LEIGH NEWS

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Class Pages on the School Website

All the class pages on the school website have now been updated. As well as general information regarding the timetable and routines, there is also additional information regarding the topics the children will be studying and ways that you can support the children with their learning. Please do take a moment to look at your child's class page and we will ensure that they are updated on a regular basis. Thank you.

PESE 2018-2019

As a reminder, the following dates are applicable for this year's Procedure for Entry to Secondary Education. The Secondary Common Application Forms (SCAF) are now available by clicking on the following link: https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places#tab-2 Please note that you have until 31st October to complete the SCAF Forms. Further information from the Parent Meeting I held in May can be found by clicking here: http://www.leighprimaryschool.com/Secondary_2018/Parent_Meeting_Powerpoint_-_25th_May_2018.pdf If any parents would like to meet with me regarding this process then please do make an appointment.

3rd September 2018	SCAF Form available
6th September 2018	11+ Test in all Kent Schools
	HEADTEACHER PANEL MEETS
11th October 2018	11+ Results sent to parents
31st October 2018	SCAF Closing Date
Please note that 22nd October– 26th October is Half-Term and we return back to school on 29th October 2018	
1st March 2019	Offers of school places sent (National Offer Day)
15th March 2019	Last date to accept or decline place offered
29th March 2019	Last date for appeals
24th April 2019	Reallocation of places
September 2019	Children start Year 7

Next Week's Theme –'Respecting Different Opinions'

Clubs

The clubs programme will begin again on Monday 24th September. There is an opportunity for you to sign your child's name up for the clubs they wish to join in Jessica's Hall after school TODAY. We will keep a waiting list for those children who haven't managed to get into the clubs they want on this occasion. Thank you.

SCHOOL DINNER MENU

Attached with this Newsletter is the school dinner menu for this term. This information can also be found by clicking on the following link: http://www.leighprimaryschool.com/docs/School_Dinner_Menu_2018.pdf

FIFE, FLUTE AND RECORDER MUSIC LESSONS by Mark Underwood

Dear Parents,

I have been teaching music in schools for many years and today I will be playing a concert at Leigh on flute, recorder and fife. (The fife is like a small flute but inexpensive, light and ideal for young students.)

Every year, I organise concerts where my students at any level can take part if they wish. Some of my students go on to take music examinations. In addition, it is worth noting that there have been many studies conducted regarding the benefits of enjoyable musical training at a young age in aiding the development of areas of the brain involved in language, reasoning and spatial intelligence.

I offer individual lessons and I would be pleased to discuss with you the possibility of teaching your child. Kind regards,

Mark Underwood Email: mcunderwood@me.com Mobile: 07985 563 063

Walk to Rochester for British Heart Foundation

Over the weekend 22nd & 23rd September four of us are walking from Leigh to Rochester and back, a distance of just over 60 miles. We are doing this as a personal challenge but mainly to raise money for British Heart Foundation. If anyone would like to sponsor us, our just giving page is www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bhfwalktorochester

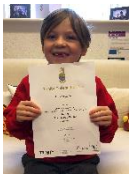
Many Thanks Julie Baggott, Jess Green, Ellie Armstrong & Karen Korvin

Pupil Achievements

Willow Snuggs

Huge congratulations to Willow Snuggs who has recently been awarded her British Gymnastics Silver Proficiency Award. Willow attends a club every week at Tigers Gym Club in Tonbridge and has worked really hard for this award. Really well done Willow – we're very proud of you.

Rocco Padden



Congratulations also to Rocco Padden who has recently been awarded his Trinity College London Entry Level Award in Graded Examination in Rock and Pop (Entry 3) Drums. Rocco was awarded a Distinction (the highest possible grade) and has worked extremely hard to achieve this fantastic result. Rocco has drum lessons with Billy Cunningham every week and also attends our weekly orchestra club where he is our resident percussion expert. Really well done Rocco, we're very proud of you!

Pupil Premium Letter

Each Year the school receives extra funding from the government to provide additional support and educational experiences for children who come from lower income homes. This funding is called Pupil Premium and can help ensure all children have access to the same opportunities and activities. Attached with this Newsletter is a letter with more information about how to apply for this funding and if anyone would like assistance, please do contact the school office.

PTA NEWS

AGM

We will be holding our AGM on Tuesday 18 September at 8pm in Jessica's Hall. Everyone is welcome to come along to help us plan our events for the coming year. If you'd like to get involved with the PTA or become a class rep, please do join us.

Treasure Hunt

The rescheduled family Treasure Hunt is taking place on the afternoon of Saturday 29 September. Booking forms will be coming home soon, please save the date.

Events

14.9.18	House Meetings (10am) Clubs Sign Up Session in Jessica's Hall (3pm-3.30pm) Hawks Forest School
17.9.18	Squirrel Class Staying for Lunch High Hopes Assembly (1.30pm) Rounders Tournament at Chiddingstone Primary School
19.9.18	NSPCC Workshops (Years 5&6)
21.9.18	Hedgehogs Forest School
24.9.18	Clubs Start Squirrel Class Full Time
26.9.18	M&M Productions performance of Pinocchio (1.30pm)
28.9.18	House Tournaments (am) Robins Forest School
5.10.18	Robins Class Trip to Maidstone Museum Foxes Forest School Kent Messenger to take photos of Squirrel Class (2.45pm)
10.10.18	Parent Consultations (1.30pm-3.30pm)
11.10.18	Parent Consultations (5pm-8pm)
12.10.18	Launch of the annual Off By Heart Poetry Competition Squirrels Forest School
15.10.18	Art and DT Week Begins
16.10.18	Harvest Festival Service at St. Mary's Church (10am)
17.10.18	Open Morning for Prospective Parents (9.30am)
29.10.18	Start of Term 2

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar