where this becomes necessary. For the moment the advice from all the relevant authorities is that school sports fixtures and trips should take place as planned. Obviously, this is a rapidly evolving situation and we are constantly monitoring events and will continue to re-assess our response and keep you informed if and when we need to make any changes. Whilst we are doing everything possible to keep all members of the school community safe, we are dependent on everyone keeping the school informed of any circumstances that might elevate their risk profile. This is essential if we are to ensure that our response remains proportionate to the prevailing situation. Thank you.

Netball Tournament

Our Year 3 & 4 Netball Team played in the district tournament this week. The team played a number of matches and ended up coming joint 3rd overall which is a terrific achievement. Huge congratulations to Phoebe, Sophie, Willow, Noah, Sophia, Grace, George and Lila and many thanks to Mrs Barber and Vickie Gilbert for managing the team.

Pupil Achievements

Huge congratulations to the McCutcheon children who have both come 2nd in the district triathlon event at the weekend. Both children came 2nd in their age groups (13 and under and 10 and under). As a result Andrew now qualifies for the National Final in Aylesbury. Very well done to both!

Events

13.3.20	Hedgehogs Forest School
18.3.20	Netball Tournament (Yrs 5&6)
19.3.20	School Council's Leigh's Got Talent event
20.3.20	Crazy Hair Day and Cake Sale, PTA Film Night (5.30pm)
23.3.20	Bikeability for Year 6 begins
26.3.20	Netball Match v. Crockham Hill
27.3.20	Hedgehogs at Blackland Farm, Robins Forest School, Fruity Friday
30.3.20	Love 2 Dance (4pm, 6.30pm)
1.4.20	Emd of Term Service at St. Mary's Church (2pm), End of Term 4
16.4.20	INSET DAY – No children in school please
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20.4.20	Start of Term 5

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar