LEIGH NEWS

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New Website

We are delighted to say that our new Website is now live. We hope that you find it useful and easy to use. I would welcome any feedback you have and if you feel there is something important missing on the site please do let me know. I would like to say a big thank you to Fiona Lake who has spent a huge amount of her time helping with this project.

OPEN DAYS

We have fixed two 'Open Days' for parents who might be thinking about sending their children to Leigh Primary School. These dates are: Monday 21st October (1.30pm-3.15pm) and Wednesday 13th November (9.30am-11.30am). If you know of anyone who might be interested in attending these days then please do pass on the dates and encourage them to attend.

PTA NEWS

There will be a meeting in Jessica's Hall to discuss the future of the PTA on Wednesday 25th September at 7.45pm. This is a really important meeting and various issues will be discussed about the structure and future of the PTA. Please do come along and show your support. Wine will be served!

Curriculum Evening

There have been a number of changes to our curriculum this term and we would like to share these with you during a Curriculum Evening in Jessica's Hall on the 3rd October from 6pm-8pm. I will speak for about 10 minutes at 6pm and then at 7pm but the rest of the time will be available for you to look round the hall at the displays and to ask questions. Please do attend this if you can.

CLUBS

A clubs list was sent out on Wednesday and the clubs programme will start on Monday 23rd September. There is a charge for some of the clubs but letters will be sent out if there is a cost.

Piano

I would really like to replace the old school piano in Jessica's Hall. Although it still works fairly well it is difficult to move around and needs a bit of work. If anyone has a good quality piano that they are prepared to donate to the school (either acoustic or electric) then please do let me know. Also we are in need of five good quality music stands for the various music groups that are taking place so, again, if anyone has a good quality spare music stand at home that isn't being used, please do let me know.

Fruity Friday

The dates for this term's Fruity Fridays are: 27th September, 25th October, 29th November and 19th December. More details from the PTA to follow.

PIANO/VIOLIN LESSONS

Beginner violin and piano lessons are being offered for all children from reception upwards, starting at 10 minutes for £5. If you are interested then please see Sarah McKenzie-Jones for further information.

Coffee Morning

Tomorrow (14th September) there will be a coffee morning in aid of Sevenoaks Area MIND. It will take place in Leigh Small Village Hall from 10.30am-12.30pm. All are welcome to attend to support this fantastic charity.

Fife Tuition in Wolves Class

The children in Wolves Class have started to learn the Fife. Tuition is being provided by Mark Underwood (who I know well from my time at Amherst) and is funded through the Wider Opportunities Fund. The children will need their instruments every Friday for these lessons.

Secondary School Transfer

Leaflets for children in Wolves Class were sent home this week regarding the transfer to Secondary School; if you didn't receive a leaflet then please see the school office. I am happy to discuss the content of this with anyone who would like anything clarified. Please note that the deadline for completing the SCAF (Secondary Common Application Form) is 5th November 2013.

Uniform

It has been great to see all the children in their ties and looking so smart. If you haven't purchased a school tie then please do so as quickly as possible from the school office for just £2.50.

Wellies/Coats

Now that the autumn is well and truly here we would ask that all children have their wellies in school and that they arrive at school with a coat. Thank you.

Start and end of school day

You should have received a letter today regarding the arrangements for the start and end of the school day. There is also a copy on the school website in the 'News and Events/Term Dates' section.

Knole Academy

You may have seen in the local press that proposals are being developed for the long term future of the Knole Academy (East) site, formally Wildernesse School. An exhibition is being held on Monday 16th September at Donnington Manor Hotel from 3.30pm-9pm to explain the proposals for the site. There will also be an opportunity to talk to representatives from Kent County Council and the development team. All are welcome to attend.

MATHS MORNINGS

We are holding two maths mornings towards the end of October. Miss Birchenall, our maths co-ordinator, will be running these mornings and they are an opportunity for you to find out more about what happens during your child's maths lessons. Please do attend if you can.

Forthcoming Events

23.9.13	Squirrel Class attend full days from now
27.9.13	Fruity Friday
3.10.13	Curriculum Evening in Jessica's Hall (6pm-8pm)
7.10.13	Harvest Festival Service
21.10.13	Open Afternoon (1.30pm-3.15pm)
22.10.13	Maths Morning (KS1) 9.15am-10am
24.10.13	Maths Morning (KS2) 9.15am-10am Last swim for Years 3&4
25.10.13	Fruity Friday
28.10.13	Half Term
4.11.13	INSET DAY
5.11.13	Term 2 begins Deadline for completing the Secondary Common Application Form
7.11.13	Swimming starts for Years 5&6
26.11.13	Parent Consultation Evening (3.30pm-5.30pm)
28.11.13	Parent Consultation Evening (6pm-8pm)

Further dates will be published on the website