LEIGH NEWS

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Amelia and Alfie Cochrane

Today we say a very sad farewell to Amelia and Alfie Cochrane. The Cochranes have been with us for two years and have been absolutely delightful additions to the school. Both children are extremely popular and have contributed so much since being with us. The family are making the move to Sydney which is extremely exciting for all four of them and I'm sure you'd like to join me in wishing them all the very best for the future. We will make sure that the children at Leigh have the opportunity to stay in touch with Amelia and Alfie and if there are any updates from the family I will include these in future Newsletters. Safe journey and best wishes from us all!

Pine Desk

A local resident has a pine desk which she would like to go to a good home. The measurements for the desk are: LENGTH: 113cm (44.5 inches), WIDTH: 54cm (21 inches), HEIGHT:75cm (29.5 inches). There is no charge for it but she would be grateful if you are able to collect. If you would like further information please contact Maryanne Osborne at: mazosborne@yahoo.co.uk

Fox Class at Ightham Mote

Last Friday the Fox Class spent the day at Ightham Mote. During the day they went on a nature trail and bug hunt, learnt about mini beasts and went pond dipping. I had an email from the education office at Ightham Mote to say what a delightful group of children they were to have and how well behaved they were throughout the day. Many thanks to all the parents who accompanied the class and to Miss Oyler for organising it.

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Leo Pearson

Congratulations to Leo Pearson who has been selected for the West Kent Schools FA Squad for the 2018-2019 season. Playing for West Kent means that the most talented young football players have got the opportunity to represent their district and play in the prestigious Kent Schools FA and ESFA competitions. This is a huge achievement and we're extremely proud that one of our footballers is now in the West Kent Squad. Really well done Leo and we look forward to hearing about how your team get on next season.

Marija Despotovic

Congratulations also to Marija Despotovic who has recently been awarded four proficiency awards in gymnastics and a certificate from the London School of Mathematics and programming. Marija attended an Easter Science Camp and had a huge amount of fun learning about computer programming. Well done on both achievements Marija.

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Year 5 Parent Meeting (PESE)

On Wednesday there was a parent meeting in Jessica's Hall to discuss this year's Procedure for Entry to Secondary Education and the 11+. All the information from this event is on the Secondary Transfer page of the school website which can be found by clicking on the following link:

http://www.leighprimaryschool.com/Parents/Secondary-Transfer/

It is crucial that if you would like your child to sit the 11+ in September that you register them online at www.kent.gov.uk/ola between 1st June and 2nd July. If you do not register them then they will not be able to sit the tests. If you were unable to make the meeting or would like to discuss this process further please do make an appointment to see me. Thank you.

Staffing News

Tomorrow Miss Casper is getting married at St. Mary's Church, Leigh, and I'm sure we'd all like to wish her and Matt all the very best for their big day. I'm delighted to say that when Miss Casper goes on maternity leave next term, Squirrel Class will be taught by Mrs Prockter (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) and Mrs Penney (Monday and Tuesday). Mrs Prockter is obviously very well known to us here at Leigh and has worked in Squirrel Class for one day a week throughout the year and so knows the children extremely well. She is also a very experienced, qualified teacher and we are extremely fortunate that she has agreed to work in Squirrel Class until the end of the summer term. Mrs Penney is also well known to us here at Leigh as one of our regular supply teachers and is very popular with the children and staff. In September the new Squirrel Class will be taught by Mrs Barber who is a very experienced teacher having worked in Early Years for many years. Mrs Barber is currently teaching in a school in Surrey and lives in Tonbridge with her family. Transition dates for new entrants have now been sent home and there will be an opportunity for parents of children in next year's Squirrel Class to meet Mrs Barber on Wednesday 27th June at 2.30pm.

House Tournaments

This morning the children will be competing in the House Tournaments for the House Tournament Cup. This event takes place every year and is always good fun. The children will be competing in a number of different events and all the points will be added up to find the winner. Please note that we do not usually invite parents to this event but all the games will be held on the Green should you wish to see what is going on. Thank you.

Week After Half Term's Theme 'The Story of Zacchaeus'

Gardening News

We are still selling sunflower competition kits for £1.50. The kit contains a starter pot, sunflower seeds, a bag of soil plus growing and competition instructions. They can be pre ordered by emailing their child's name and class to us at ; leighsunflowercompetition@outlook.com

There will be prizes for the tallest sunflower and two runners up. Best of Luck and get planting!

PTA NEWS

The PTA will meet on Wednesday 6 June at 8pm. We will plan next terms activities including the treasure hunt and summer disco on the Green. Everyone is welcome.

May we wish everyone a wonderful half term break. We look forward to seeing the children again on Monday 4th June.

Events

25.5.18	Annual House Tournaments (am) Hedgehogs Forest School, End of Term 5
4.6.18	Beginning of Term 6
8.6.18	Fruity Friday
11.6.18	Phonics Screening Assessments for Year 1
12.6.18	Hawks Class to Blackland Farm
13.6.18	Year 5 Boys Taster Session at Hayesbrook
14.6.18	KS1 Multiskills Event
15.6.18	KS2 Trip to Ypres Circus Workshop for KS1
19.6.18	School Council Meeting with the NSPCC
21.6.18	Sports Day (1.30pm)
22.6.18	Wolves Forest School
29.6.18	Fox Class to Howletts Zoo, Fruity Friday Robins Class Forest School
30.6.18	Church Fete
2.7.18	Year 6 Residential to The Isle of Wight High Hopes Assembly

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar