LEIGH NEWS

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Explosive Topic Work!

It's been wonderful to see the children so enthused by their new topics this week. As you may know, we use Cornerstones Curriculum as the basis for our topic work and this enables us to link many subjects together to make them more engaging and fun. There is lots of information about Cornerstones on the school website or you can find out more by clicking on this link: https://cornerstoneseducation.co.uk/ There is also plenty of information on the class pages of the school website. Fox Class are currently studying a topic called 'Tremors' which focuses on the ancient city of Pompeii and how it has been frozen in time from the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. As you can see Thomas Prockter has created this wonderful volcano with his brother Adam and has also written some very clear instructions about how to build your own volcano. Further information about the topics for this year will also be on display at our Curriculum Evening on Tuesday 29th September and all parents and carers are very welcome to attend this event which will be held in Jessica's Hall.

Clubs

The clubs programme will begin again on Monday. The children should now know which clubs they will be attending but if there is any confusion please contact the school office as soon as possible. It is extremely important the children attend the clubs they have signed up for and if a child cannot make a club on any given week please ensure that the person running that club knows. A huge thank you to all the staff, parents and friends who have committed so much of their time to run clubs for the children this year and we feel so fortunate to be able to offer around 20 clubs every week. We do strongly recommend that the children in Squirrel Class do not start any clubs until January at the earliest but do speak with myself or Miss Casper if you wish to discuss this further.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 25th September a group of girls in Year 5 are organising a cake sale in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. The girls are organising this themselves and will be selling cakes and drinks during morning break on the Green for 10p-20p. If you would like to contribute to the selection of cakes on sale then please bring them in on the morning of the 25th and we will find somewhere to store them. Parents and carers are very welcome to join us for the sale to help raise as much money as possible for this wonderful cause. Thank you.

Parent Consultations

We have now fixed the dates for this term's Parent Consultations. These will take place on Wednesday 4th November (1.30pm-4pm) and Thursday 5th November (5.30pm-7.30pm). Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

PTA NEWS

The next Fruity Friday will be on Friday 25th September. This month's fruits are apricots and limes!

Last night we held our AGM where we appointed a new Chairperson (Chloe Bates) and Secretary (Michael Jones). Many thanks to Faydra and Lyndsey for handing over these roles and for all their hard work over the past year.

A financial update revealed that our Summer Fair raised £1,143 and the barn dance raised £773, thanks to all who made these such fun and successful events! The money will be used to pay for 5 new laptops; this will mean that there are enough laptops for 1 between 2 children. Thank you to all who attended the meeting.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 15th October at 8pm in school so please SAVE THE DATE. Two dates that have already been set are:

School Disco - Thursday 22nd October

Winter Fair - Saturday 28th November

Parent Workshops

We have now set the dates for the autumn term parent workshops. This is now the third year we will have been running these and they have proved extremely popular with parents. All workshops will be held in Jessica's Hall, will start at 9am and last about an hour.

Tuesday 13th October - Key Stage 2 Writing

Thursday 22nd October – Key Stage 1 Maths

Tuesday 3rd November – Key Stage 2 Maths

Thursday 12th November – Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1 Literacy

Tuesday 17th November – Year 2/Year 3 Writing

SPRING CLEAN

The next Spring Clean Day will be on Saturday 3rd October from 10am-2pm. During the day we are hoping to tackle some of the bigger projects around the school such as tidying the loft in Jessica's Hall. If you are able to attend then please just turn up on the day. Thank you.

Bullfrog Productions invite you to come and be part of the cast in Disney's Beauty and the Beast

Rehearsals start in September 2015 (at Sawmills Studios, Brasted)

Performances on stage at The Stag Theatre, Sevenoaks, February 2016

Everyone is welcome up to 21 years old!

Application forms at www.bullfrogproductions.co.uk

For further information please call 01342 322411

Harvest Festival

We are holding our annual Harvest Festival service at St Mary's Church on 13th October at 10.10am. We are asking the children to put some small change in an envelope and all the money raised will be donated to David Bennie's project work in The Gambia. All are very welcome to attend this service which will last about 30 minutes.

Next Week's Theme – 'Respecting Different Opinions'

Open Days

Our two annual Open Days for prospective parents will be on 21st October (9.30am) and 10th November (1.45pm). I will speak at both events and then there will be an opportunity to have a tour of the school. Please do advertise these dates to any parents who might be considering Leigh Primary School for their children in September 2016. Thank you.

A message from Tom Tugendhat, MP for Tonbridge.....

I was very honoured to be elected in May to serve the communities of Tonbridge, Edenbridge and Malling as your Member of Parliament. I hope to follow in the footsteps of Sir John Stanley and represent you well in Parliament. Over the past year, I have met thousands of people and heard inspirational stories from so many of our community champions. I must now write many cards this Christmas to thank people. I remember designing my own Christmas cards when I was at school and the effort that went into it. This year, I hope to have something even better than those; a design from one of your students. Given the creativity and imagination of pupils across our community I was hoping you would ask students to submit entries for a competition to design the card, which I will have printed and sent to thousands of people who I talk to in our county. Drawings must be on A4 (portrait or landscape) using any medium. It would be great if Children were able to stick to a Christmas theme and sign their name on the front, so it will appear on the card. The winning designs will receive 100 copies of their own card and a special prize. Due to print deadlines, I will need entries by Friday 16th October. I would appreciate the opportunity to come into your school during November and present the winning children with their prizes. Please post entries to the following address: Tom Tugendhat MBE MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A OAA. If you have any questions please e-mail me on tom.tugendhat.mp@parliament.uk or call 0207 219 4727.

Events

21.9.15	Clubs Begin Squirrel Class staying for lunch
25.9.15	Fruity Friday (Apricots and Limes)
28.9.15	Squirrel Class staying all day
29.9.15	Curriculum Evening in Jessica's Hall (3pm-7pm)
3.10.15	Spring Clean Day (10am-2pm)
6.10.15	Theatre Group Visit
13.10.15	Parent Workshop 1 – Key Stage 2 Writing Harvest Festival Service at St Mary's Church (10.10am)
15.10.15	PTA Meeting (8pm)
22.10.15	Parent Workshop 2 – Key Stage 1 Maths Open Classroom Afternoon (3pm-4pm) PTA School Disco
23.10.15	End of Term 1
2.11.15	INSET Day
3.11.15	Beginning of Term 2 Parent Workshop 3 – Key Stage 2 Maths
4.11.15	Parent Consultations (1.30pm-4pm)
5.11.15	Parent Consultations (5.30pm-7.30pm)

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar