LEIGH NEWS

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Mrs Nevard

I am very sorry to announce that we will be losing Mrs Nevard from the staff team at the end of next week. Mrs Nevard has been an absolutely outstanding teaching assistant at Leigh since September 1997 and has worked across the year groups supporting groups of children and individuals as well as taking whole class groups. We shall all miss Sue very much indeed and I would like to thank her for many years of dedicated service. I'm sure we'd all like to wish Mrs Nevard well for the future and if you would like to contribute to a small leaving gift then there is a collection in the school office. Thank you.

Sports News

Cross Country

On Friday we took a team of 15 children to compete against a huge number of other schools from the Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells area. As always our team was beautifully behaved and very sporting in their approach to the race. We are incredibly proud of all our runners who all tried their absolute best and sprinted for the line. Each race had a field of approx. 160 children, which is daunting in itself, but especially for those for whom this was their first race. It was great to see how our more seasoned team members easily got back into 'race mentality' and used their experience to run some fantastic races. The results were: Yr 3/4 girls; Lexy Tomlin – 16, Freya Dorward – 62, Isabel Tallent – 90, Yr 3/4 boys; Felix Murray – 47, Andrew McCutcheon – 76, Kallen Mitchell – 86, Ben Sharpe – 147, Jacob Murray – 155, Yr 5/6 girls; Victoria Vickers-Wynne – 17, Esther Murray – 89, Poppy Gilbert-Lee – 93, Anna Lake – 122, Yr 5/6 boys, Frank Gonzalez – 41, Jack Sharpe – 49, James McCutcheon – 104. We had lots of parents on hand to cheer on, support and help manage the team at the event, which is hugely appreciated. Our next race will be a friendly against Fosse Bank to try out their new cross country course on the 3rd November. Well done to all the children on these terrific results and to Kate Dorward for organising and preparing the team.

Rugby

Congratulations also to our rugby team who played three more matches at The Knole Academy on Monday evening. The team have been playing together for the past three weeks and have made some terrific progress throughout that time. On Monday they played Anthony Roper Primary School, Dunton Green Primary School and Seal Primary School, winning one game and losing two. Well done to all the team and to Mrs Harper for organising them.

TA Vacancy

We are looking for a fantastic Teaching Assistant for 5 mornings a week to help our children reach their full potential in all areas of school life. Please note that the deadline for this position is TODAY. For further information please see the KentTeach website on: www.kent-teach.com

Next Week's Theme – 'Being A Good Neighbour'

Harvest Festival

Thank you so much to everyone who attended the Harvest Festival service on Tuesday. In total we have raised £138.59 for David Bennie's work in The Gambia. Well done to all the children for decorating their envelopes so beautifully and for reading their poems so well in the church.

Robin Class Trip

On Wednesday Robin Class visited Tunbridge Wells Museum where they took part in a workshop on toys. The children were able to handle very old toys and learned what they were made from and how they were played with. The toys included a teddy bear that had belonged to an evacuee, a metal hoop and hook that was rolled along and thrown into the air, the game of 5 stones or Jacks which was invented by the Romans and a metal steam train engine. After the workshop the children went into the museum to sketch more toys from the past. All the children were brilliantly behaved and we had a fantastic afternoon. Many thanks to all of the parents who accompanied the class on this trip and to Mrs Tanner and Mrs Pearson for organising it.

PTA NEWS

Our scarecrow trail & competition is up & running! The children should have received an entrance form, so if you'd like to enter please complete & return this to school, with the relevant fee (£2 per entry) by 20th Oct. You do not need to live in Leigh to enter, entries are welcome from far & wide! Judging will take place on Nov 5th, with great prizes to be won, so get going!

Kids Halloween Film Night is next Thursday 5-7pm, tickets £3 which includes popcorn & a drink. Tickets from school office & football cafe.

Pupil Achievements

Bella Padden and Ella Dorward

Congratulations to Bella Padden and Ella Dorward on coming 1st in the Beckenham Dance Festival. The girls competed in a trio with one other girl and were praised for their neat footwork and their sincere and expressive performance. The girls received a lovely certificate and these terrific medals.

George Sullivan and Jack Sharpe

Congratulations also to George Sullivan and Jack Sharpe who on Tuesday night competed in the Tonbridge Swimming Club Championships. George took part in the Under 8's breaststroke competition and came 2nd. Jack took part in the Under 11's 100m breaststroke competition and came 1st. Both boys attend TSC every week and should be very proud of these fantastic achievements. Congratulations boys.

Operation Christmas Child

Last week David Bennie took assembly to introduce this year's shoebox appeal. If you require any further information about it please contact David or access the 'News and Events; Letters Sent to Parents' page on the school website Thank you.

Individual Photographs – 1st November

Tempest Photography are coming into school on the first day back after the half term break to take individual photos of the children. If the children have siblings at the school then we will let them have their photos taken together unless we are told parents specifically want them taken separately. As this is the first day back after the half term break please ensure the children are looking smart and girls have their hair tied back. Thank you.

Events

17.10.16	Parent Workshop 4 – Years 2/3/4 Writing/Spelling (9am) PTA Meeting – Christmas Fair
18.10.16	Robins Class Forest School
19.10.16	Parent Workshop 5 – Phonics/Early Writing (9am) Wolves Class Forest School District Cross Country Meeting
20.10.16	Open Morning PTA Film Night in Jessica's Hall
21.10.16	End of Term 1
31.10.16	INSET Day – No children in school please
1.11.16	Beginning of Term 2 Individual Photographs
4.11.16	Fruity Friday

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar