LEIGH NEWS

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School Choir at High Hilden Residential Home

On Monday morning the school choir visited High Hilden Residential Home to sing with the residents during their monthly choir event. The morning was great fun and the children enjoyed singing with the residents as well as with Tony and Patsy who, we understand, will soon be appearing on Britain's Got Talent! Many thanks to all the parent helpers who came on the morning and to all the staff at High Hilden who looked after us so well.

TRANSITION EVENT

This afternoon we will be holding our annual Transition Event for children in Years 5 and 6. We are inviting back all our ex-pupils to come and share their experiences of Secondary School and we are expecting all children from Years 5 and 6 to be here for that. The event will run from 4pm-5pm and will be held in Hedgehog Class. Please note that there will not be Football Club this afternoon due to this event taking place.

Parent Survey

On Tuesday we sent out an email to ask if you would be prepared to fill in our annual Parent Survey. These surveys are incredibly important as they provide us with extremely good information about how well you feel we are performing as a school. They also give us many areas to think about as we plan for the future. You can find the survey by clicking on the link below or by accessing the 'Pupil and Parent Survey' page on the school website. Thank you.

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/leigh2016

Year 5 Parent Meeting - 25th May 2016
PESE 2016-2017

I will be holding a meeting about the Procedure for Entry to Secondary Education (PESE) for those parents of children in Year 5 on Wednesday 25th May. This meeting will take place in Jessica's Hall and will start at 7.30pm. My aims for the meeting are:

- To look at the situation in Kent regarding secondary schools
- To look briefly at the different secondary schools in the local area
- To look at the data from last year's 11+
- To look at the 11+ in its current format
- To look at the PESE timetable for 2016-2017
- To look at the SCAF Form, Appeals Process and Home School Transport

All parents of children in Year 5 are strongly encouraged to come to this meeting if at all possible although all the slides will also be available on the school website afterwards. Thank you.

Statutory Assessments (Year 1, Year 2, Year6)

Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) will soon be upon us for Year 2 and Year 6. We have compiled information power points for parents about these tests and they can be found by clicking on the links below. Year 6 http://www.leighprimaryschool.com/docs/Year_6_SATs_Booklet_2016.pdf Year 2 http://www.leighprimaryschool.com/Classes/Class-3/ Year 1 will also be sitting their Phonics Screening tests and a letter to Robins Class has already been sent home to parents. We are absolutely determined that these assessments have a very low profile at school and we do not want children anxious about sitting them. Please do speak with Miss Taylor, Miss Oyler, Mrs Pearson, Mrs Tanner or myself if you have any questions regarding these assessments.

Whole School Photo

Last term we had a whole school photograph taken by Tempest Photography. You can now order these photos via the envelopes that were sent home last week. If you would like one of these then please do return the envelopes by the end of TODAY. Thank you.

ST GEORGE'S DAY

Today a number of children have come into school in their cubs, scouts, brownies and beavers uniforms. It was delightful to see the children in these uniforms and terrific to see that these organisations are as popular as ever!

Football Opportunities with First Class Football

First Class Football are offering local boys and girls the chance to have a FREE football coaching session with professional football coaches who work and scout for Brighton & Hove Albion FC. The free sessions are open to children that do not currently attend. The eligible sessions are: Saturdays, 9.30-11am, Tonbridge Farm Astroturf, Darenth Avenue, Tonbridge, TN10 3JF (Boys/Girls in Reception to Year 3 in split groups) Mondays (Girls), 5-6pm, Ridgewaye Fields, The Ridgewaye, Southborough, TN4 0AA (Girls Only in Yrs 1-4). Mondays (Advanced), 6-7pm, Tonbridge Farm Astroturf, Darenth Avenue, Tonbridge, TN10 3JF (Boys/Girls in Yrs 1-6). Parents are able to bring children along without booking or can contact us at info@firstclassfootball.com for more details.

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Next Week's Theme –'The Persistent Spider'

Leigh Blister Sisters

As I'm sure you're aware a very brave group of mums are embarking on an exciting but daunting challenge at the end of May. They are walking 100km in around 24 hours from London to Brighton to raise funds for the conversion of the toilets next to Jessica's Hall into a music and creative arts facility. All donations, however large or small, are very much appreciated. For those who have already sponsored them, a huge, huge thank you. For those who might wish to make a donation the link is http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/leighblistersisters In addition one of our own governors, the infamous Fleur de Lis quizmaster, Jon Wood, is hosting a quiz night in the large village hall on Saturday 14th May starting at 8pm (there'll be alcohol and cheese and biscuits too, what's not to like?!). More details will be coming out imminently. The idea is to have a fun night and raise some additional funds, whilst also giving the Blister Sisters support and a motivational push before they embark on their challenge! Please do support them in this fantastic venture and do keep Saturday 14th May free if you can.

Instrumental Concert

We are holding our annual Instrumental Concert in St Mary's Church at 5pm on Wednesday 4th May. This concert is open to any child who is learning a musical instrument and would like the opportunity to perform the music they have been working on. We will be starting to formulate the programme next week so please do encourage any child who has a music lesson to take part. All are very welcome to attend this concert which should last about 45 minutes. Thank you.

PTA NEWS

Football cafe will resume next week, after school on Friday in Jessica's Hall, so pop in for a cup of tea & a chat!
The next PTA meeting is next Tuesday, 26th April 8pm at school, we will be planning the Summer Fair so do come along, all welcome!
There will be a second hand uniform sale on Friday 6th May after school.

Events

27.4.16	Kent Fire and Rescue Service visit
28.4.16	Tag Rugby Competition
29.4.16	Fox Class PTA Cake Sale
2.5.16	Bank Holiday
4.5.16	Cross Country Competition Instrumental Concert (5pm)
9.5.16	Year 6 SATs Week
16.5.16	High Hopes Assembly
17.5.16	Singing Workshop with Dominic Peckham
25.5.16	Year 5 Parent Meeting (7.30pm)
26.5.16	Choir Concert (6.30pm) PTA Meeting (8pm)
27.5.16	Robin Class Cake Sale End of Term 5
28.5.16	London to Brighton Ultra Challenge
6.6.16	INSET Day
7.6.16	Beginning of Term 6

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar