LEIGH NEWS

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WOLVES CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday morning our Wolves Class took assembly. The theme was based on their topic of 'Heroes and Villains' and included information about the people they have been studying, drama and a dance. There were also examples of their work up for everyone to see. Many thanks to all the parents who turned up and supported the children and to Miss Taylor and Mrs Tait for organising it.

FINAL PARENT WORKSHOPS

This week has seen the final 2 Parent Workshops. In all we have now held 7 workshops for parents in maths and literacy. We very much hope that they have been of use and have provided you with the information you need to support your child in these key areas of their learning. If you were unable to attend any of these workshops then we have placed the presentations and handouts on the school website under 'Learning; Maths, Literacy, Phonics' should you wish to access them. I would like to thank Miss Birchenall for organising these and for the countless hours it has taken to prepare and deliver them. As they have been so successful we are looking to repeat these next year.

Week after Half Term's Theme –'Caring for our World'

SQUIRREL CLASS AT THE HONEYMOON CHINESE RESTAURANT

On Wednesday our Squirrel Class went to the Honeymoon Restaurant in Tonbridge as part of their work on Chinese New Year. They tasted a variety of Chinese food and even tried using chopsticks! After the meal the children dressed up as a Chinese dragon and danced to some traditional Chinese accompaniment. The children were beautifully behaved throughout and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Many thanks to all the parents who helped on this trip and to Miss Oyler and Mrs Marsh for organising it.

A Message from the Judd School in Tonbridge

In recent years, the dates for the Procedure for Entry into Secondary Education (PESE) have changed. In view of this, we have decided to move our annual Open Evening from October to July from this year. Details as follows:

Open Evening

Thursday 3rd July 2014 - 4.30pm to 8.00pm.

For current year 5s and younger.

The Open Evening is an opportunity for parents and children to have tours of the School with pupils from year 7. There will be displays in all Departments and a Headmaster's talk. Please allow 1 ½ to 2 hours for your visit. There is no need to book.

Open Mornings

Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd October 2014 - 9.30am to 10.30am.

For year 6 pupils only and their parents.

Each family will be shown round by a year 7/8 and Sixth Form pupil and there will be an opportunity to view the School on a working day. Members of staff will be available to answer parents' questions but there will not be a Headmaster's talk. There will be spaces for about 60 families on each morning (with parking on site) and in order to secure a place for one of the sessions, parents should ring the School Office after receipt of the 11+ results on 15th October 2014.

If you wish to view our online prospectus and further information regarding our Admissions criteria, please visit our website:
www.judd.kent.sch.uk

Open Classroom Afternoon

Many thanks to those of you who turned up to our Open Classroom afternoon yesterday, it was great to see so many of you in school and we hope you found it a useful event. The next one will be on the 3rd April, 3pm-4pm. Thank you.

PTA

There are many PTA events planned in the coming months and these will be advertised here and on the PTA section of the school website over the coming weeks. The next meeting is on 3rd March at 1.45pm, please do attend this event if you can. Thank you.

Head Lice

This ongoing problem is with us again! Could I ask that you check your child's hair on a regular basis, and if nits are present treat the entire family. Further information can be found on http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Spring Clean Day

We are holding another Spring Clean day on Saturday 5th March. It would be great to see as many of you who are able to join us for this as we are hoping to clear Jessica's Hall of years of clutter. If you have a trailer that can transport large heavy items to the tip (such as broken tables) then please do bring it along. We are starting at 10am and will finish at 3pm at the latest.

Watercolour Art

The children in Fox Class have been doing some fantastic watercolour artwork this week. They have been painting robins using the 'wet in wet technique' which involves applying paint on already wet paper. This has produced some stunning results and we will frame some of these properly and hang them around the school. Many thanks to Mrs Pearson and Mrs Armstrong who organised this for the children.

YPRES RETURN SLIPS

If you have not returned your reply slips for our trip to Ypres then please could you do this at the beginning of next term so that we can begin to finalise some of the arrangements. Thank you.

Bugle Success

Huge congratulations to Ella Elston in Wolves Class who has been awarded two trophies for her fabulous bugle playing. Ella has been playing since last April in the 17th Tonbridge Scouts and Guides Band and in their 'Review of the Year' concert Ella played a solo piece in front of 8 judges. Against some stiff competition Ella won the Best New Member and Best Turnout and Attendant Trophies. It's lovely to hear of such musical success in the school and many congratulations to Ella on her fantastic achievement.

Cross Country

On Monday a team from Leigh competed in a cross country competition at the Mascalls School. Despite the atrocious conditions the team competed extremely well and produced some very creditable performances. Notably Jack Sharpe was our highest placed Yr 3 boy (10th), Victoria Wynn was our highest placed Yr 3 girl (13th), Ellie McCutcheon was our highest placed Yr 4/5/6 girl (5th) and Jack Poulter was our highest placed Yr 4/5/6 boy (10th). Congratulations to the whole team and thanks to Mr Gubb and Mr Matthews for accompanying the children.

Writing Competition

Please encourage all the children to enter our 500 word writing competition; the deadline is the 25th February. Further details can be found on previous Newsletters or on the BBC Radio 2 website.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday.
We look forward to seeing the children again on Monday 24th February (NO INSET DAY). Thank you.

Events

24.2.14	Beginning of Term 4
25.2.14	Writing Competition deadline Book Club
26.2.14	Fox Class visit to the RAF Museum
27.2.14	Swimming starts for Yrs 5&6
3.3.14	Kent Fire and Rescue service visiting school
5.3.14	Eagle Heights visiting school Football Match (v. Crockham Hill)
6.3.14	Hedgehog Class visiting the Natural History Museum
10.3.14	World Book Day at Leigh Football Match (v. Weald)
11.3.14	Cross Country Meeting
12.3.14	Travelling Book Fair Arrives Weasel Class visit to the National Gallery
13.3.14	Book Fair Breakfast
14.3.14	Book Fair Breakfast
18.3.14	Book Club Parent Consultations
19.3.14	Parent Consultations
25.3.14	Cross Country Meeting
28.3.14	Grandparents Afternoon (1.30pm-3pm)
4.4.14	End of Term 4
5.4.14	Spring Clean Day
22.4.14	Beginning of Term 5 Book Club

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar