LEIGH NEWS

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Arbor

Since September we have been using a new Management Information System called Arbor. As part of this package there is a Parent Portal for you to use which will allow you to track your child's attendance (and lateness), see what clubs they are attending and pay for trips and events. In time it will also allow you to book parent consultation times, access reports and view your child's academic achievements and progress. Attached with this Newsletter is information regarding Arbor and how to access your child's account and later this afternoon an email will be sent out with your username and password. There is also an App which Arbor have produced to allow you to access your account on your smartphone or tablet device. If possible do try and access your child's account over the next few days to ensure it works and if you have any problems please consult the attached documents or speak with us at school. A letter about the annual pantomime trip is being sent home on Monday and we would ask that payment for this trip is made via the new system. Although there will inevitably be a few teething issues we are hoping that this new system will allow us to function in a much more efficient way and give you as parents much more flexibility and control.

Year 5 Residential Parent Meeting

On Monday we held a Parent Meeting for parents and carers of children in Year 5 to cover the details of this year's Year 5 residential trip. The letter from this event can be found by clicking on the following link. Thank you.
https://www.leighprimaryschool.com/docs/Carroty_Wood_First_Letter.pdf

PTA NEWS

Join us at the Christmas Fair on Sunday from 2-4pm. It is set to be an afternoon of fun for all the family, with festive games, crafts, toys and lots of yummy food. Wolves Class are running 7 amazing stalls this year which are definitely going to be worth a visit and the teachers will be on hand in the small village hall serving tea, cake and mulled wine.
See you there!

Attendance

A pupil's absence can seriously disrupt their learning, not only do they miss out on teaching while they are away but they are less prepared for future lessons when they return. It is difficult for us to ensure your child fulfils their academic potential if they are not in school regularly enough. This also applies to lateness as this is also severely disruptive. As a rule, a 96% attendance rate is the absolute minimum attendance expected and I would urge everyone to check your child's attendance on their Arbor account to see how your child's attendance compares to this figure. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

OFF BY HEART POETRY COMPETITION

Please do encourage the children to start learning a poem from the list on the school website. Thank you. All the poems are now available on the school website or by clicking on this link:
http://www.leighprimaryschool.com/Learning/Off-By-Heart-Poetry-Competition/ Get learning and good luck.....!

Joke Competition

Many thanks to all the children who entered the School Council Joke Competition to help raise money for Children in Need. The children have decided on the winner and it is: 'A skeleton walks into a bar and orders a drink and a mop'. Well done to all the members of the School Council for organising this.

Parent Workshop Slides

Last week we held two parent workshops in Jessica's Hall. The slides from this event (and from all the previous Parent Workshops) can be found on the school website or by clicking on the following link. Thank you.
https://www.leighprimaryschool.com/Learning/Parent-Workshops/

Tonbridge Rifle Shooting Club

One of our pupils, Alex, is a keen member of the Tonbridge Shooting Club. He attends every week and thoroughly enjoys taking part in this sport. They are looking for new members at the moment so, if interested, please contact Malcolm West for further information on: targetshootingtonbridge@gmail.com

Football Club

We have decided that tonight will be the last Football Club of the term The weather is so cold and there is so much going on at school between now and Christmas that we feel it would be better to make this decision now rather than leave it each week to decide. Football Club will resume in the New Year. Thank you

Leigh Scouting Movement

Do you have children in Leigh Scouts and have thought of being more involved, or may have been in Scouts when younger and would like to be part of it again? Leigh Scouts need leaders for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. All training is free under the guidance of Tonbridge District. This does not apply just to parents/carers, it could be Aunties/Uncles or Grandparents and will be very rewarding for those involved. If you are interested in helping out and joining a very worthwhile cause that involves thousands of children across the UK please call Lee Bransby on 01732 834273 or email on leebransby@aol.com

Next Week's Theme –'Being Thankful For What We Have'

Pantomime

This year April will be involved in the Snow Queen at The Trinity Theatre in Tunbridge Wells. April is starring in the shows on Friday 13th December and Monday 16th December and if anyone would like to go and support her, tickets are available by clicking on the following link. Best of luck April!
https://www.trinitytheatre.net/events/the-snow-queen

We look forward to seeing everyone at the PTA Winter Fair on Sunday from 2pm. This is taking place in the Village Halls and will be great fun as well as hopefully raising lots of money for the school. We would like any children who are there at 1.50pm to come and do some carol singing outside the entrance. All are very welcome!

Events

22.11.19	Fox Class to Chatham Dockyards, Robins Class Forest School
24.11.19	PTA Christmas Fair
25.11.19	Wolves Class to the Museum of Kent Life
28.11.19	Flu Vaccinations
29.11.19	Fox Class Forest School, Fruity Friday
2.12.19	Start of Assessment Week Football Match v. Chiddingstone (away) Netball Match v. Four Elms (home)

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar