LEIGH NEWS

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CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to our fantastic cross country team who competed at Combe Bank School on Wednesday. In all we took 22 children and they all, once again, tried their hardest and ran some great races. The course was particularly tough, complete with trees, long grass and nasty hills. Nearly all the children improved on their placement from the previous race. As always it was a tough field - up against the top 6 selected to go from much bigger schools. Overall our year 5/6 girls and 5/6 boys came 5th in the team events (out of at least 12 teams) which is a fantastic achievement and shows the wonderful progress they are making. Many thanks to all the parents who provided lifts on Wednesday and to Kate and Ian for organising and preparing the team.

OPEN DAY

Our second 'Open Day' for parents who might be thinking about sending their children to Leigh Primary School is on Friday 7th November. I will give a talk at 9.30am and then our Year 6 children will be available to give tours of the school. If you know of anyone who might be interested then please do pass on the dates and encourage them to attend.

OPEN CLASSROOM AFTERNOON

Many thanks to all of you who were able to make our Open Classroom afternoon yesterday. These events are really important and we hope you find them useful to see what the children have been covering throughout the term. The next Open Classroom afternoon will be on Thursday 18th December 2014. Thank you.

TREASURE ISLAND PERFORMANCE

On Tuesday the whole school enjoyed a wonderful performance of Treasure Island. The story was brought to life by some fantastic acting and the whole show was action packed right from the beginning. The story tells of a boy, Jim Lad, as he finds the courage to jump on board the Jolly Roger with Long John Silver and his crew as they search for treasure in foreign lands. Fighting pirates, building friendships and saving long lost sailors are all part of the plot as is managing to dodge the dreadful black spot! The children were on the edge of their seats as they were taken through this swashbuckling adventure which was great fun for all involved. Many thanks to Miss Oyler for organising this event.

SCAF CLOSING DATE – 31st October 2014

Parents of children in Year 6 now need to be applying for Secondary Schools. You can apply online using the Secondary Common Application Form which invites you to apply for up to 4 schools, putting them in order of preference. It's in your best interests to list 4 schools. Naming only one school does not guarantee your child a place at that school or give your child priority for a place over another child, neither does naming a school more than once. Please click on the link below or look on the school website for further information. The national SCAF closing date is the 31st October 2014 although the local authority have said that applications will be accepted up to the 5th November. We ask that parents send a copy of the application to the school office. This will enable us to resolve any difficulties that may arise later. Thank you.
http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places

OFF BY HEART COMPETITION

We are asking all the children to learn one poem from the list on the school website under: 'Learning; Curriculum; Off By Heart'. The children will be asked to recite their poems in class and the two winning entries from each class will go through to the Grand Final to be held on Friday 7th November in Jessica's Hall. We understand that there is an error on one of the poems. The Pig has one stanza in the wrong place and we have now corrected this on the website. Good luck and do work hard on these poems over the holiday.

Golden Time Games/ DVDs

We are in need of additional board games and DVDs (universal certificate only please) for use during wet play and golden time. If you have any spare DVDs or games then please do speak with the class teacher. Thank you.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

We are delighted that so many children participated in Walk to School Week. It has been hugely encouraging to see the children making the extra effort to walk into school and thank you to all of you who left that little bit earlier in the morning to allow them to do this. At the time of writing I can't tell you who the overall winning class was but they will enjoy an extra long golden time at the end of today. Thank you.

PARENT WORKSHOP

The second of our five parent workshops is entitled 'Key Stage 2 Maths' and is for all parents of children in Key Stage 2 although if you are a parent of a child in Key Stage 1 you might also find it interesting. This will take place on Tuesday 4th November at 9am in Jessica's Hall and will last about 1 hour. Thank you.

Week after Half Term's Theme –'Two Sides to Every Story'

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parent Consultations will take place on the 12th and 13th November. Lists have now gone up so please do sign your names up for a convenient time.

TIES

After half term we are having to increase the cost of schools ties from £2.50 to £3.50 to cover the cost of purchase. School ties can be purchased through the school office. Now is a good time to remind everyone that the Lost Property container is getting rather full and we would appreciate it if all clothing was named to reduce the lost property issues. Thank you.

IPAD CHARGERS

We are in need of additional ipad chargers for the ipads we have in school. If anyone has a spare old ipad charger (those used to charge the iphones 3 or 4) that we could have then please do speak with Miss Marshall. Thank you.

POPPIES

As part of our work to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of WWI, we are working with St Mary's Church to recreate a scene like the poppies at the Tower of London around our local war memorial. We need each pupil to bring in an empty 500ml drinking bottle to be created into a Poppy flower. A tub has been placed in the entrance hall for you to place your bottles in. Thank you for your help with this.

CLUBS

The clubs programme has continued this week and we are extremely fortunate to be able to offer so many extra-curricular activities for the children. Please note that if a child has been successful at gaining a place in a club then we do expect them to attend unless there is a specific reason. Thank you to all who give up many hours every week to offer these opportunities and we look forward to these resuming after the half term break.

PTA NEWS

The School Christmas Fayre is being held on Saturday 6th December and Breakfast with Santa is being held on Sunday 14th December. Please keep both these dates free as they promise to be fantastic events for all!

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday. We look forward to seeing the children again on Tuesday 4th November.

Events

31.10.14	National SCAF Closing Date
3.11.14	INSET Day
4.11.14	Parent Workshop 2 – 'Key Stage 2 Maths'
7.11.14	Open Morning Off By Heart Poetry Final
10.11.14	Individual Photographs
11.11.14	Remembrance Day Events
12.11.14	Parent Consultations (1.30pm-3.30pm)
13.11.14	Parent Consultations (3.30pm-8pm)
18.11.14	Parent Workshop 3 – 'Key Stage 1 Phonics'

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar