LEIGH NEWS

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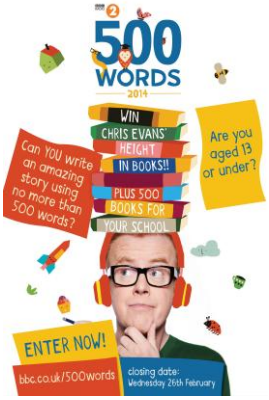
NEW STORY WRITING COMPETITION

This week we are launching another writing competition. We are running this alongside the BBC Radio 2 writing competition and all entries will be entered for both. Entries must be an original piece of fiction and not an account of real events – either historical or current. However, stories can feature well known public figures from present day or from history (e.g. Wayne Rooney or Charles Darwin) take place in historical eras (e.g. the English Civil War) or use real-life experiences as a creative springboard as long as the story is fictional. The school winners will each receive a book token and we will publish the stories on the school website. The stories must not be longer than 500 words and the closing date for entries is Friday 21st February. It is open to children in any year group. Get writing!



Lost Property

There is quite a lot of lost property in the container outside the front door. If you get an opportunity please would you check it to see if you can retrieve any lost clothing! Thank you.

THE ARMSTRONG MATHS CUP

On Wednesday the children brought home their new Mental Arithmetic books. These books must be handed in every Monday and we ask that the children complete their work in pencil and do their corrections BEFORE moving to the next page. If you do assist your child with their MA work we simply ask that you put a dot next to the question number so that the class teachers are aware that they have received help. We will track very carefully the children's progress and every week a maths cup will be awarded in our Friday Celebration Assembly to the class who have answered the most questions correctly. I will put the winning class name on the website (under 'Learning; Mathematics') and the winning class will also get to keep the cup for the week. If you have any concerns about this MA book then please do see the class teacher and they will be happy to discuss it further with you. Thank you.

Next Week's Theme – 'We're All Stars!'

SPRING CLEAN

After our 'Spring' Clean day in September we have decided to hold another day (this time in Spring!) to help clear out Jessica's Hall. Please keep Saturday 5th April free and further details will be sent out nearer the time. Thank you.

SUMMER PRODUCTION

This year Leigh Primary School will be performing their Summer Production at the STAG Theatre in Sevenoaks. This will involve the WHOLE SCHOOL and will take place on Wednesday 16th July at 7pm.

PLEASE DO KEEP THIS DATE FREE

Many more details will be sent out nearer the time but we will be inviting you to bring family and friends to fill up the whole theatre so please let everyone know to keep the date free!

Football Match

Unfortunately we had to postpone our football match with Hever due to both our pitches being waterlogged. This will now take place in a few weeks time and I will let the team know when I have a new date.

PARENT WORKSHOPS

Our parent workshops have continued this week. The next workshop is on Tuesday 4th February at 9.05am in Jessica's Hall. This will be a writing workshop for parents of children in Reception or Key Stage 1 (Yrs 1&2). Please do attend this event if you can.

Leigh Good Citizen Award

From Friday 31st January we will be awarding a Good Citizen Award every Friday as part of our Celebration Assembly. This award will be a framed certificate and will be given to the pupil who has been a particularly good role model to others throughout the week or has acted in an especially kind or generous way. Only the children can nominate someone for this award by putting their name on a piece of paper and posting it in a box in Reception and I will choose the winner from those nominated. We will inform you of the winner each week on the school website under 'Learning; School Council' and the reasons why they have received the award.

PTA

There is no PTA meeting this month but please find below the dates of the PTA meetings for the rest of the year. We will confirm the venue nearer the time.

5th February 8pm, 3rd March 1.45pm, 2nd April 8pm, 12th May 1.45pm, 4th June 8pm, 2nd July 1.45pm.

We are having a recycling drive during the last two weeks of January. Please bring in batteries, printer ink cartridges, DVDs, CDs and old mobile phones to school on Friday 24th January. There will be two collection boxes, one outside squirrel class and one outside the school office.

The other date to bear in mind is Fruity Friday on 31st January. Instead of bringing £1 into school, people can bring in their full "Phil the Bag" by 9am.

The "Swishing" night that was due to take place on Wednesday 29th January, has been postponed for the moment but we will keep you informed as to the new date.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or fancy organising an event! Many thanks.

Parking Problems

We have recently had a number of complaints from residents of Crandalls. It seems that a minority of parents are parking inconsiderately and sometimes dangerously during morning drop off and at home time. Could we please ask you not to park on the pavements or where you might block driveways and residents' parking bays. Please do not park on both sides of the road as this will block access for emergency vehicles. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Netball Results

Our Netball team played two matches on Wednesday against Dunton Green Primary and Chevening. The team played extremely well and were ruthless in front of goal! They beat Dunton Green 14-3 and they beat Chevening 12-0. Congratulations to the team for playing so well and to Mr Gubb for organising them.

INTERNET SAFETY EVENING

Many thanks to all of you who turned up to our Internet Safety Evening on Wednesday night. I hope you found the presentation interesting and I would like to thank Stuart Hancock for giving up so much of his time and for making it so informative. I will post all of the information on the school website in the coming days and there are also some leaflets that have been left in Reception for you to take if you would like.

Survey of Parents and Carers

The staff and governors would like to know where you think the school is doing well and where improvements could be made. A questionnaire has been sent out from school and we would ask that you complete this and return by the 31st January. Alternatively you can download a copy from the school website in 'Parents; Pupil and Parent Surveys'. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Events

31.1.14	Phil the Bag Collection
4.2.14	Parent Writing Workshop (Reception/Yr 1) Cross Country Competition
5.2.14	Kites Workshop in Fox Class
6.2.14	Quantum Theatre visiting Football Match v. Fordecombe (Home)
10.2.14	Parent Reading/Writing Workshop (Key Stage 2)
11.2.14	Parent Reading Workshop (Key Stage 1)
12.2.14	Squirrel Class to the Honeymoon Chinese Restaurant
14.2.14	End of Term 3
24.2.14	Beginning of Term 4
25.2.14	Book Club Meeting
26.2.14	Fox Class to RAF Museum
27.2.14	Swimming starts (Yrs 5/6)
3.3.14	Kent Fire and Rescue Service visiting
5.3.14	Eagle Heights visiting Fox Class Football Match v. Crockham Hill (home)
6.3.14	Hedgehog Class to the Natural History Museum

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar