LEIGH NEWS

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Book Club

I'm delighted to say that our first Book Club will be starting after Half Term. This club is open to any children from Year 3 upwards and will meet once a month on a Tuesday after school from 3.20pm-4.15pm. At the first meeting the children are simply asked to bring their favourite book and from then on the discussions will be focussed on the same book. The meetings will be on: 19th November, 17th December, 21st January, 25th February, 18th March, 22nd April, 20th May and 17th June. If any children are interested in joining this club then please do phone the school office to book a place. If any parents or grandparents would like to run a book club (or jointly run one) then please do see me as it would be great to have a few more of these running throughout the year.

Dr Kirby

Last Friday the children in Fox and Hedgehog classes were treated to a visit from Dr Kirby. He talked about how the body works, the different parts of the skeleton and answered some very intelligent questions from the children. Dr Kirby also assembled different bones to make up a human skeleton and talked through the different jobs that each of these bones do for our body. This was a very enjoyable and informative session for all the children and a huge thanks to Dr Kirby for giving up his time to be with us. It's always lovely to welcome visitors to school, especially when their area of expertise is linked with the children's topic work. Please do have a look at the class topics on the school website and if anyone has any suggestions for visitors related to the children's topic, please do let the class teacher know so that we can make contact with them.

MANNING THE OFFICE

From Tuesday 5th November the office will be manned during the lunch break by some of our Year 6 pupils. They will be answering the phone and making sure messages are passed to the appropriate staff.

OPEN EVENTS

Thank you to all of you who turned up to our Open Afternoon, our Open Classrooms Afternoon and our two Maths Mornings. These are important events for the school to show you what the children are learning in their classrooms and to encourage better communication links. If you missed either of the Maths Mornings then all of the handouts are already on the school website under 'Learning, Mathematics'.

Reading Helpers Lunch

We are holding a lunch for all those of you who help the children every week with their reading. This will be on the 7th November at 12pm. Please let the office know if you are coming so that we have an idea of numbers.

SQUIRREL CLASS

Squirrel Class are in need of additional Playmobil and toy cars for their play area. If any parents have these at home and wouldn't mind donating them to the school then please contact Miss Oyler or Mrs Marsh. Thank you.

LEGOLAND TRIP

On Wednesday the children in Weasel Class enjoyed a fantastic day at Legoland, Windsor. As well as enjoying all the rides they had a workshop based around habitats and how

animals adapt to their environments. We were extremely lucky with the weather and the only time the children got wet was on some of the rides! The children, as ever, were beautifully behaved throughout and thoroughly enjoyed the entire day. Thank you to Mr Gubb for organising the trip and to all the staff and parents who accompanied them.

PTA NEWS

We will be having a 'Phil the Bag' collection in November. Bags will be sent out in November with a collection date of Friday 29th November. More details can be found on: www.philthebag.co.uk

There will be PTA Meetings at the Fleur de Lis on 13th November and a Dad's Meeting on 20th November both at 8pm. Please do attend if you can.

The Christmas Fair will soon be upon us so please keep Saturday 30th November free in your diary for this really important event.

The Children's Film Night will take place in Jessica's Hall on Wednesday 4th December.

My Maths

If your child hasn't received their new login and password for My Maths this year then please contact the school office and they will pass these details to you.

We would like to wish you all a very happy half term break. School starts again on Tuesday 5th November.

Events

4.11.13	INSET DAY – No children at school
5.11.13	Beginning of Term 2 SCAF Form to be completed by now
6.11.13	Football Match v. Edenbridge
7.11.13	School Photographer in School Swimming starts for Years 5&6 Reading Helpers Lunch
8.11.13	Tim Walker (author) visiting
13.11.13	Open Day (9.30am-11.30am) PTA Meeting at the Fleur de Lis (8pm)
20.11.13	Dad's PTA Meeting at the Fleur de Lis (8pm)
21.11.13	Football Match v. Four Elms
26.11.13	Parent Consultation Evening (3.30pm-5.30pm)
28.11.13	Parent Consultation Evening (6pm-8pm)
29.11.13	Fruity Friday
30.11.13	Christmas Fair
3.12.13	Football Match v. Penshurst
4.12.13	Bishop of Rochester visiting Children's Film Night
11.12.13	Squirrel Class Nativity (2pm) in St Mary's Church
13.`12.13	Whole School visit to the STAG Theatre
19.12.13	Fruity Friday Last swim for Years 5&6
20.12.13	End of Term Service (2pm) End of Term
6.1.14	Start of Term 3

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar