LEIGH NEWS

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Staffing Update

Today we say goodbye to our longstanding and much loved School Business Manager Ali Newman. Ali has been with the school for many years and has also served on our Governing Body and was Chair of Governors for a year. Ali has been a truly outstanding School Business Manager and has revolutionised the way the school works behind the scenes as well as managing the schools resources extremely efficiently over a long period of time. Ali was also one of the Blister Sisters who walked from London to Brighton to help raise money for our music rooms and has contributed to the wider life of the school in so many ways over the years. Mrs Newman is now increasing her hours at Slade Primary School where she is Bursar and I'm sure we'd all like to thank her for her many years of dedicated service to Leigh Primary School and to wish her well for the future. I am delighted to announce that we have appointed Anel Andrews who will begin working as Bursar in January. Anel is obviously very well known to us here at school and, as well as being a parent of two delightful Leigh Primary School children, she has also been the PTA treasurer for the past three years. Best of luck to both of them in their new roles.

Christmas Lunch

On Friday we had our annual Christmas Lunch. This is always a real highlight of the year and a good opportunity for us to thank the midday supervisors and kitchen staff for all that they do for the school throughout the year.

Leigh Ladies Choir

Last week the Leigh Ladies Choir held their annual Christmas Concert in the large village hall. The concert was a spectacular success and the ladies have donated all the proceeds from the concert to the school. In all they raised a huge £400 on the night and we will make sure the money is put to very good use. We are extremely grateful to them for this very kind donation and will update you all on how the money has been spent in the new year. Thank you!

Aladdin Pantomime

On Monday the whole school went to the STAG Theatre in Sevenoaks to see their pantomime Aladdin. These events are always very special in the life of the school and I was delighted with the children's behaviour throughout the day. So many thanks to all of you who arranged lifts for the children and we hope that by using The Plaza Suite we were able to minimise traffic disruption.

Breakfast With Santa

On Saturday we held our annual Breakfast with Santa event in Jessica's Hall. It was a wonderful morning and we're extremely grateful that Santa himself gave up so much of his time during this very busy period. The children had a magical morning and many thanks to all the parents and PTA members who attended and helped out. A particular thank you to Rachel Murray who masterminded the whole operation.

Open Classroom Afternoon

The next Open Classroom Afternoon will take place on Thursday 30th January 2020 from 3pm-4pm. This is a really good opportunity for you to come into school and look at the work your child has been doing this year. Please do try and come along to this important event if you possibly can.

Clubs

So many thanks to all of you who have run clubs this term. It's wonderful to be able to offer around 20 clubs a week and we can only do that due to all the support we receive from parents and carers. Please note that clubs will not start again until Monday 13th January unless specifically told otherwise by the person running the club. If you would like to get involved in the clubs programme then please do speak with Mrs Burbridge in the school office. Thank you.

Governor Newsletter

Attached with this Newsletter is the annual Governor Newsletter. This provides lots of information about how the Governing Body works, its function and how you can get involved. Please do take a moment to read it. This is a good opportunity to thank all the members of our wonderful Governing Body who give up so much of their time to ensure that the school runs so well. A copy of the Newsletter can also be found on the school website or by clicking on the link below:
https://www.leighprimaryschool.com/docs/Governor_Newsletter_2019_2020.pdf

Parent Consultations

We have now fixed the dates for next term's Parent Consultations. These will take place on Tuesday 10th March (1.30pm-3.30pm) and Wednesday 11th March (5pm-8pm). Please do try and keep the dates free for these important meetings. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

Year 6 SATs Parent Meeting

We are holding a short meeting for parents and carers of children in Year 6 to go through all the arrangements for this year's SATs tests in the summer. This meeting will take place in Wolves Class on Tuesday 11th February at 3.30pm and will last about 10 minutes. Thank you.

Toni Sullivan

Toni Sullivan is a new parent and is offering child care for those who might need it. Toni writes: *I have a lot of experience with children having had 3, being stepmother to 3 more and home schooling. I was also a nanny before children and still have references from the mother of those children. I am DBS checked and have recently completed my paediatric first aid course. I charge £5.50 p/h with an extra £2.50 if dinner is needed. I can offer sibling discount. I have a 9 seater minibus that has just passed an MOT and have been driving for 13 years with no penalties or convictions. For further information please email me at: toni_squires@yahoo.co.uk*

End of Term Service

The end of term service is this afternoon at 2pm in St. Mary's Church. All are very welcome to attend.

Grandparents Afternoon

We have now set the date for our annual Grandparents Afternoon. This will take place on Friday 6th March 2020 between 1.30pm-3pm, This event is for any grandparents or elderly relatives or friends who would like to come into school, look at the children's work and have a tour. Thank you.

May we wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year. We look forward to seeing the children again on Monday 6th January 2020

Events

18.12.19	End of Term Service at St. Mary's Church (2pm) End of Term 2
6.1.20	Beginning of Term 3
10.1.20	Wolves Forest School
13.1.20	Clubs Start Netball Match v. Chiddingstone (away)
15.1.20	Cake Sale for Endangered Animals (3.15pm)
16.1.20	Fox Class Rocks Day
17.1.20	Hawks Forest School
20.1.20	Football v. Ide Hill (home)
23.1.20	Netball Match v. Ide Hill (home)
24.1.20	Hedgehogs Forest School
27.1.20	Football Match v. Penshurst (home)

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar